

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 9th MAY 2021

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NOTICES

Holy Mass (regular timetable)

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am; Mon-Fri, 10am. Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm. All Masses live-streamed.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
10/5: Monday, Week 6 of Easter	Proper Liturgical colour: white
11/5: Tuesday, Week 6 of Easter	Proper Liturgical colour: white
12/5: Requiem Mass for Anthony Patrick Speirs RIP	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
13/5: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Proper Liturgical colour: white
14/5: Requiem Mass for Anne Greig, RIP	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
15/5: Saturday, Week 6 of Easter	Proper Liturgical colour: white
16/5: 7th Sunday of Easter	Proper Liturgical colour: white

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 8/5, 6pm	Margaret Galbraith, A
Sun 9/5, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 9/5, 12.15pm	John Hutchinson, D
Mon 10/5, 10am	Anton McCann, S
Tues 11/5, 10am	Angusina Gillies, D
Wed 12/5, 10am	Anthony Patrick Speirs, RIP
Thurs 13/5, 10am	Roseann Elliott, D
Thurs 13/5, 12.15pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick
Fri 14/5, 10am	Anne Greig, RIP
Sat 15/5, 6pm	John Hutchinson, D
Sun 16/5, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 16/5, 12.15pm	Special Intention

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, 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,

MR. ANTHONY PATRICK SPEIRS, RIP (Largs): Our sincerest condolences continue to go to Anthony's mother Liz, as well as the assurances of our prayers. The Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 12th May at 10am, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MRS. ANNE GREIG, RIP (Millport): Very sincere and heartfelt condolences to Lorraine, Paul and all the family who have lost their dear mother so close on the loss of their good father Alex, who was buried only on 23rd April. May Alex and Anne now rejoice forever together in the glory of Christ. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 14th May at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport cemetery.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION: This coming Thursday, 13th May (ordinarily the feast of Our Lady of Fatima), would usually be a holiday of obligation. At the moment, of course, the canonical obligation is suspended due to Covid-19. Since I have two funerals this coming week, I have decided not to have a Vigil Mass of the Ascension in Largs on the Wednesday evening. There will therefore be only a 10am in Largs and a 12.15pm in Millport, both on Thursday 13th itself.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Although at the height of Easter, the two funerals this week remind us that eternal life will only be ours fully once we have passed through the valley of death. We will only "ascend" into heaven, like Jesus, on the last day. On Monday and Tuesday, the Liturgy invites us to continue quietly in the joy of the Risen Lord.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please email me or phone me (details at top of bulletin) to arrange a time for confession.

MR. EDWARD STEWART (Largs): I am delighted to inform everyone at St. Mary's that, on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May, I will have the joy and the honour of receiving Edward into full communion with the Catholic Church, and of administering to him the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. He will have received the sacrament of Penance for the first time prior to the ceremony. Edward is married to Luciana and they have two sons, Isaac and Samuel. I ask everyone to pray as much as

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you can for Edward and for his family at this time of immense grace for them and for our whole parish community. Praised be the Lord!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Largs): Our 2020 class for Holy Communion will at last be able to receive the Lord Jesus in this wonderful Sacrament on one of two Sunday celebrations in June. We are having two groups to allow more family members to accompany the children on their important day. The first group will receive on **Sunday 6th June** at a special 12 Noon Mass; the second group will receive on **Sunday 13th June**, also at 12 Noon. I ask every parishioner to accompany the children, their parents and their teachers with your fervent prayers.

Our 2021 Communion class will receive the Sacrament in September. Further details will be announced in due course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Millport): We are looking at early October for first holy communions for the children in Millport. More details in due course.

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Sunday 16th May, at 6.30pm. "Mary the true Disciple."

HOLY WATER: If anyone wishes me to bless holy water, I will do so during the Sundays of Eastertide. Please bring your own bottles of water with you, and I will bless them all at the moment of the penitential rite of the Mass.

THURSDAY AGAPE: Please *deliberately* interrupt your Thursday evening (13th) to join the live-stream Agape for even a few minutes between 6.30-8pm.

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.

PRAYERLINE: For prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

THIS SEPTEMBER, St Mary's University in Twickenham, a leading Catholic university in the UK, will open a campus at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. This is great news for the provision of Catholic education in Scotland. Find out more about the courses and register at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

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.

ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS' FUND: At all Masses over the weekends of 8/9 and 15/16 May, there will be a special collection to cover the costs of the training of seminarians.

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

AWAKENINGS

Like yourselves in your own gardens and streets, I have been watching with pleasure the various plants, bushes and trees in and around St. Mary's coming out of their winter slumber and awakening to the greater light (but not yet heat!) of spring. The birds are also making quite a din in their dawn chorus. I am convinced that it must be seagull mating season, as the racket of their crying would wake the dead! I made a jaunt up to Loch Thom last Wednesday and could see clearly the freshness and vitality of nature – just beautiful! There were a few little lambs, one of them black, skipping and bleating as if at a disco, or is it "blaa-sco"?!

We are also blessed in the UK to be in a better position than most to start awakening once more, however cautiously, to greater social contact and activity. I hope we can soon have you back to Mass on Mondays as well as Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please God, it won't be long before we can open the church again for private prayer.

We must of course proceed very carefully. Prudence is charity in practice and our concern for others' wellbeing and life have to be the measure of our community's awakening to more life and activity.

So, maybe it is time for us to start thinking and having the conversation about how we can emerge further out of our covid hibernation. It will have to be gradual, methinks, and involve good planning and preparation. We may not be able to do everything immediately, but it is perhaps good to start thinking about how we will do things and in what order, when we can actually do them.

I am thinking of sending out to the membership of both Parish Pastoral Councils a consultation paper, possibly by the end of June, with some basic ideas. Another focus of activity is, in Largs, the parish hall. As and when we are allowed to meet again in groups for discussion or activity, a hall committee will need to look into that and see just what and how that can happen. I am in the process of forming Parish Safeguarding Teams to ensure that the workload involved is evenly spread and that both parishes are "top notch" in this important sector. It is maybe premature to think of a social event for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour's in Millport (27th June), but the situation might be more promising for St. Mary's (27th September). We can't have a full "Parish Festival", but maybe we can aim at something to mark the occasion. I encourage everyone to have a think and a chat and let's see what the Spirit awakens among us!

Fr. Peter