

# SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> 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
26/7: SS. Joachim & Anne. <i>For the grace to wait on God's timing for our spiritual growth.</i>	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: white
27/7: Mass in Time of Pandemic. <i>For the strength to face the judgment of Christ without fear.</i>	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: green
28/7: Our Lady, Mother of Consolation. <i>For the grace to make Christ the central focus of our conscious lives.</i>	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: blue
29/7: SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus <i>For the grace to love more deeply the humanity of Christ.</i>	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: white
30/7: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood. <i>For the grace to be free of prejudices about Christ and about ourselves.</i>	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: red
31/7: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (d. 1556)	Ordinary Week 17 Liturgical colour: white
<b>1/8: 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.</b> <i>For the grace to believe more deeply and to love more intensely the Holy Eucharist.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: green

### MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 24/7, 6pm	Elizabeth Low, A
Sun 25/7, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 25/7, 12.15pm	John Gunn, RIP
Mon 26/7, 10am	John Boyle, RD
Tues 27/7, 10am	Malcolm Heaton, D
Wed 28/7, 10am	Sadie Corr, D
Thurs 29/7, 10am	Mario Porcelli, D
Fri 30/7, 10am	Grace Smillie, A
Sat 31/7, 6pm	Bernadette Magee, SI
Sun 31/7, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 1/8, 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, 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 McNally, 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, Mary Chalmers, Daisy Maguire, Martin Peter Johns, Anthony Maguire. **Recently Deceased:** John Boyle, Eugene McMahan. **Anniversary of Death:** Grace Smillie. **Special Birthdays or Celebratory Anniversaries, etc:** ...

### NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST: Please note that between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, the weekday Masses for which you can book will be changed to *Monday, Wednesday and Friday only*. If a funeral happens to fall on one of these days, and if the relevant restrictions are still in place, then for that occasion you will be unable to book. So, when you are phoning this coming Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to book your weekday Masses for the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, please remember the change of days indicated above.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We commemorate the grandparents of Jesus on Monday, the Mother of Jesus on Wednesday and close friends of Jesus on Thursday. On Tuesday, I will offer the Mass written for "time of pandemic", since I want us to remember that, despite the lovely weather and all the social activity which we love, this Covid coward is still around – and we want it gone! Friday is the last weekday Mass being celebrated in this month of July dedicated to the Precious Blood, so it is only right that we conclude the month with a Votive Mass in its honour.

THURSDAY AGAPE: Our Agape evening resumes this coming Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>) at 6.30-8pm. Like Martha, Mary & Lazarus, welcome Christ, under the form of the Eucharist, into your home via live-stream, and let Him love you.

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be celebrated as in previous years by the Bishop at 4pm on the shore. This year there will be no Mass in the parish church in Whithorn for those unable to make the walk down to the shore. If anyone wishes to go on the pilgrimage this year, please contact Mrs. Mary Ryan on 01475 675593.

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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: 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.

GIFT AID REBATE (Largs): I am pleased to announce that we have received £11,054.50 in Gift Aid money for the year 2020-2021. Thanks to all who have signed up to this scheme by which we receive tax money back from your contributions at no extra cost to you. Please consider joining this scheme if you have not already done so.

SPONSORED WALK: on 28<sup>th</sup> July by two Largs parishioners in aid of roof repairs at the Benedictine Monastery in Largs. Sponsor donations can be left between 12.30 & 4pm at the monastery tearoom on Fridays and Saturdays where sponsor sheets are available. Any questions, phone Caroline Murphy on 672164 or 07966 705588.

### PARISH COVID MEASURES: UPDATE

On 2nd August, the First Minister will most probably announce some changes to Covid restrictions that are to take effect from 9th August. They will probably also affect Sunday worship. Two weeks ago, I announced that, unless any changes announced meant that we could return, more or less, to normal, we would retain the current regime we have in both parishes. The purpose of that decision was simply to avoid confusing people with incremental changes every time the authorities of the state and the church made this or that change.

I realise that I am now anticipating somewhat the First Minister's statement, but I do it since I will be out of the parish on the Sunday subsequent to 9<sup>th</sup> August. I think it important to put a provisional plan in place in advance, both to enable me to explain it from the sanctuary for these next two weeks and to avoid placing the responsibility for any changes that might need to happen on someone else's shoulders.

Therefore, in consultation with the Covid teams of both parishes, I have decided as follows:

1. **Until and unless** the First Minister dispenses *both* with all social distancing *and* the cap on the number of people allowed to attend an "ordinary church service" like Mass, our current parish system will continue to remain in place.

2. **If**, however, the First Minister does dispense from both of these things *simultaneously*, effective 9th August, then there will be no limit to the number of those who can come to Mass from Monday 9th August inclusive, bar the physical capacity of the church itself.

**Nevertheless**, since Track and Trace will most probably remain in place after 9th August, you will still have to book your place for Mass so that we have the contact details of everyone present. This then means that your name will still have to be, *beforehand*, on the list of attendees held by the steward monitoring the church door for each Mass you have booked.

In this regard, booking your place will not now be such a trial since there is no limit to the number allowed in. You will still have, in *Largs*, three evenings to make your booking (Wed, Thurs, Fri, 6-8pm) on 07398 109 094. In *Millport*, the booking times are Mon-Thurs, 7-9pm, and the number is 07795 476 514.

**I strongly urge** parishioners *not to just turn up* at the door, thinking that you can just give your details when you get to the church. This puts an immense burden on the door steward if a number of people decide to do this; and if one person does it you know what will happen next! It also slows down entrance into the church which, in inclement weather, means that people might get soaked. So, please be courteous and phone to book at the usual times.

**Other basic measures of safety will remain in place.** Face masks must still be worn from before entering until leaving the church. Hands must still be sanitised in the church porch. You may sit inside the church where you wish, although common sense suggests that, where possible, we don't sit too close to those who are outside our normal circle. People who wish to sing along to any hymns are allowed to do so, but must keep their masks on. Collection baskets will still be at the entrance and exit to the main body of the church. For St. Mary's, while entrance to the church at the beginning of Mass will be by the side door only, exit at the end can also be through the front door.

Like you, I am impatient to get fully back to the freedoms we enjoyed before lockdown, but so long as Track and Trace is in place, we have to have an accurate record of everyone who attends – for your own welfare's, health's and possibly life's sake. Track and Trace is also a solemn reminder that the virus is still very much with us and so the wearing of masks and the sanitising of hands are still very important. With your characteristic good will, I ask you to continue to cooperate with our stewards in their difficult task. Our only wish is to use any new leeway that might be afforded without taking our eye off the safety ball.

I want to thank everyone in advance for reading the above carefully and observing it in the spirit in which it is given. We'll get there!

Fr. Peter