



# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A), 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

## SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

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### 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: After all weekday Masses in Lent; and on Saturdays in Lent from 5.00-5.45pm and after the 6pm Vigil Mass.

Millport: After 10am Mass on Thursday.

### WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
Monday 2/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Tuesday 3/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Wednesday 4/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Thursday 5/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Friday 6/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Saturday 7/3: Mass of the day	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Sunday 8/3: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Proper Readings Liturgical colour: purple

### MASS INTENTIONS

Date & Time	Intention
Sat 29 February, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 1 March, 10am	Special Intention
Sun 1 March, 12.15pm	José Miguel Cortez
Mon 2 March, 10am	Grace Hendry
Tues 3 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Wed 4 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Thurs 5 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Fri 6 March, 7pm	Harry Askew
Sat 7 March, 10am	Grace Hendry
Sat 7 March, 6pm	Liam Nagle
Sun 8 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Sun 8 March, 12.15pm	Intention of Celebrant

### CALENDAR OF COMING LITURGICAL EVENTS

Date	Celebration	Time	Location
1 Mar	Lenten Devotions	6pm	Largs
10 Mar	St. John Ogilvie	10am	Largs
17 Mar	St. Patrick 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	10am 7pm	Largs Largs
19 Mar	St. Joseph	10am	Millport
22 Mar	Lenten Devotions	6pm	Largs

Date	Celebration	Time	Location
24 Mar	Reconciliation	11am	School
25 Mar	Annunciation	10am	Largs
26 Mar	Penance Service	2pm	Largs
29 Mar	Legion of Mary, <i>Acies</i>	3pm	Largs
3 April	Penance Service	6pm	Largs
5 April	Palm Sunday	6pm Vig 10am 12.15pm	Largs Largs Millport
	Lenten Devotions	6pm	Largs
7 April	Chrism Mass	7pm	Ayr
9 April	Holy Thursday: <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	5pm 7.30pm	Millport Largs
10 April	Good Friday: <i>Passion &amp; Adoration of the Cross Stations of the Cross</i>	12.15pm 3pm 7pm	Millport Largs Largs
11 April	Holy Saturday: <i>Easter Vigil with Reception into Church</i>	7.30pm	Largs
12 April	Easter Sunday: <i>Resurrection Mass Mass with Reception into the Church</i>	10am 12.15pm	Largs Millport
3 May	First Communions	12.15pm	Millport
17 May	First Communions	12 Noon	Largs
<i>Wednesdays of Lent except Holy Week</i>	Stations of the Cross	7pm	Largs
<i>Thursdays of Lent except Holy Week</i>	Stations of the Cross	9.30am	Millport
<i>Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat of Holy Week</i>	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	9am	Largs

**Sick:** Margaret Gallagher, Anne Gaffney, Maria Kelly (Millport), Lidia Tracey, Helen McShane, Peter Leitch, Colette McCafferty, Alex Greig, Sarah McDougall, Bruce McDougall, Jessie Clements, Baby Ava May Cleary, Teresa Black, Peter McConville, Claire McConville, Bill Morgan, Teresa Barrett, Lizzie Park, Angela Bebbington, Nelson Bebbington, Ness Cranston, Francis Livingstone, Lorraine McBride, Tommy Monaghan, Marie Gómez Fernández, Margaret Rutherford, Martin Doherty, Ben Brownlie, Sheena Lane, William Percy, Roddy Galbraith, Betty Bisset.

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas Jack. **Anniversaries:** Desmond Black, Gino Capocchi, Domenico Fontana, Carla Orsucci.

### NOTICES

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** (Largs): Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. Rosary and Benediction. Silent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY** (Largs): Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is First Friday. Exposition at 6pm. Rosary and Novena prayers at 6.30pm. Mass at 7pm.

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** The Lord wants us to receive the grace of this sacrament especially during Lent. I encourage everyone to make an effort to deepen your understanding of it and so to draw greater benefit from celebrating it as the triumph of grace and joy over sin and sadness. Two Penance Services will be held later in Lent, at 2pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and at 6pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, but I will be available after every Mass during Lent to administer the sacrament to those who wish.

**PARISHES' ROSARY INTENTION:** I invite us all to pray our private rosaries throughout Lent for the return of lapsed Catholics to the practice of their faith, especially young families and young single people. Lent opens the flood gates of grace and Our Lady will want to be to the fore in making sure it returns hearts, minds and wills to Christ in his Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT (Largs):** The Stations will be led as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> March, Parishioners from Fairlie; 11<sup>th</sup> March, Legion of Mary; 18<sup>th</sup> March, Pro-Life Group; 25<sup>th</sup> March, Lourdes Group; 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Choir.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Largs):** This will take place at 10am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Church of the Nazarene. The theme is "Rise, take up your mat and walk", the material having been prepared by women from Zimbabwe.

**WORLD DAY PRAYER (Millport):** This will be held in the Cathedral of the Isles at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

**PRAYERLINE:** To ask for prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL OF PRAYER AND ADORATION** in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, from 8pm until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, with closing Mass at 8am. Tyburn Benedictine Convent, 5 Mackerston Place, Largs, KA30 8BY. Schedule: 8pm – Vigil begins - Sung Night prayer with Sisters 8am Closing Mass. Please note the Vigil is for men only due to the Benedictine Rule, details of women's event on request.

**JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM (Millport):** A Lenten retreat based on "The Spiritual Exercises" of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the parish house. Call Catherine on 07986604302.

**"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" (Largs):** There is a sheet in the porch you can add your name to if you would like to join a discussion group, even for only one or two meetings, or you can speak to Louise Devine tel. 672572 or Gordon McMillan tel. 07977-403462 for more information. Meetings will commence on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 7.30-8.45pm in the parish hall.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL AGES (Largs):** Seeking a deeper understanding of God is at the core of our faith. Being present at Mass is vital, but does itself call us to an active reading of the Bible – which can be a daunting task. Instead of studying alone, opportunities will be available on Wednesday evenings, at locations to be announced, throughout March and April to read, study, query and discuss the Bible in organised groups and via the help of Bible study plans. Whether male or female, young or old, experienced or

inexperienced in the Word, everyone is encouraged to actively participate in reading the Bible in groups.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH YOUTH FORUM:** The first YF get-together is to take place today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 12.30pm in the function room of Lounge. People are welcome to join and/or contact Chris Kelly, the YF animator, on 078133 43440 or [C\\_Kelly1812@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:C_Kelly1812@hotmail.co.uk) Thanks to Stephen McDonald of Lounge for supporting the YF by giving the free use of the Lounge function room.

**PRO-LIFE MEETING:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the small meeting room in the hall.

**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** In Lent we may reflect that there is "something more I can do." The Knights offer an opportunity for gentlemen to be more active in their faith and in service of the Church. "We are actively looking for new members. Please contact us on 0141 883 5700 or visit our website [ksc.org.uk](http://ksc.org.uk) for more information."

**FROM THE CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE:** The Scottish Government is currently consulting on new legislation around the ability to legally change gender. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a four-page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. The briefing can be accessed via the link, below. Please do consider responding to the consultation. Once you have read the briefing you can access the consultation by clicking the link found on the website below. <https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/> The consultation closes on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**FAIRLIE SEASONAL SINGERS** rehearsing from Sunday towards a concert happening on 20<sup>th</sup> March. 3.00-4.00pm. All welcome.

**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.

**SVDP LENTEN APPEAL (Largs):** We appeal for toiletries to be donated for the homeless throughout Lent.

**BULLETIN:** The next larger-sized bulletin will be for **22<sup>nd</sup> March**. Requests for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin must be submitted by 12 Noon on **Wednesdays**.

### RECENT INCOME

	LARGS	MILLPORT
Main collection	£540.55 (2/2) £499.39 (9/2) £709.34 (16/2) £548.56 (23/2)	£89.11 (2/2) £72.07 (9/2) £116.95 (16/2) £124.15 (23/2)
Other	£63.95 (23/2)	£147.14 (16/2)
St. Marg. Adopt. SVDP	£20.30 (23/2) ---	£18.33 (9/2) £138.73 (9/2)
Building Fund	---	£47.24 (2/2) £54.26 (23/2)

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## 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): 842**

*A Lenten Hymn from the Divine Office*

Creator of the earth and skies,  
To whom the words of life belong,  
Grant us thy truth to make us wise;  
Grant us thy power to make us strong.

Like theirs of old, our life is death,  
Our light is darkness, till we see  
The eternal Word made flesh and breath,  
The God who walked by Galilee.

We have not known thee: to the skies  
Our monuments of folly soar,  
And all our self-wrought miseries  
Have made us trust ourselves the more.

We have not loved thee: far and wide  
The wreckage of our hatred spreads,  
And evils wrought by human pride  
Recoil on unrepentant heads.

For this, our foolish confidence,  
Our pride of knowledge and our sin,  
We come to thee in penitence;  
In us the work of grace begin.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **The Temptation of the Lord**

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,  
through Christ our Lord.

By abstaining forty long days from earthly food,  
he consecrated through his fast  
the pattern of our Lenten observance  
and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent,  
taught us to cast out the leaven of malice,  
so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery,  
we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast....

### **Communion Antiphon**

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

The Devil tempted Jesus to use his power to transform stone into bread, to satisfy his personal needs. The temptation was to use power for selfish aims. Jesus retorts that he is not in the business of using power selfishly but only as the Father tells him. Later in his public life, Jesus performs the multiplication of the loaves and fishes out of compassion for the hunger of others. You will recall, though, that after that miracle many people continued to seek Jesus out, not because of who he was (is), but because they selfishly wanted an unending supply of free meals.

Neither the Devil nor those "users" cared one hoot for Jesus, for his claim to be the Son of God or, even less, for his claim over all human beings as their Lord and Master. Their purpose was to manipulate him for themselves, not to believe in him or listen to his word.

Herein lies a great danger for us, too, when we come forward to receive the bread of eternal life. None of us wants it as a meal. Its proportions and appeal as such are minimal. But here is the question. Why do I want holy communion? Might there be some hint of manipulation on my part, too, that "having" Christ within me I want to talk him round to blessing what I think or want or desire or believe? Do I want in reality to be *his* master?

Although we physically absorb the Eucharist, the Eucharist really seeks to absorb us into Christ's way of thinking, reasoning, willing, loving, choosing and living. As we take the Eucharist in, it calls us out of ourselves to become the person the Lord desires us to be. Holy Communion is a radical challenge to us to let go of our own little world and to enter fully into the expansive and eternal world of Christ. The Eucharist gives us the power to do that. If we do not try our best to let it happen; if we resist that and manipulate it, then we might as well have eaten stone.

### **Hymn for Communion (Largs): 642**

**MARIAN ANTIPHON: *Ave Regina Caelorum* (n. 38b) at the 10am Mass only.**

### **Recessional Hymn (Largs): 964**