

FIFTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 11th JULY 2021

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Holy Mass (regular timetable)

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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
12/7: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (transferred from 16 th). <i>For the grace always to put Christ first.</i>	Ordinary Week 15 Liturgical colour: blue
13/7: Ferial. <i>For the grace to face the judgment of Christ.</i>	Ordinary Week 15 Liturgical colour: green
14/7: Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Temple, RIP.	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
15/7: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor. <i>For the grace to unburden onto Christ and to rest in his love.</i>	Ordinary Week 15 Liturgical colour: white
16/7: Requiem Mass for Edward McMillan, RIP	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
17/7: Ferial.	Ordinary Week 15 Liturgical colour: green
18/7: 16th Ordinary Sunday. <i>For the grace to allow Christ to lead you.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: green

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 10/7, 6pm	Malcolm Heaton, D
Sun 11/7, 10am	Tom Rutherford, D
Sun 11/7, 12.15pm	All Parishioners
Mon 12/7, 10am	John Boyle, RD
Tues 13/7, 10am	Angus & Jessie Westley, A
Wed 14/7, 11am	Mary Theresa Temple, RIP
Thurs 15/7, 10am	Malcolm Heaton, D
Fri 16/7, 10am	Edward McMillan, RIP
Sat 17/7, 6pm	Sadie Corr, D
Sun 18/7, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 18/7, 12.15pm	Johnston & Ann Murphy, 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, 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, Cynthia McGinty, Joseph Donnelly, Alistair Murphy, Isabella McInally, John Gunn, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Murdoch MacDougall, Ylena Green, Peter Grant, Kenneth Reader, Toni Caughey, Richard Dawson, Mary Boyce, Debbie Wallace, Hugh Millar, Helen Jane MacDonald, Anton McCann, Rena Lee, Brian Gilligan, Mima Hamilton. **Recently Deceased:** Mary Theresa Temple, Edward McMillan, Alice Black, Francis Docherty, John Boyle. **Anniversary of Death:** Brian Watkins, Mary McGarvey. **Special Birthdays or Celebratory Anniversaries, etc:** ...

NOTICES

MARY THERESA TEMPLE, RIP (Largs): Theresa's coffin will be brought to the church for a Vigil service on Tuesday 13th July at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 14th July at 11am in St. Mary's, and thence to St. Conval's Cemetery in Barrhead for 1pm.

EDWARD McMILLAN, RIP (Largs): I am very sorry to announce the passing of Edward McMillan and extend, on behalf of everyone, our sincerest condolences to his dear wife Alba, to his son Brett and daughter Paula, and not forgetting his brothers and sister and wider family and friends. May the Lord show him the glory of His Face. Edward's coffin will be brought to St. Mary's for a Vigil service on Thursday 15th July at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th July at 10am in St. Mary's, and thence to the Haylie Brae cemetery for 11.15am.

ALICE BLACK, RIP (Largs): I extend our condolences to the family of the late Alice Black who died in Burnlea House last week at the age of 100 years. May she know the eternal peace of Christ. There will be a Crematorium Service for the deceased on Tuesday 20th July at 1pm at the Clyde Coast Crematorium.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The two Requiem Masses this week constantly remind us of the need to be prepared for death, not for death's sake, but for the encounter with Christ our Judge and for the eternal life we hope to receive from his mercy. Friday's Requiem displaces the memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and so I will celebrate it instead on Monday. The ascent of Mount Carmel in contemplative prayer is echoed in the work and life of St. Bonaventure, philosopher, theologian and mystic, who mapped the contemplative ascent to God (Thursday). Tuesday is a "green" day, to let the Spirit blow us where he wills.

I invite you to unite yourself spiritually with these Liturgies of the week, even if you can't be present or watch by livestream. So many things of lesser worth claim our affections and minds in the media and elsewhere. Let's rather set the tone of our day in association with the Church's Divine Worship!

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

THURSDAY AGAPE: Due to the reception of Edward McMillan, RIP, into the church at 6pm on Thursday 15th, there will be no Agape this coming week. Our Agape will be to pray for the eternal rest of this brother in Christ.

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. *Let's also pray for the complete convalescence of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.*

PRAYERLINE: Please call 01475 673682.

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA or STELLA MARIS: Your retiral collection for this, and next, weekend will be for this worthy cause.

“TWO PROBLEMS IN OUR DESIRING”

The quote below is taken from a book I recently read entitled, “Why do we need the Mass? Asceticism, Sanctification, and the Glory of God” by David W. Fagerberg. In the book, he tells us that Liturgy (i.e. the Mass and other public acts of worship of the Church) has many benefits but only two purposes. The two purposes are to glorify God and to sanctify human beings. In fact, we are sanctified in the process of glorifying God. The problem is that, as the result of sin, we are diverted from this dual purpose and turn in on ourselves. Our desires ought to be ordered towards God, but they have gone astray. In the excerpt below, Fagerberg explains the problem of our faulty desiring.

“Our desire goes wrong in two ways: it is not consistent, and it is not directed by intellect and will towards its proper end.

Let us consider the problem of consistency first. We are bombarded by stimulations acting on both our bodies and souls. Our body is subject to sights and sounds that land upon our senses, and our soul finds its memory awakened by a passing experience or its imagination projected into the future.

How do we handle this? Some people change to accommodate the flux of sensations, as quickly as a chameleon will change colors to match a constantly changing background. But if we do that, we are the product of our changing appetites instead of master of them. We fail to cultivate a life. That phrase is from one of my former teachers, Paul Holmer, who used to point out that when we

grumble and to say, “I don’t know what I want,” it does not mean that our wants are hidden from us, it means that we have never wanted steadily and long. We have not desired consistently through the ups and downs of episodic and trivial wants, and then no self gets a chance to develop.

If I let my loves flit like a nervous sparrow from sports cars to chocolate bars to Xbox to English literature to Greek poetry to soccer to the next promotion, then I am just a collage of magazine ads with no real substance underneath. I will have let my desire dissipate, like water will spread over acres of land once outside the riverbanks.

We must become a person who wants, and not just be a collection of wants, and that will require a person inside. It will require integrity, *integritas*.

This must be built up over a period of time. Only by wanting steadily and long, and wanting worthwhile things, and judging between the trivial and the consequential, and focusing our attention so as to order the welter of sensations we receive—only then will we have a kind of consistency or texture to our lives.

Let us next consider the problem that our desire is not directed to its proper end. If the first problem was failing to want steadily and long, this second problem is wanting the wrong thing, even if steadfastly. This is another burden we bear from the original sin of Adam and Eve. Thomas Aquinas said that all the faculties of the soul have been displaced from their proper direction and distinction.

As we said above, man and woman were created with powers that neither animals nor angels possess, and Thomas identifies four “powers of the soul” that are each a conduit to a virtue: “reason, wherein is recognition of truth will, wherein is justice exertion, wherein is courage desire, wherein is temperance”.

If our muscles are properly flexed, they work our legs and we can walk. Were our love properly flexed, we would lead a virtuous life and could walk uprightly. But there has been a displacement, and a misdirected love is a vice.

Here is Thomas’ list: in so far as the reason is deprived of its order to the true, there is the wound of ignorance; in so far as the will is deprived of its order to the good, there is the wound of malice; in so far as the irascible is deprived of its order to the arduous, there is the wound of weakness; and in so far as the concupiscible is deprived of its order to the delectable, moderated by reason, there is the wound of concupiscence.

If we are ever again to worship God properly, with the praise that is honest and not egocentric, our desire will have to be retrained.”

Fr. Peter