

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, 2nd JANUARY 2022

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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
3/1: The Most Holy Name of Jesus. <i>For the grace to live the kind of life Jesus wants.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: white
4/1: Christmastide Feria. <i>For the grace to feel God's love for me.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: white
5/1: Christmastide Feria. <i>For the grace of that love which frees from fear.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: white
6/1: Commemorative Mass for the eternal repose of Mr. John Cranston, RIP.	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
7/1: Christmastide Feria & First Friday. <i>For the grace to accept the interior testimony of the Spirit to Jesus Christ.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: white
8/1: Christmastide Feria.	Proper
9/1: The Baptism of the Lord. <i>For the grace to be immersed in Jesus Christ.</i>	Proper Liturgical colour: gold

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 1/1, 6pm	Bishop John Cunningham
Sun 2/1, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 2/1, 12.15pm	Alex & Anne Greig, D
Mon 3/1, 10am	Patricia Maxwell, RD
Tues 4/1, 10am	Connie McCluskey, D
Wed 5/1, 10am	Ronald Harvey, A
Thurs 6/1, 10am	John Cranston, RIP
Fri 7/1, 10am	Catherine Aumatire, D
Sat 8/1, 6pm	Special Intention (JS&CF)
Sun 9/1, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 9/1, 12.15pm	Kath Letham, D

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, Margaret Rutherford, Martin Doherty, Ben Brownlie, Sheena Lane, 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, Baby Ethan Ferguson, Harry Sammons, Josephine Caughey, Henry McMonagle, Canon Benedict O'Keefe. **Recently Deceased:** John Cranston, Charlotte McCabe, Archie McBride. **Anniversary of Death:** Sara Maria MacMillan, Ronald Harvey, John McKay.

NOTICES

MR. JOHN CRANSTON, RIP: The funeral for John Cranston will take place at the Clyde Crematorium on Thursday 6th January at 2pm, and will be conducted by Pastor Gordon Weir of Brisbane Evangelical Church. I will celebrate the Mass that same morning at 10am for the John's eternal repose. – Fr. Peter

MRS. CHARLOTTE McCABE, RIP: I regret to announce the death of our St. Mary's parishioner, Charlotte McCabe. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and give his consolation and peace to her family. No funeral arrangements have been intimated as yet. – Fr. Peter.

MR. ARCHIBALD McBRIDE, RIP: I further regret to announce the passing of Archie McBride, who passed away on Christmas Day in Moorburn Manor. May eternal light be his. Funeral arrangements to be announced. – Fr. Peter

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This entire liturgical week is flooded with the light of the Epiphany. We ardently pray that that same light will shine eternally upon John Cranston as the funeral rites are performed for him on Thursday at the Clyde Coast Crematorium.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Due to Omicron, I will return to hearing Confessions in the church hall by appointment only. Please telephone or email me if you are thus in need.

AGAPE (St. Mary's): Thursday 6th January, the first Thursday, there will be an Agape from 6.30-8pm. Why not waste some time with Christ to tell Him you love Him?

EVENING DEVOTIONS (St. Mary's): Sunday 9th January at 7pm. Rosary and Benediction.

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MILLPORT ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group recommences on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 2pm in the church. For more information, contact Linda Reynolds 01475 530 417.

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.

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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: *We continue this week a series of bulletin inserts prepared by the Diocesan Synod Team, to help educate and prepare us to celebrate the Synod in our parishes:*

Synod Topic Eight - Authority And Participation: A synodal Church is a Church where everyone participates and everyone shares responsibility. *How well do we identify our goals and how to reach them? What good examples do we have of governance, teamwork and shared responsibility? How do we promote lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people? What fruitful experiences can we share of lay leadership? How can we develop fruitful participation and leadership?* Fr. Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news, and at <https://youtu.be/Toun6STImPg> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

SYNOD MATERIAL BOOKLET: To be found at the back of both our churches.

SYNOD ECUMENICAL OUTREACH (St. Mary's): As I mentioned several weeks ago, I intend to invite the Pastors and Leaders of the other Christian denominations, who form Largs Churches Together along with our own denomination, to come and address our congregation in the coming months as part of our synodal process. I am therefore very pleased to announce that the Minister of St. Columba's Parish Church in Largs, the Reverend Dr. Graham McWilliams, has accepted my invitation to address our congregation on Saturday 22nd January on the occasion of the 6pm evening Mass. This date is significant, since it falls within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity observed by all Christians throughout the world. Let us prepare ourselves spiritually to listen to what Dr. McWilliams will

say to us, and to hear the voice of the Spirit and what He is saying to our Church.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: The Feast of the Epiphany is the day when Justice & Peace Scotland President, Bishop William Nolan, addresses a yearly message to the Catholics of Scotland. A copy of his letter is available on the parish website, but I will also read it out at all Masses this weekend. You will also find on the website a summary report of the activities which the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops of Scotland has undertaken in the past year. This tells you where your donations to the special collection for this purpose actually go. I therefore encourage everyone to be as generous as possible to this cause since it achieves real results in the area of raising awareness about the plight of people suffering injustice and also in trying to influence government policy.

For more information about issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice & Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

It seems that in the past, in St. Mary's Parish, there was a very active Justice and Peace Group. I encourage anyone who would be interested in reviving this Group to let me know and/or to contact directly the Bishops' office at the following email address. The staff there are most willing to help: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. At the moment, due to Omicron, we may not be able to get something moving, but this is a good time to reflect and pray about such matters as a Christian community seeking to put contemplation into action.

ALL HALL ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (St. Mary's): In view of the Omicron situation, I have taken the decision, on advice, to suspend all activities in the parish hall until further notice, including Chat and Do, Country Dancing, Children's Liturgy and Teas after the Sunday 10am Mass.

CHAT & DO: A donation of £130 has been sent to Mary's Meals from St Mary's Chat & Do. Any donations made to Mary's Meals until 31st January 2022 will be doubled by the UK Government. Many thanks to members for their generosity.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE, BENEDICTINE MONASTERY: The amount raised was £2,741. Sincerest thanks from the sisters and the organizers to all concerned.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: At all Masses on Epiphany weekend, 1-2 January, a special collection will be taken up for the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops of Scotland.

BULLETIN NOTICES: All notices should be submitted to the parish house by no later than **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.