**SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA**

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

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**Holy Mass**

*Largs:* Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am; Mon-Fri, 10am. All Masses live-streamed.

*Millport*: Sunday, 12.15pm (not live-streamed)

*Weekday Masses are all without a congregation and live-streamed.*

**WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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| **COMMEMORATION** | **READINGS** |
| **28/12: Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs****Golden Wedding of Clare and James Ferrell** | ProperLiturgical colour: red |
| 29/12: Fifth day within the Octave of Christmas | ProperLiturgical colour: white |
| 30/12: Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas | ProperLiturgical colour: white |
| 31/12: Seventh daywithin the Octave of Christmas | ProperLiturgical colour: white |
| **1/1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  | ProperLiturgical colour: blue |
| *2/1: SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors* | *Proper**Liturgical colour: white* |
| **3/1: The Epiphany**  | ProperLiturgical colour: white |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **DATE & TIME** | **INTENTION** |
| Sat 26 Dec, 6pm | Sadie Connell, SI |
| Sun 27 Dec, 10am | All Parishioners |
| Sun 27 Dec, 12.15pm | Ellen McSwiggan, A |
| Mon 28 Dec, 10am | Clare & James Farrell, Golden Wedding |
| Tues 29 Dec, 10am | Brian & Elaine Balmer, SI |
| Wed 30 Dec, 10am | Mgr. Peter Smith, S |
| Thurs 31 Dec, 10am | Elizabeth & Alex Mackie, SI |
| Fri 1 Jan, 10am | End of Covid-19 Pandemic |
| Sat 2 Jan, 6pm | John Archibald Murdoch, D |
| Sun 3 Jan, 10am | All Parishioners |
| Sun 3 Jan, 12.15pm | Fr. Gilmour Ommer, D |

*A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick; SI = Special Intention*

**Sick:** Margaret Gallagher, 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, 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, Donal Hughes, Jonny Bilchak, James Reddoch, May Holland, Richard Dorman, Eileen Walker, James McGinty, Eddie McCarthy, Joseph Donnelly, Alistair Murphy, Isabella McInally, Benet Brodie Snr, John Gunn, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Murdoch MacDougall, Ylena Green, Peter Grant, Kenneth Reader, Toni Caughey, Richard Dawson, Susan Rose, Slawek Gawlik, Graham Johnston, Mary Boyce, Debbie Wallace, Mrs. Elizabeth Mackie, Debbie Wallace. **Recently Deceased**: Anna Watt, Ray Henry, Maureen Browne. **Anniversary of Death**: John Rourke, Stephen Crawford, Mary McLowghlan, Elizabeth McCrudden. **Other deceased**: All deceased members of the Connelly & McCrudden families, Harry Askew, Margaret Sutherland, John Hutchinson.

**NOTICES**

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. CLARE & JAMES FARRELL: We are delighted to congratulate and celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Clare and James, Millport parishioners, who mark their big day on Monday 28th December. May the Lord grant them much happiness, health and holiness as they reach such a significant milestone in their sacred covenant of holy matrimony. May the Holy Family protect them and their immediate and wider family always.

MRS. ANNA WATT, RIP (Largs): We also extend our deepest sympathies to the husband and whole family of Mrs. Anna Watt. May the Lord reward her for her labours and show her his Face. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th January, 2021, at 10am at St. Mary’s, and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: If anyone wishes to receive this wonderful sacrament, please phone or email me and we can set up a time and place to celebrate the sacrament in a “safe” manner.

LITURGY FOR THE COMING WEEK: The Feast of the Holy Innocents on Monday coming reminds us of why Jesus was born: to die for our salvation and to give life to those who die in him. Next Friday, New Year’s Day, is the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary, and I will invoke her intercession especially for the defeat of Covid on that day. On 2nd January, we celebrate two great fathers of the Church who were close friends, Basil and Gregory. The rest of the week is given to the Octave Days of Christmas.

SERVICE OF THE WORD: There will be no service of the Word this Sunday evening.

THURSDAY AGAPE: This week our Agape for the Lord coincides with New Year’s Eve. Hence we can make it our holy hour (and a half!) with the Lord, thanking him for all his blessings of 2020, even in the midst of Covid the Coward, and asking him to help us grow in Agape during 2021.

DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN IN SAINT MARY’S, LARGS: 1) **Confirmation**. Monday 8th February, 7pm. The Bishop this year has delegated the parish priests to confer the sacrament on the children. 2) **First** **Reconciliation**. Tuesday, 9th March, during school hours. There will be no collective service in the church this year. 3) **First Communion**. Sunday 9th May, 12 Noon for P5 (the children who did not receive the sacrament last year). Sunday 16th May, 12 Noon for P4. I ask everyone to pray for our children and for their families so that the celebration of these sacraments will strengthen them in the practice of their faith, that is, in the will to develop the eternal life which the Lord in his great mercy has planted in their deepest souls.

PARISHES’ ROSARY INTENTION: For a swift end to the covid-19 pandemic.

PRAYERLINE: For prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS, WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: I have noticed no-one volunteering of late to give our parishes the joy of celebrating your significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Go on, don’t be shy! It gives everyone a lift to celebrate what is positive at this dark time!

SAINT MARGARET’S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY: The sole Catholic Adoption Society in the United Kingdom is based in Glasgow. It depends very much on the crib donations it receives from across the Church in Scotland every year. Obviously, this year, that will be greatly curtailed if not inexistent. Monies from the collections taken at all Christmas Masses and on the weekend following, the Feast of the Holy Family, will go towards a combined gift of £1,000 from both our parishes to pay for the specialized training of a staff member to support the St. Margaret's families. The Society also has a “Virtual Crib Appeal” for Advent, and I have put the link to that on our parishes’ website. I greatly encourage everyone, notwithstanding the likely demands on your purses this year especially, to be as generous as possible. Below is a notice from the Society:

CATHOLIC ADOPTION AGENCY: St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, which supports some of Scotland's most vulnerable children, is hosting a 'Virtual Crib Appeal' this Advent. Due to congregation sizes being limited due to Covid19 restrictions the charity could lose out on up to £100k in donations made each year by the Catholic community to its Crib Appeal collection boxes. St Margaret’s Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. St Margaret's Virtual Crib will be live until the Feast of the Epiphany on their website at [stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk). Donations can be made via the St Margaret’s website or by cheque posted to the charity’s office at 26 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PY.

JUSTICE & PEACE SPECIAL COLLECTION: At all Masses on 2-3 January (the Epiphany) there will be a special collection for the work of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops of Scotland, of which our own Bishop Nolan is the chairman.

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

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

BULLETIN: Requests for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin by 12 Noon on Wednesdays.

GIFT AID INCOME 2019/2020: Thanks to the cooperation of our tax-paying St. Mary’s parishioners, we were able to claim back from the Inland Revenue this year the sum of £10,625.20. Many thanks to one and all, and a special thanks to Mr. Jim Dunlop for his patient and dedicated work in submitting the documentation.

**THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

*(from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)*

1655 Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household."

1656 The Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*, the domestic Church. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation."

1657 It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment." Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life.