

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS, 8th JUNE 2019

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn for Procession of Gifts (Largs): 303

Whenever we offer, or offer up, anything or anyone to God, it is the Holy Spirit who brings that offering, through Jesus, to the Father. The Spirit is the "how" of God: how God gets things done. He is the executor of the will of the Father and the Son. He is the Creator Spirit who brings order out of chaos at the beginning of creation. He is the One who "speaks through the prophets"; that is, he gives to the prophets the Word of God to be spoken, to reveal the mind and judgment of God. He is the one who "actions" the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. We see him time and again empowering Jesus in his public ministry. In dying, Jesus "gives up the Spirit" and it is in the power of the Spirit that he rises.

Throughout the history of the Church, the Spirit continues to execute the will of Christ, in the sacraments and in the teaching of the Church. We witness the direct action of the Spirit at every Mass, in every sacramental absolution. The Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles continues to guide the teaching authority of the Church in matters which affect our salvation. As you pray for the Spirit to come down on you and yours today, recognise that you enter into this great history and tradition of the action of the Spirit. May he be the "executor" in each one of us of the Lord's truth and love.

Eucharistic Prayer I

The mystery of Pentecost

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: **Holy, holy ...**

Communion Antiphon

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

Holy Communion is the bread and wine of life, eternal life. In the Creed we say of the Holy Spirit that he is "the Lord and Giver of life." This means that through his Body and Blood, Jesus releases within our bodies, hearts, minds and souls the Holy Spirit. The Spirit confers on us and inside us an ever greater share in eternal life, the life proper to God. Our bodies are again consecrated as Temples of the Spirit; our hearts are given the love of the Spirit with which to love ourselves and others; our minds are given the light of the Spirit to understand and know the things of God and to know everything else as God knows it; our souls are strengthened with the gifts of the Spirit to enable us, if we want it, to live our lives with the virtues of God.

Here we see the deep link between the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Last Supper and Pentecost. Jesus did all he did so that we would receive the Spirit and so make us able to live with God. The Body and the Breath of Christ are the Body and the Breath of Eternal Life.

Hymn for Communion (Largs): 622

MARIAN ANTIPHON

We will sing it in Latin from the hymn book, Number 368 (10am Mass only). *English translation:*

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
has risen as he said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn (Largs): 800

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed and shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL,
ESPECIALLY TO OUR VISITORS**

PREPARATION FOR MASS

The two disciples who were joined by Jesus as they walked to Emmaus tell the others later that "their hearts burned within them as Jesus talked to them, explaining the Scriptures." What set their hearts on fire was not merely the consoling human voice of Jesus but the Holy Spirit he was pouring into their hearts as he unveiled to them the Truth about the Father's work in the Son for our deliverance from sin and death.

On Pentecost Sunday, it is as if that fire which they experienced in their hearts moved to their heads – their minds were ablaze with understanding of the Truth. But the fire did not stay "locked up in their heads" as they were locked in the Upper Room. It then set their tongues on fire to proclaim to all those in Jerusalem, citizens and foreigners, that same Truth they had received from Jesus. And as they proclaimed the Truth with the fire of the Spirit, they in turn set the hearts of thousands on fire to accept that Truth and the salvation it brings. Implore the Lord today to experience and to share that same Divine Fire. Pentecost Sunday is still happening.

Opening Hymn (Largs): 296

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ezekiel 37:1-14

In exile, the people of Israel felt as if they were dead, cut off from the land that the Lord had given them to flourish and grow as a people. In this text, Ezekiel gives them the hope of return, the hope of resurrection. Without realising it, he is prophesying the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time.

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord." I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me,

'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!" I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.'"

Ps. 103: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8:22-27

Our true exile is, of course, not merely a physical one. We are spiritually exiled from God because of sin. We groan and long to return to God. And we will, by the power of the Spirit, if we remain faithful to God.

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel

John 7:37-39

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!
Let the man come and drink who believes in me!'

As scripture says: *From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.*

He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Mass

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am; Mon-Wed, 10am; Fri, 7pm; Sat. 10am.

Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; Thursday, 10am.

Confessions

Largs: Friday, after 7pm Mass; Saturday, after 10am Mass and from 5.00-5.45pm.

Millport: After 10am Mass, Thursday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

One hour before weekday Mass (unless a funeral, a holiday of obligation or otherwise notified), with Rosary & Litany on the half-hour.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
Monday 10/6: Mary, Mother of the Church	Acts 1:12-14 John 19:25-34 Liturgical Colour: white
Tuesday 11/6: Requiem Mass, Elizabeth Lammie	Proper Readings Liturgical Colour: purple
Wednesday 12/6	10 th Week, Ordinary Time* Liturgical colour: green
Thursday 13/6: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor (d. 1231)	Proper readings Liturgical Colour: purple
Friday 14/6: Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart	10 th Week, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white
Saturday 15/6: Our Lady, Saturday memorial	10 th Week, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white

*Readings are from Year 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 8 th June, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 9 th June, 10am	Bridget McHugh
Sun 9 th June, 12.15pm	Teddy Shovlin
Mon 10 th June, 10am	Hugh Maxwell
Tues 11 th June, 10am	Elizabeth Lammie
Wed 12 th June, 10am	Andrew Dunne
Thurs 13 th June, 10am	Christopher Delaney
Fri 14 th June, 7pm	Bill Goodfellow
Sat 15 th June, 10am	Bill Goodfellow
Sat 15 th June, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 16 th June, 10am	All Fathers in the Parish
Sun 16 th June, 12.15pm	Isa Duncan

Sick: Margaret Ryding, Jane Sewell, Margaret Gallagher, Kenneth McComish, Anne Gaffney, Maria Kelly (Millport), Liam Nagle, Alane Harvey, Fr. Gerard Hamill, Lidia Tracey, Helen McShane, Peter Leitch, Marie McDermott, Colette McCafferty. **Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Lammie, Andrew Dunne. **Anniversaries:** John McHugh, Alex Johnston, Mary McBride, Sarah Stewart.

NOTICES

DR. ELIZABETH LAMMIE, RIP: The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Lammie will be on Tuesday 11th June at 10am, in St. Mary's. The coffin will not be brought to the church the night before. On behalf of our whole parish, I extend our sincerest condolences to Elizabeth's entire family and assure them of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: To mark Pentecost Sunday and the month of devotion to the Sacred Heart, there will be evening devotions this Sunday at 6pm. Sacred Heart devotion is particularly powerful for obtaining the conversion of those locked into, or trapped in, a spiral of self-destructive behaviour or thinking. It is also associated with the grace to overcome addiction of any kind. Don't pass by this grace of Providence to help someone you love who may be sorely in need.

CERTIFICATES IN PARISH MINISTRY & MISSION AWARDS (CPMM): These will be distributed by Bishop Nolan after Mass on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm at St. Mary's Church in Saltcoats.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER (Largs): The third meeting takes place this coming Tuesday, June 11th at 7.30pm in the church hall.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINE: Phone 07803 748251.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL - IN FAITH AND IN FUN: 22-29 September. If you have ideas for the festival or are willing to help, please contact Celia Lewis or Ann McQueeney.

OASIS DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday, June 22nd from 12 Noon to 3.45pm at St. Peter's in Ardrossan. The day begins with refreshments. Largs Eucharistic Ministers should submit their name to May Fulton and Millport EM's to Elizabeth Murphy by June 15th.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 1-8 JULY: Prayer petitions for Lourdes should be placed in a sealed envelope without money and marked "Petition." If you want a votive candle to be lit at the Grotto, place money in an envelope and mark it "Candles." All envelopes should be left in the stall in the church porch in Largs by Sunday 30th June.

POVERTY IN NORTH AYRSHIRE: A talk by Dr. Philippa Whitford, MP, will be given at 7.30pm on Friday 14th June at St. Mary's Church in Irvine. Admission free.

'LAOS VOICES AND YOUNG VOICES SUMMER SHOWCASE' is in Clark Memorial Church, 7pm on 15th June. Tickets £8 adults and £2 children. Proceeds to the Food

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Bank. See Chris Kelly for more details or to buy tickets or buy from Halliday Pharmacy. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: For the Pro-Life work of the Bishops of Scotland.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Please submit any notices for the bulletin by 12 Noon on Thursday.

INCOME, 1-2 JUNE		
	LARGS	MILLPORT
Main collection	£727.85	Not yet available
Other	£48.05	---
Building Fund	---	Not yet available
Communications	£427.46	Not yet available

PARISH DIARY DATES

Thursday 13 th June, Largs, 7.30pm, in Hall	Parish Liturgy Council
Friday 14 th June, Largs, 2pm	Wedding of Louise Rodgers and William Nicol
Thursday 20 th June, Millport, 10.30am	Parish Pastoral Council
Friday 21 st June, Parish House, 11am	Inter-Parochial Safeguarding Committee
Friday 21 st June, St. Mary's Primary School (afternoon)	Primary 7 Graduation
Friday 28 th June, Largs, Parish House, 11am	Parish Mission Sub-Committee
Sunday 30 th June, Millport, 12.15pm	Parish Feast Day, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

From the Bishops' Message for the 2019 Day for Life: The Scourge of Domestic Abuse

"This year, the organising group (for the Day for Life) has chosen to concentrate on the scourge of Domestic Abuse, a phenomenon which is not only widespread, but is also often hidden or covered up. Domestic abuse can occur in many types of homes and within all kinds of families – rich and poor, large and small. Further, both women and men can be subject to violent abuse and exploitation. It is rightly described as a scourge and must be faced and rooted out wherever and whenever it is brought to light. Further, it is not only a serious crime, but also and often leaves wounds much deeper than surface which might take years to heal: moreover, certain memories ... often blight a person's life leading to tragic and far reaching consequences.

How can we help? As Catholic Christians we know that the best healing often comes through love and prayer. But the Church, as a field hospital, can often provide that charitable help which can bring expert healing through the caring and expertise of those best placed and trained to give the appropriate care when and when it is needed.

The Day for Life Collection each year seeks to provide resources to those who are in a position with the right formation and skill set, to help bring healing and recovery to those who have suffered the traumas of domestic abuse.

Groups and organisations whose special vocation is to tackle and heal the wounds of domestic abuse are invited to appeal to the Annual Day for Life Fund set up by the Church for assistance. Please visit the Day for Life Website for details: www.dayforlife.org"

+Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld

Pentecost and Politics

We have been experiencing uncertain times in our country in recent months and years. It is not rocket science to conclude that the uncertainty has made life difficult for many ordinary people. Strong and differing opinions, often equally well-argued and convincingly held, have brought tension into both family and social life. There has been understandable and widespread frustration at the way our elected representatives have gone about their responsibilities. Few benefit from uncertainty and a loss of direction, and those who do are unlikely to be the friends of civilised society, nationally or internationally.

It is hard not to think of the story of the tower of Babel in relation to what's been happening. We seem to be in a sort of chaos, maybe not of our own making, but of the making of those who ought instead to have been bringing a sense of order to things. Still, I suppose it is too easy, if understandable, to criticize from the side-lines. Surely, we can hope that at least some in the political class do genuinely want to put country before party interests?

To the chaos of the many languages of Babel, reflected in the multiple ethnic groups and nationalities present in Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday, the Church can bring the order, the wisdom, the understanding and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. She cannot, and must not, of course, offer anything approaching a political solution, but she must certainly pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon our leaders and representatives tasked with finding that political solution. The Church can also certainly urge public servants to call on their deepest moral, spiritual and civic virtues and to put these at the service of the nation.

I have, in the exercise of my own right as a citizen, written in the past to this or that politician to express my views. If I get a response, it is usually just a set piece. What I can say is, though, that even if a politician won't listen to my citizen's voice, the Lord will listen to my voice provided I pray with sincerity and charity, asking Him to guide our leaders and politicians in the ways of His providence. Certainly, they might still resist the Spirit, but even if they do, the Lord will not be mocked or thwarted. The decisions of His heart will prevail in the end.

I have heard a number of people tell me, rather amusingly, how they have been shouting at their TV screens when following this or that item or discussion on Brexit. Well, go on then, shout with all your might, but direct your energies upwards. You will probably get a better result!

With every blessing, Mgr. Peter Magee