**SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**24TH November 2019**

**First reading** **Samuel 5:1-3**

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**Psalm 121: I rejoiced when I heard them say “Let us go to God’s house.”**

**Second reading** **Colossians 1:12-20**

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Gospel** **Luke 23:35-43**

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Mass**

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

*Millport*: Sunday, 12.15pm; Thursday, 10am (with Exposition from 9am);

**Confessions**

*Largs*: Saturday, after 10am Mass and from 5.00-5.45pm.

*Millport*: After 10am Mass on Thursday.

**Liturgical Calendar**

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| **COMMEMORATION** | **READINGS** |
| Monday 25/11: Mass for those who died in war or from violence | 34th Week, Ordinary Time  Liturgical colour: purple |
| Tuesday 26/11: Mass for those who died suddenly | 34th Week, Ordinary Time  Liturgical colour: purple |
| Wednesday 27/11: Mass for those who died after a long illness | 34th Week, Ordinary Time  Liturgical colour: purple |
| Thursday 28/11: For deceased relatives, friends, benefactors | 34th Week, Ordinary Time  Liturgical colour: purple |
| Friday 29/11: For parishioners who have died during the past year | 34th Week, Ordinary Time  Liturgical colour: purple |
| **Saturday 30/11: Solemnity of Saint Andrew, Apostle & Martyr, Patron of Scotland** | Proper Readings  Liturgical colour: red |
| Sunday 1/12: First Sunday of Advent, Year A | Proper Readings  Liturgical colour: purple |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Date & Time** | **Intention** |
| Sat 23 November, 6pm | All Souls |
| Sun 24 November, 10am | All Parishioners |
| Sun 24 November 12.15pm | All Souls |
| Mon 25 November, 10am | All Souls |
| Tues 26 November, 10am | All Souls |
| Wed 27 November, 10am | All Souls |
| Thurs 28 November, 10am | All Souls |
| Fri 29 November, 7pm | All Souls |
| Sat 30 November, 10am | All Souls |
| Sat 30 November, 6pm | All Souls |
| Sun 1 December, 10am | All Parishioners |
| Sun 1 December 12.15pm | In Thanksgiving |

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANDREW: Next Saturday we celebrate the patronage of Saint Andrew for both the Church in Scotland and for the whole of our nation. It is important that we pray to him as a community to ask his intercession for the Church in these challenging times and for the best way ahead for our country. I invite everyone to take a special effort to come to the 10am Mass on Saturday.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: On Friday 29th November at 7pm there will be in St. Mary’s, Largs, a Mass to commemorate all those in the parish who have died over the past year. I invite as many parishioners as possible to attend this Mass.

FROM BISHOP NOLAN: “My Dear People, Last year a priest of this Diocese, Paul Moore, was convicted of abusing children. He is now serving a prison sentence of eight years. Given the serious nature of his crimes Pope Francis has issued a decree dismissing him from the clerical state. Sadly, it took twenty years for him to be brought to trial. Though it will not undo the harm he has done, hopefully the decision of the Holy Father to laicise him will bring some comfort to all those he has abused. The shock and scandal of children being abused by a priest has caused hurt to all Catholics. We can only imagine the hurt and pain felt by the victims of abuse. I urge you to join me in praying for all who are hurting, particularly those who have been abused. With my prayers, Bishop William Nolan.” To this extremely important message from the Bishop, I would only wish to add that, however difficult it may be, Paul Moore himself stands in great need of our prayers that the Lord’s justice in his regard will in the end grant also to him both healing and mercy. The Son of Man came to seek out and save all who are lost.

ROSARY INTENTION FOR THE WEEK: For those in our parishes who are struggling to find hope. That the Mother of Hope may visit them and give them reason once more to see the way ahead.

FIRST CONFESSIONS (Millport): Sunday 1st December 2019, at 11am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is on Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday, 24th November, is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. We will have a *special collection for this purpose at all Masses next weekend.*

ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Please note the following: 1) St. Andrew’s Day assembly at 1.15pm on Friday 29th November in Primary Performance Space. All are welcome. 2) Christmas Fayre on Tuesday, 3rd December from 3-5pm at the school (entrance by Largs Academy door). 3) Nativity play on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm in the school hall. The stained-glass window paid for by the parish for the new school is at last nearing completion.

SAFEGUARDING MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS: For direct access to our Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs (Gordon Sutherland) – 07707 598929; 2) Millport (Donnie McGilveray) – 07852 753874.

SVDP PHONE NUMBER: 07950 586214. Please direct all enquiries and requests directly to this number.

CHANA at CHRISTMAS: We would like to provide Christmas presents for those in the Hostels and in Supported Accommodation this year. We are appealing for Gift Sets of Toiletries, new Pyjamas (small/medium) and hats/gloves mostly for men. Please use the CHANA box provided or they can be handed in to Ardrossan Hostel in Princes Street. Thanks once again for your continued generosity.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Stickers are available from the stall.

PRO LIFE (Largs): On Sunday 8th December there will be a bake sale in the hall during the teas and coffees. We ask that children bring a gift for a new born baby to one of the Christmas Masses. There will be a box in the church porch for the gift.

SVDP CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sadly, the Christmas Party will not take place this year due to the lack of attendance in the last two years.

BULLETIN: The next larger-sized bulletin will be for 1st December. Requests for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin must be submitted by 12 Noon on **Wednesdays**.

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