

CORPUS CHRISTI, 6th JUNE 2021

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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
7/6: Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Ordinary Week 10 Liturgical colour: blue
8/6: Votive Mass of St. Joseph	Ordinary Week 10 Liturgical colour: white
9/6:	Ordinary Week 9 Liturgical colour: red
10/6: Ferial	Ordinary Week 10 Liturgical colour: green
11/6: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Proper Liturgical colour: white
12/6: Ferial	Ordinary Week 10 Liturgical colour: green
13/6: 11th Ordinary Sunday	Proper Liturgical colour: green

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 5/6, 6pm	Sadie Little, D
Sun 6/6, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 6/6, 12 Noon	First Communicants & their Families
Sun 6/6, 12.15pm	David O'Hagan, D
Mon 7/6, 10am	Bill Goodfellow, A
Tues 8/6, 10am	Jack Keane, A
Wed 9/6, 12 Noon	
Thurs 10/6, 10am	Patrick Joseph Ward, A
Fri 11/6, 10am	Anthony McFadden, A
Sat 12/6, 6pm	Very Rev. Bernard J. Canon Canning, D
Sun 13/6, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 13/6, 12 Noon	First Communicants & their Families
Sun 13/6, 12.15pm	Theresa Johnston, RD

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, Ben Brownlie, Sheena Lane, William Percy, Roddy Galbraith, Donal Hughes, Jonny Bilchak, James Reddoch, May Holland, Richard Dorman, Eileen Walker, James McGinty, Joseph Donnelly, Alistair Murphy, Isabella McNally, John Gunn, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Murdoch MacDougall, Ylena Green, Peter Grant, Kenneth Reader, Toni Caughey, Richard Dawson, Mary Boyce, Debbie Wallace, Hugh Millar, Brian Brady, Helen Jane MacDonald, Edward McMillan, Anton McCann, Eddie O'Brien, Rena Lee, Theresa Temple, Brian Gilligan.

Recently Deceased: Ruth Parker, Joseph Donaghey, Theresa Johnston. **Anniversary of Death:** Anthony McFadden, Tony O'Brien. **Special Birthdays or Anniversaries:**

NOTICES

RUTH PARKER, RIP (Largs): I regret to announce the sad death of Ms. Parker at the age of 56. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and the glory of his countenance. We extend our prayers and our deepest condolences to her entire family. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 16th June at 12 Noon, and thence to the Brisbane Glen Cemetery.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The principal Liturgy of the week is the Friday Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, the core of the monthly devotion to the immense love of Jesus. Praise Him for his love in some form on that day! Saturday would have been the twin feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but since there is no Mass that day, I have moved it to Monday. By association, and also because we are still in the Year dedicated to him, we will honour St. Joseph on Tuesday. We have the solemn burial rites for Ruth Parker on Wednesday, whom we commend to the love of Christ. Thursday gives us a chance to catch our breath as an ordinary weekday celebration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please email or phone Fr. Peter to arrange a time for confession.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS (Largs): The first group of our 2020 class will receive the Sacrament this **Sunday 6th June** at a special 12 Noon Mass; the second group will receive it 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.

CONFIRMATIONS (Millport): Sunday, 27th June.

THURSDAY AGAPE: Please *deliberately* interrupt your Thursday evening (10th) 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.

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PRAYERLINE: For prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

PRIMARY 7 GRADUATION: I invite the whole parish of St. Mary's, Largs, to pray for our 25 P7 children who, this coming Friday, 11th June, will be celebrating virtually their graduation. We wish them well for their future, both at secondary school and beyond, and ask the Lord and his Mother to protect them with their love. May they remain strong in their faith in God, for there can be no lasting success in life without Him. On behalf of the whole parish, I have purchased a copy of "YouCat", the Youth Catechism, for each child in the strong hope that they will draw on the knowledge and love of their Catholic Faith to help them grow and mature in accordance with the heart and mind of God. Congratulations and God bless!

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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION: This was marked on 4th June. Let us remember especially the most vulnerable of all children, the unborn. We pray that as a society we would take on the duty to protect all children from harm, and ensure that they arrive into a world where they are loved and supported by all.

PRO-LIFE COLLECTION: At all Masses in Largs on 5/6 June and 12/13 June, there will be a retiral collection for this most worthy cause.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS, GIFTS, ETC: Will be on sale in the Church Hall until the 13th June. Hall will be opened after all Masses, including weekday Masses with people attending.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNIONS (Largs): Any donation will be gratefully received.

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

POPE REFORMS PENAL SANCTIONS IN THE CHURCH: MERCY REQUIRES CORRECTION

By Vatican News (abridged)

"Tend the flock of God, guarding it not by constraint but willingly, as it pleases God" (cf. 1 Pet 5:2). Pope Francis has reformed the Code of Canon Law on penal sanctions in the Church, quoting these words of the Apostle Peter. It will come into force on December 8th, 2021.

"In order to respond adequately to the needs of the Church throughout the world," explains Pope Francis, "it appeared evident that the earlier penal discipline needed to be

revised, and that it required modification in such a way as to allow Pastors to employ it as a more agile, salvific and corrective tool, to be applied promptly and with pastoral charity to avoid more serious evils and to soothe the wounds caused by human weakness."

The Pope recalls that Benedict XVI launched this revision in 2007, a process which engaged, "in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation," with Canon Law experts from around the world, as well as with Bishops' Conferences, major superiors of religious institutes, and offices of the Roman Curia. The resulting intense and complex text was submitted to the Pope in February 2020.

Pope Francis notes that the Church throughout the centuries has given itself rules of conduct "which unite the People of God and for whose observance the Bishops are responsible." He also stresses that "charity and mercy require a Father to commit himself also to straightening what at times becomes crooked."

It is a task, he explains, "which must be carried out as a concrete and inalienable requirement of charity not only towards the Church, the Christian community and possible victims, but also towards those who have committed a crime, who require both mercy and correction from the Church. In the past, much damage has been caused by a lack of perception of the intimate relationship which exists in the Church between the exercise of charity and recourse—when circumstances and justice require it—to penal sanctions." He says this trend represented a way of thinking which made correction more difficult, "often giving rise to scandal and confusion among the faithful."

Therefore, adds the Pope, "the negligence of a Pastor in resorting to the penal system demonstrates that he is not fulfilling his function correctly and faithfully." In fact, "charity requires that Pastors have recourse to the penal system as often as necessary, keeping in mind the three aims which make it necessary in the ecclesial community, namely, the restoration of the demands of justice, the amendment of the offender, and the reparation of scandals."

"The new text," says the Pope, "introduces various changes to the law currently in force and imposes sanctions on some new offenses." He notes that the law has also been improved "from a technical point of view, especially with regard to fundamental aspects of criminal law, such as the right of defense, the statute of limitations for criminal action, and a more precise determination of penalties", offering "objective criteria in identifying the most appropriate sanction to be applied in a concrete case" and reducing an authority's discretion, in order to favour ecclesial unity in the application of penalties, "especially for offenses that cause greater damage and scandal in the community."