

**SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA**  
*28 Greenock Road, Largs, KA30 8NE*

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**  
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**2nd Sunday in Lent (Year A)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**First reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Psalm 32: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

**Second reading**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
Monday 9/3: Mass of the day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Tuesday 10/3: Feast of St. John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr	Proper Readings Liturgical colour: red
Wednesday 11/3: Mass of the day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Thursday 12/3: Mass of the day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Friday 13/3: Mass of the day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Saturday 14/3: Mass of the day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Liturgical colour: purple
Sunday 15/3: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) - Largs Confirmation Sunday - Millport	Proper Readings Liturgical colour: purple Proper Readings Liturgical colour: red

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date & Time	Intention
Sat 7 March, 6pm	Liam Nagle
Sun 8 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Sun 8 March, 12.15pm	Intention of Celebrant
Mon 9 March, 10am	Eleanor Robertson
Tues 10 March, 10am	Mariam Rogers
Wed 11 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Thurs 12 March, 10am	Kenneth McComish
Fri 13 March, 7pm	Roddy Galbraith
Sat 14 March, 10am	Dorothy MacIntosh
Sat 14 March, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 15 March, 10am	In Thanksgiving
Sun 15 March, 12.15pm	For all lapsed parishioners

### Mass

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

*Millport:* Sunday, 12.15pm; **There will be no Mass on Thursday this week.**

### Confessions

*Largs:* **For Lent, after all weekday Masses and the Saturday Vigil Mass;** and Saturday from 5.00-5.45pm.

**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, 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, Donal Hughes, Michael McLean **Recently Deceased:** Nelson Bebbington, Billy Clark, Marion McDowell

**FEAST OF SAINT JOHN OGILVIE:** This coming Tuesday one of the few formally canonized saints of Scotland, St. John Ogilvie, martyred for fidelity to the Pope, is celebrated as a feast. I encourage as many as possible to come to this Mass and/or at some point in the day just to say quietly, “St. John Ogilvie, pray for us, pray for Scotland.”

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** (Millport): Bishop Nolan will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 6 children in Millport - weather permitting - at the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Let us pray for these children and their families, that they will grow ever stronger in their faith and in their witness to it.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Largs): The children of primary 4 will receive this Sacrament for the first time on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Let us pray for these children, too, that they may come to know deeply the mercy of Jesus and spread it abroad in their families and among their friends. Let these children be an example to us all in Lent to approach this wonderful sacrament. 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: 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.

**TAIZE’ EVENING OF PRAYER** (Largs): Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in the church.

**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.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** (Millport): Fr. John Doran, MHM, will offer a day of recollection for the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers in Millport on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, but the occasion is open to all. Those from Largs who may be interested are also welcome to join in. It begins at 11.30am.

**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. Next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-8.45pm in the parish 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. The consultation closes on **17th March.**

<https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>

**EMBRACING CHANGE:** 2020 has been dedicated to the re-discovery of the Holy Scriptures. Fr Mark Kelly will lead us in talks on each of the Gospels throughout the year in various parishes over the deanery. The date of the first venue is: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7pm, St Brigid’s Church, Kilbirnie.

**DAFFODIL TEA & STALLS:** This will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11am-1pm in St Mary’s Hall. All are welcome to attend and the entry fee is £2.00. It is organised by the Chat & Do Club and the proceeds will go to Largs First Responders.

**ST PATRICK’S DAY LOURDES FUNDRAISER PARTY NIGHT:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm-11pm in St Mary’s Hall. There will be Irish Music, fun activities, Irish Bingo, a raffle etc. BYOB and in addition there will be tea, coffee, snacks and a free glass of bubbly! entry is by ticket only, £5.00. For tickets contact Mrs Mary Ryan 675 593 or available at stall. BYOB.

**CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK:** In line with other parishes in Scotland the following sensible precautions will be taken with immediate effect: The lay faithful are requested to use the hand gel at the entrance to the church, the Holy water stoups have been emptied, the Sign of Peace is suspended meantime, we should all receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue and the lay faithful will **not** receive the Precious Blood while the present crises lasts. These actions will be reviewed on Mgr Peter’s return and if the situation changes prior to that.

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY:** St Mary’s Primary School are looking for people 65+ to participate in keyboard workshops with the aim of learning wartime songs. Workshops will take place on Mondays from 1pm-2.30pm and on Wednesdays 9am-10.15am in St Mary’s school. If you wish to participate please call Kerry Canning on 07742369323 or see her after Mass in the hall.

**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.**

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