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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**

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| **COMMEMORATION** | **READINGS** |
| 8/3: Lenten Ferial | ProperLiturgical colour: purple |
| **9/3: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Marie Clare Cushley, RIP** | ProperLiturgical colour: purple |
| **10/3: St. John Ogilvie, Feast** | ProperLiturgical colour: red |
| 11/3: Lenten Ferial | ProperLiturgical colour: purple |
| 12/3: Lenten Ferial | ProperLiturgical colour: purple |
| *13/3: Lenten Ferial* | *Proper**Liturgical colour: purple* |
| **14/3: 4th Sunday of Lent (B). Laetare Sunday** | ProperLiturgical colour: rose |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **DATE & TIME** | **INTENTION** |
| Sat 6 Mar, 6pm | Laurence Bradley, D |
| Sun 7 Mar, 10am | All Parishioners |
| Mon 8 Mar, 10am | Roseann Elliott, D |
| Tues 9 Mar, 10am | Marie Clare Cushley, RIP |
| Wed 10 Mar, 10am | Margery Lewis, D |
| Thurs 11 Mar, 10am | Theresa Loudon, D |
| Fri 12 Mar, 10am | John Paul McKay, D |
| Sat 13 Mar, 6pm | John Hutchison, D |
| Sun 14 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, Brian Rutherford. **Recently Deceased**: Eddie McCarthy, Marie Clare Cushley, Robert Stevenson, Fiona McQuilken, Pat Connor. **Anniversary of Death**: Charlie Rutherford, Joe Rutherford, Nadia Maltby. **Special Birthdays or Anniversaries**: ….

**NOTICES**

MR. EDDIE McCARTHY, RIP (Largs): I received the sad news last weekend of Eddie’s departure from this life. RIP. Our heartfelt condolences go to his beloved wife Margaret, to their immediate family and to their wider circle of family and friends. Funeral arrangements are yet to be announced.

MRS. MARIE CLARE CUSHLEY, RIP: The family of the late Mrs. Cushley have asked for the use of St. Mary’s Church in Largs for the Requiem Mass of their mother. Mrs. Cushley’s husband is buried in the Haylie Brae cemetery. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 9th March at 10am by the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh, a close relative of the family. I am delighted on everyone’s behalf to welcome to the parish the Cushley Family and the Archbishop, an old pal from seminary days.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN OGILVIE, JESUIT PRIEST AND MARTYR: 10th March at 10am. I encourage everyone to make a special effort to join the live-streamed Mass on Wednesday to celebrate Scotland’s only canonized martyr. Wear something red on Wednesday!

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 third video will be posted on Tuesday 9th.

 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.

 Check out this short video of Pope Francis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is also on our parish website, on the Coronavirus page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEBGF-CsKbU>

LITURGY FOR THE COMING WEEK: Apart from the splendid Feast of St. John Ogilvie on Wednesday, and Mrs. Cushley’s funeral Mass on Tuesday, It is a full week of ordinary, or ferial, days of Lent.

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.

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| *Date* | *Stations* |
| 12th March | 8th, 10th |
| 19th March | 11th, 12th, 13th |
| 26th March | 14th, 15th |

THURSDAY AGAPE: Please *deliberately* interrupt your Thursday evening (11th) 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.

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

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| *Date* | *Pray* | *Fast* | *Alms* |
| Mon 8 | Dt 32:1-9 | Worrying | Compliment |
| Tues 9 | Psalm 32 (31) | Potatoes | Say hello to a stranger |
| Wed 10 | Wis 15:1-3 | Online News | Any act of kindness |
| Thurs 11 | Is 12:1-6 | Facebook | Give time to someone ill |
| Fri 12 | Bar 4:27-29 | Feeling guilty | Send flowers to the lonely |
| Sat 13 | 2 Cor 1:3-6 | Music | Tell someone you miss them |
| Sun 14 | 1 Th 5:23-24 | Alcohol | Decide how much for SCIAF |

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: Don’t forget to set aside something for our parishes’ almsgiving exercise for Lent. I know how generous you can be!

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

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY

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| *Description* | *Largs* | *Millport* |
| *Cash* | £820 | £110 |
| *Bank Income* | £2,550 | £130 |
| *Flowers* | £20 | --- |
| *Live-stream SIM* | £25 | --- |

**"Jesus handed over according to the**

**definite plan of God"**

Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains to the Jews of Jerusalem in his first sermon on Pentecost: "This Jesus (was) delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). This Biblical language does not mean that those who handed him over were merely passive players in a scenario written in advance by God (Acts 3:13).

To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of "predestination", he includes in it each person's free response to his grace: "In this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place" (Acts 4:27-28; Ps 2:1-2). For the sake of accomplishing his plan of salvation, God permitted the acts that flowed from their blindness (Mt. 26:54).

**"He died for our sins in accordance**

**with the Scriptures"**

The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin (Is 53:11). Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3). In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant (Is 53:7-8). Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant (Mt. 20:28). After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles (Lk 24:25-27).

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 599-601)*