

TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2021

Climate change is also an ongoing threat to poverty reduction, and it will intensify in coming years. New analyses for this report estimate that climate change will drive 68 million to 135 million into poverty by 2030. Climate change is a particularly grave threat for countries of Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia — the regions where most of the global poor are concentrated. The impacts of climate change can also include higher food prices, deteriorating health conditions, and exposure to disasters, such as floods, that affect both the poor and the general population. Especially for the poorest small countries, climate change is perhaps the most vexing challenge, and the problem is not of those countries' making. Human-induced rises in global temperatures and sea levels are almost entirely a product of levels of energy use by high-income nations and large, rapidly growing middle-income countries. ~ The World Bank

As an act of Global Solidarity SCLAF invite us to sign a petition - 3 asks, 2 weeks, 1 planet. You can sign the petition here: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/timeforaction>

3 Asks: 1) *Pay to protect the poorest communities.* Make sure financial support is given to those impacted by climate change so they can adapt and recover.

2) *Act now to stop runaway climate change.* Make sure world leaders commit to keeping rises in global temperatures below the disastrous 1.5°C threshold.

3) *Listen to those on the frontline of the climate crisis.* Make sure that people worst affected by the crisis are at the heart of the climate talks.

2 Weeks At COP26 world leaders have a fortnight to put us on track to solve the climate crisis.

1 Planet With faith, love and courage we can heal our Common Home.

Prayer for World Leaders ahead of COP26

We pray that all world leaders may look beyond narrow self-interest and act in the interests of all who inhabit this planet especially those in the Global South.

Prayer for the People of Scotland

We pray for the courage and insight to make meaningful sacrifices as a gesture of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

For those with far-reaching responsibilities

We pray that those with responsibility for industry and commerce will seek ways to work with those in the Global South that gives them dignity and economic justice.

Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for COP26

Our faith communities are united in caring for human life and the natural world. We share a belief in a hopeful future, as well as an obligation to be responsible in caring for our common home, the Earth.

We recognise the opportunities that COP26 brings in addressing the urgent need for action in limiting the effects

of climate change and the critical importance of decisions made in this conference to take forward the agreement made in Paris in 2015.

People have exploited the planet, causing climate change. We recognise that the burden of loss and damage falls most heavily on people living in poverty, especially women and children.

We acknowledge the commitments made through the Lambeth Declaration in 2015. Now, because of the gravity of our situation, the impact of climate change around the world, and the inequality of its effects we seek to strengthen those commitments.

We commit to respond to this challenge by:

Reflecting deeply in prayer, meditation and worship to discern how to care for the earth and each other, and to encourage our respective communities to do the same.

Making transformational change in our own lives and in the lives of our communities through individual and collective action.

Being advocates for justice by calling on governments, businesses and others who exercise power and influence to put into effect the Paris agreement; to make the transition to a just and green economy a priority; and to commit to science-based targets that are aligned with a healthy, resilient, zero-emissions future.

We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and of Article 17 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to protect the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity. We call upon them to take the urgent action needed to avert the loss, damage, and forced migration threatened by climate change.

We look to governments to work together and with others to create a positive vision for 2050 where addressing climate change is not just an opportunity to stop burning fossil fuels, but also: to achieve cleaner air and water; to reduce food wastage; to ensure a just and equitable sharing of the earth's resources; and to protect the habitats we share with all other life on whose health we also depend.

Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations. To offer hope in the world we need

to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26.

Our collective energy and prayers will be with those working for a successful outcome.

September 2021

Signed by Senior UK Faith Leaders and by Scottish Religious Leaders and Representatives. For the Catholic Church in Scotland, Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles signed.

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Holy Mass (all Masses live-streamed)

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am. Weekday Mass, 10am. Mon-Fri, except 2nd Thursdays. **Millport:** Sunday, 12.15pm; 2nd Thursdays, 10am.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
18/10: Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist. For the grace to love the Gospel.	Proper Liturgical colour: red
19/10: St. Paul of the Cross (d.1775) For the grace to love the Cross.	Ordinary Week 29 Liturgical colour: white
20/10: Our Lady, Queen of all Creation. For the grace to take care of God's creation.	Ordinary Week 29 Liturgical colour: blue
21/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist. For the grace to know how to adore.	Ordinary Week 29 Liturgical colour: white
22/10: Requiem Mass for Ms. Agnes Patricia McLure-McGonigal, RIP	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
23/10: Ferial	Ordinary Week 29
24/10: 30th Ordinary Sunday. For the grace to have faith in the healing power of Jesus.	Proper Liturgical colour: green

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 16/10, 6pm	Margaret Fleming, D
Sun 17/10, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 17/10, 12.15pm	Margaret O'Donnell, D
Mon 18/10, 10am	Kenneth McComish, A
Tues 19/10, 10am	David McGarrity, A
Wed 20/10, 10am	Jim Bonnar, A
Thurs 21/10, 10am	Anne Marie McCarthy, RD
Fri 22/10, 10am	Agnes McLure-McGonigal, RIP
Sat 23/10, 6pm	Mgr. Peter Smith, RD
Sun 24/10, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 24/10, 12.15pm	Frank Maguire, A

A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick; SI = Special Intention; RIP = Requiem Mass

Sick: Margaret Gallagher, 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, Cynthia McGinty, Joseph Donnelly, Alistair Murphy, Isabella McNally, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Murdoch MacDougall, Ylena Green, Peter Grant, Kenneth Reader, Toni Caughey, Mary Boyce, Debbie Wallace, Hugh Millar, Anton McCann, Rena Lee, Brian Gilligan, Mima Hamilton, Mary Chalmers, Baby Michael Allison, Stephanie Fisher, Liam McDermott, Mari Richards, Jean Gregan, Frank McCarthy. **Recently Deceased:** James McGinty, Mgr. Peter Smith, Agnes Patricia McLure-McGonigal, Anne Marie McCarthy. **Anniversary of Death:** Jim Bonnar, Frank Maguire, Kenneth McComish, David McGarrity. **Special Birthdays, Celebratory Anniversaries, etc.**

NOTICES

MS. AGNES PATRICIA McLURE-McGONIGAL

(Largs): On behalf of the whole parish of St. Mary's, I offer our sincerest condolences and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of Ms. McLure-McGonigal, RIP. May she rest in peace in the glory of the Kingdom. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 22nd October, at 10am, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We begin our liturgical celebrations this week with the great Evangelist St. Luke, always a chance for us to take up his Gospel again in our hands and discover Christ ever more fully. The Founder of the Passionist Order, St. Paul of the Cross, is celebrated on Tuesday, a reminder to many of us of St. Michael's College then Academy where we were educated under the keen eyes of the Passionist Sisters. As we approach Cop26, I thought the Mass of Our Lady, Queen of all Creation, to be a good way to entrust to her intercession our concerns for the planet. Thursday in the Catholic psyche always leads our hearts to the Upper Room and the first Eucharist celebrated by Jesus himself, the sacrament of his Agape for sinful man. On Friday, we contemplate the shortness of our life with the Requiem Mass of a parishioner now gone to God.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 1) Largs: Saturdays from 5-5.45pm and Mondays after the 10am Mass, unless a funeral. 2) Millport: after the 10am Mass on the second Thursday of the month, unless a funeral. In an emergency, please call me.

SERVICE OF THE WORD (third Sundays): This Sunday 17th October at 7pm. We will continue with the theme, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic Church." All welcome.

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 ring 01475 673 682.

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SAFEGUARDING MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS: For direct access to our Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs (Gordon Sutherland) – 07707 598929; 2) Millport (.....) – 07852 753874.

SVPD PHONE NUMBER: 07950 586214. Please direct all enquiries and requests directly to this number.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: At Masses this weekend, I will speak about this “novelty” for most of us called the Synod. As mentioned last week, it is Pope Francis himself who is asking all members of the Church to take part in a synodal process. In it, we listen to the Word of God and to the Holy Spirit in prayer. In that prayerful spirit, we then listen to one another and share what we ourselves discern to be God’s direction for the Church in our times on this or that particular issue.

In practical terms, I am approaching people in these days to lead this process in both our parishes. I also received information this past week from the Diocese of Galloway Synodal Team which I think is worth sharing with you. I quote:

“A diocesan team is planning, developing resources, and organising training to carry out the participatory phase of the Synod.

“We will soon begin sending short, weekly bulletin inserts which will help the laity to understand what a synod is, introduce people to the language of synodality, and explain the purpose and practicalities of this first, diocesan phase” and by which “people will have a regular opportunity to become familiar with the language and process before they are invited to actively participate.

“It would be very helpful if each parish, or cluster of parishes, could identify one or two people who may be willing to work with the diocesan team for the participatory phase, the bulk of which is likely to take place in January and February 2022, both in person and online.

“These ‘coordinators’ will be provided with training in November, and will be asked to facilitate leading prayerful discussions in their own parish/parish cluster and then feed back to the diocesan team.”

In other words, we will be taking our time gradually to get used to hearing and talking about synodality and, of course, doing it and experiencing it together. I encourage everyone to be open to the Spirit speaking through our chief pastor, Pope Francis, in this matter. If we do so in faith, trust, love and hope, the Lord himself will bring out of this important initiative the fruits of salvation and glory he desires. In the meantime, we can all start by using the Synod Prayer.

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adamus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate

within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

SYCAMORE COURSE (St. Mary’s): Mr. Gordon McMillan and a few others are taking the lead in introducing Sycamore to St. Mary’s Parish. Here once again is a message from Gordon:

“How can we find happiness? What’s the meaning of life? Is there a God? Does prayer make a difference?”

“Sycamore is a video-based, informal course, about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today and is being used in parishes and schools across the UK and beyond. It gives space to meet other parishioners, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Over a six-week period, small groups of 6 to 10 parishioners, will meet each week for 60 to 90 mins. Each session will involve video clips to introduce topics followed by suggestions for discussion. There’s no pressure. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged.

“Sycamore is being introduced across our diocese. Bishop Nolan has invited each parish to engage with the Sycamore course to discern the will of God in the way we take forward our faith and Catholic Christian witness after the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a call and an opportunity for the whole diocesan family to pray, reflect and support one another whilst respecting our diversity.

“We would like to commence with at least one small group in our parish starting October/November. To join a group or for more information, please either contact Father Peter, or Gordon McMillan on Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com.”

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary’s): The next meeting is on Tuesday, 19th October, at 7.30pm in the parish hall. There will be Exposition beforehand from 7pm.

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PARISH HALL COMMITTEE (St. Mary’s): The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th October at 7.30pm preceded by Exposition from 7pm in the church.

YOUTH FORUM (St. Mary’s): Just before lockdown in March 2020, we were hoping to get our Youth Forum proposal up and running. Not letting ourselves be thwarted endlessly by Covid, it’s time to try again. Those who supported the Youth Forum last year and those who want to support it as we move ahead are invited to a meeting on Thursday 28th October in the parish hall at 7.30pm. As with other meetings, there will be Exposition from 7pm in the church so that we can entrust our young people and our initiative to the Lord for his blessing and inspiration.

ST. MARY’S, LARGS, NOW OPEN DURING THE DAY: The church is at last again open for private prayer during the day. Track and Trace Regulations still apply. Upon entering the side door you will need to register your attendance by using the QR Code card displayed in the foyer. For this you will need to have the “Check in Scotland” app on your smartphone. This will be available to download from the “Google Play Store” for Android phones or from the “Apple App Store” for iPhone. It is simple to download and to use. Alternatively, please write your name and contact number on a page from the book on the table and post it into the locked box alongside it. We are not by law permitted to leave personal contact details lying around. Please use the wall sanitizer unit to sanitize your hands before entering the church. If you light a candle at the candle stand, please be careful and remember that sanitizing gel is flammable.

Q & A: Over recent months, parishioners of both our parishes have asked me a variety of questions about points of Church teaching and discipline. One suggested that I have a “question and answer” session now and then to meet this particular need. I am happy to try it now and again to see if it works. I will wait until I’ve gathered enough questions to merit making a video with whatever answers I can give, well aware of my limitations, I can assure you! So, if there is anything you want to ask, put it in writing in some format or other, and hand it in to me, or email me.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY (St. Mary’s): Recommends this Sunday during the 10am Mass. New helpers are needed. Anyone wishing to help should contact Fiona on 01475 675733 for more information.

CHAT & DO (St. Mary’s): This Wednesday, 20th October, from 1-3pm. All current guidance must be followed. If you have any queries contact Marie Ann on 673863.

COUNTRY DANCING (St. Mary’s): Recommences on Monday 18th October at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

GENTLE REMINDER: Parishioners are implored to remain at home: 1) if you are self-isolating as the result of a

positive Covid-19 test; 2) if you have any of the classic symptoms of the virus; 3) if you have been pinged by the NHS and informed that you have been exposed to the virus and told to self-isolate; or 4) if you have a persistent cough irrespective of whether it is covid-related. If it is likely that you have attended Mass or some other gathering on church premises while positive with the virus, you must immediately phone and leave a message on either: 1) St. Mary’s, Largs: 07398 109094; or 2) Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Millport: 07795 476514.

MISSION SUNDAY: Missio Scotland has provided free copies of its Magazine (at the back of the church) in preparation for Mission Sunday on 24th October. Gift Aid instructions are inside each copy of the magazine. The special collection will be taken up as you leave the church at all Masses on 23/24 October. Please remember to distinguish between the regular collection basket, which is at the entrance to the church when you come in, and the special collection basket, which is at the exit as you leave.

PARISH HALL KEEPER, JOB ADVERTISEMENT: If anyone in the parish of St. Mary’s is interested in becoming the Parish Hall Keeper, please contact Fr. Peter. He will send out the formal Job Description for you to examine. Please be advised that the number of flexible hours’ work required is seven per week, at £10 per hour. Applications should be submitted by Monday, 1st November.

LARGS CHURCHES TOGETHER: LCT is planning a Christmas meal for those living alone in the town and others who are in need. The first meeting to organise it took place this past Wednesday, 13th October. Each parish in the town will be invited to provide resources, and especially volunteers of various kinds. I would ask you to keep this in mind as the Christmas season approaches. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

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

INCOME SEPTEMBER

Description	Largs	Millport
Loose Plate	£1,221.16	£487.76
Bank FP, etc	£3,019.00	£240.00
Retired Priests	£1,096.46	£304.61
Flowers	£25	--
Garden Fete: Youth Fund	£79.90	--



Preparing the Church
in Scotland for COP26

**Sunday 17th October - 29th Sunday of the Year
COP26 - Global Justice**