

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B), 28th FEBRUARY 2021

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Holy Mass

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am; Mon-Fri, 10am. All Masses live-streamed, **without a congregation present due to Covid restrictions.**

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
1/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
2/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
3/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
4/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
5/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
6/3: Lenten Ferial	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
7/3: 3rd Sunday of Lent (B).	Proper Liturgical colour: purple

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 27 Feb, 6pm	Roseann Elliott, D
Sun 28 Feb, 10am	All Parishioners
Mon 1 Mar, 10am	Marjorie Boyce McKay, A
Tues 2 Mar, 10am	Maureen Condron (Irel), RD
Wed 3 Mar, 10am	Roseann Elliott, D
Thurs 4 Mar, 10am	Jacqueline Munro-Lafon, RD
Fri 5 Mar, 10am	Graham Johnston, S
Sat 6 Mar, 6pm	Laurence Bradley, D
Sun 7 Mar, 10am	All Parishioners

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, Hugh Millar, Brian Brady, Chris Punzalan. **Recently Deceased:** Robert Stevenson, Fiona McQuilken. **Anniversary of Death:** Gino Capocchi, Jim McGill, Domenico Fontana. **Special Birthdays or Anniversaries:**

NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: I encourage parishioners to use this period of grace in Lent to make a review of life, of your spiritual and moral life. As I did during Advent, I will offer a Virtual Penance Service on Tuesday 23rd March at 7pm. On each of the four Tuesdays of Lent prior to that, I will post a video on the parish website at 12 Noon showing you how you might make a review of life in four stages. The next video will be posted on Tuesday (2nd).

At any point during Lent, I will gladly be available for anyone who wishes to receive the *truly stupendous* Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation. Please phone or email me (or any other priest you like) and a time and place can be set up to celebrate the sacrament in a "safe" manner.

LITURGY FOR THE COMING WEEK: It is a full week of ordinary, or ferial, days of Lent. There are some saints on the calendar for this week, but since they are only optional memorials, I have chosen to keep our hearts and minds fixed on the daily discipline of Lent. Think of it as a spiritual workout!

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Sunday 7th March at 6.30pm. The theme is "The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession or Penance."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent at 10.45am.

Date	Stations
5 th March	4 th , 5 th , 6 th
12 th March	8 th , 10 th
19 th March	11 th , 12 th , 13 th
26 th March	14 th , 15 th

THURSDAY AGAPE: Please *deliberately* interrupt your Thursday evening (4th) to join the live-stream Agape for even a few minutes between 6.30-8pm, for no other reason than to tell the Lord you love him in the spiritual company of all other parishioners doing the same. Details of the breakdown of the 90-minute Agape are on the home page of the parish website. Let the Agape be part of your Lenten spiritual commitment.

PARISHES' ROSARY INTENTION: For a swift end to the covid-19 pandemic and a swift distribution of the vaccine to everyone, beginning with the most vulnerable.

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ONLINE LENTEN EXERCISES: Please check out the parish website on the Coronavirus page for some links to online spiritual initiatives for Lent.

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Pray</i>	<i>Fast</i>	<i>Alms</i>
Mon 1	Psalm 4	Complaining	Be patient
Tues 2	Joel 3:1	Tea/coffee	Smile
Wed 3	Song of Songs 6:7	Fragrances	Say <i>I love you</i> to someone
Thurs 4	Jude 24	Dairy	Pray for an enemy
Fri 5	Is 49: 13-17	Fish & meat	Make a gift that hurts
Sat 6	Rom 16:25-27	Politics	Encourage
Sun 7	Phil 3:7-8	Sweets	Ask forgiveness

PRAYERLINE: For prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

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.

SCIAF: For those who wish to collect the “Wee Box” and/or a Gift Aid envelope for SCIAF, please come to the parish hall between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 27th February or between 11am and 3pm on Sunday 28th February. Covid safety measures will be in place. Details for returning the Wee Boxes will be given towards the end of March. If you wish to donate directly to SCIAF, please click on this link: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/donate>

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

CHRISTOMETER

How real is Jesus Christ to you? How real is your relationship with him? Consider these random statements I have put together and others that occur to you ...

1. I think of Christ often, sometimes, now and again, rarely, never. He makes no real difference to me.
2. I pray or talk to him at Mass, at fixed prayer times, when I'm in trouble, when I am happy or at peace, never, as much as I can. You can't talk to anyone in your head.
3. I can say that in my heart I have met him personally, have sensed his presence, keep seeking to meet him personally, have not met him personally, have never sensed his presence, don't care about meeting him personally, don't want to meet him personally, have never tried to meet him personally, am totally indifferent.

4. I know a lot about him, next to nothing about him, only what I learnt at primary school about him, I keep learning about him, pursue study and reading about him, don't particularly care about knowing more about him, don't see why I should bother learning more about him, don't know where to start learning more about him, have never asked anyone to teach me or show me how to learn more about him, am happy with what I know about him and don't want or need to know more.

5. I love him with all my being, don't know what it means to love him, am afraid to love him, consider talk of loving him childish and craven, am too busy to love him, don't see the point of loving him, consider it impossible to love him, will never be able or want to love him.

6. I would die for him; I would suffer but not die; I would die but not suffer; I would defend him up to a point. I would die rather than sin against him. I would not die for him if it meant suffering for my family or loved ones. I would rather lose my job or money than deny him.

6. I trust him totally and implicitly with my life and all I am and have, would like to do so, am sincerely trying to do so, am scared to do so, don't know how to do so, don't understand what it means to do so. Why trust him at all?

7. Jesus is an interesting historical figure of some relevance for those who subscribe to his views, a unique teacher of how to live a good human life, a man sent by God but no more, a deluded religious maniac, the centre of history, God but not the Son of God, the Son of God but not God, whatever you believe him to be but no more, the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind from sin and death, risen from the dead, the goal and judge of history, a myth, an impostor capitalised on by people like Paul and Peter for political and power ambitions, irrelevant today.

8. The founder of the Church, present in the Church by his teaching only, present in the Church as the Head is present to the Body, present in differing ways in the sacraments of the Church, never intended any Church, intended and founded a simple Church which was lost in the early centuries because of human corruption, would be scandalised and reject the Catholic Church of today, continues to guide and sanctify and teach the Church through the Holy Spirit, wouldn't know what a Church is.

9. Were it not for him, my sins would deprive me of eternal life. He is not worried about my sins. My sins make no difference to him. My sins crucified him. My sins had nothing to do with his crucifixion. It doesn't matter if I sin, since he will forgive me. He did not need to die to forgive my sins. My sins sadden and offend him. I don't need to ask forgiveness from him for my sins, since he has already forgiven them all anyway. Sin doesn't exist, or if it does, it doesn't matter. Since he is all merciful, sin is irrelevant.

10. When I die, Christ will know me, will perhaps know me, won't know me. I will recognise him. It doesn't matter. Who cares? There's no life after death.

11. To live in Christ's love and glory in eternity is the meaning of my life right now, shapes and directs the way I live right now, has little or no relevance to the way I live now. Christ is the fulfilment of my humanity, gets in the way of living a truly human life ...

Fr. Peter