

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 Five - Sharing Responsibility For Our Common Mission: Every baptised person is called to use their natural and supernatural gifts and talents to participate in the life and missionary service of the Church. *Do we understand what this means? What stops us from giving our gifts and talents to the Church? How does the Church community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?* 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/7NNDFWehO7s> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk. These questions will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

SYNOD MATERIAL BOOKLET: At the back of our churches this week you will find a small booklet which contains the “information for participants” in the Synod, which the Diocese has put together, plus the “Synod Questions” provided by the Vatican for all parishes in the world. I have added a little guide at the end to show how you might want to pray with the Synod questions. We have to remember that the Synod is a work of the Holy Spirit and he can work better with those who open their hearts and minds to him in prayer. I have provided 80 copies of the booklet for Largs and 40 for Millport. I am hoping that there won’t be enough! It will be easy to get more printed!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Date	Largs	Millport
Tuesday 14/12	Penitential Service, 2pm; Confessions	---
Thursday 16/12	Carol Service, 7pm	---
Tuesday 21/12	Penitential Service, 7pm; Confessions	---
Christmas Eve Friday 24/12	Mass, 7.30pm, Carols from 7pm	Mass, 4.15pm Carols from 3.45pm
Christmas Day Saturday 25/12	Mass, 10am NO evening Mass	No Mass
Holy Family Sunday 26/12	Mass, 10am Mass, 6pm	Mass, 12.15pm

GAUDETE SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2021
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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
13/12: Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (early 4 th cent). <i>For the grace of joyful hope in Christ.</i>	Advent, wk 3 Liturgical colour: red
14/12: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (d. 1591). <i>For the grace of humility of heart.</i>	Advent, wk 3 Liturgical colour: white
15/12: Advent Feria. <i>For the grace of a deep faith in the Only True God.</i>	Advent, wk 3 Liturgical colour: violet
16/12: Advent Feria. <i>For the grace to trust that the Lord's love will never leave me.</i>	Advent, wk 3 Liturgical colour: violet
17/12: Christmas Novena, Day 1. <i>For the grace of obedience to the will of Christ, our Judge and Saviour</i>	Advent, wk 3 Liturgical colour: violet
18/12: Christmas Novena, Day 2.	Advent, wk 3 colour: violet
19/12: 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas Novena, Day 3. <i>For the</i>	Proper

<i>grace to feel and be secure in the arms of the Good Shepherd.</i>	Liturgical colour: violet.
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MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 11/12, 6pm	Rodney Macduff, RD
Sun 12/12, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 12/12, 12.15pm	Paul Penny, RD
Mon 13/12, 10am	Edoardo Gatti, RIP
Tues 14/12, 10am	William Percy, RD
Wed 15/12, 10am	Stephen & Arthur Jack, A
Thurs 16/12, 10am	John Paul McKay, A
Fri 17/12, 10am	John Hutchinson, A
Sat 18/12, 6pm	Josephine MacLean, RD
Sun 19/12, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 19/12, 12.15pm	Michael Conway, 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, 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 Gegan, Frank McCarthy, Aaron Brown, Baby Ethan Ferguson, Harry Sammons. **Recently Deceased:** Bishop John Cunningham, Patricia Burns, Patricia Maxwell, John Cranston, Tommy Lundy, Robert Ferguson, Margaret Duthie, Alan McCormack, Elizabeth Beith, Theresa McVay, Madge McGuire. **Anniversary of Death:** Margaret Bridget McHenery, Giulia Gaddini, Stephen & Arthur Jack, Phyllis Rutherford, Elsie Jackson.

NOTICES

MRS. PATRICIA MAXWELL, RIP (St. Mary's): I announce the sad news of the death of Patricia Maxwell, a long-standing parishioner of St. Mary's along with her late and beloved husband Hugh. May the Lord reunite them in His glory. On behalf of the whole parish I extend our prayers and deepest condolences to all the family at this difficult time. Funeral details to be announced. – Fr. Peter

MRS. PATRICIA BURNS, RIP: With great sadness, I also announce the death of Mrs. Patricia Burns, who passed away in Paisley on the morning of 6th December. May the Lord grant her the reward of her labours and strong faith. On behalf of the whole parish, I extend sincere condolences to Michael and his siblings at this time and assure them of our prayers for their comfort and peace. Funeral arrangements yet to be announced. – Fr. Peter

MR. JOHN CRANSTON, RIP: Truly sorry to announce the untimely death of John Cranston who passed away in his home this past Monday, 6th December. May the good Lord welcome him into his eternal rest and give him peace. John is the son of Ness Cranston, our Largs parishioner. On behalf of everyone in the parish, I extend our deepest and sincerest condolences to her and to John's siblings. May Our Lady, Comforter of the afflicted, be close to them and sustain them at this very difficult time. Funeral arrangements to be announced. – Fr. Peter

BAPTISM OF FINN SCALLY (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour's). On Sunday 19th December at the 12.15pm Mass, we will have the joy of welcoming into the Church, through the conferral of the Sacrament of Baptism, Finn Scally, son of Martin and Gillian Scally, and great grandson of the late Maria Kelly of Millport.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: In the midst of our dark and seemingly darker autumn (winter only starts on 21st December!), the Liturgy offers the light of Santa Lucia, whose very name means light. Hers is the light of witness to Christ in fidelity to her virginity and to her faith in Him. Fast forward 12 centuries and another light shines strongly through St. John of the Cross, a mystic and profound teacher of spiritual truth, persecuted along with St. Teresa of Avila for their combined attempts to renew the Carmelite order.

The remaining days of the week are ordinary Advent time, giving us the chance to ponder on the deep mysteries of Christ's second coming and of his first. Friday 17th marks the first day of the Novena in preparation for Christmas. I will put the Novena prayer for each day up on the website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 1) Largs Parish Hall. Saturdays, 5-5.45pm & Monday after 10am Mass. 2) Millport, after 10am Mass on second Thursdays. In an emergency, don't hesitate to call Fr. Peter.

PENANCE SERVICES (St. Mary's): On **Tuesday 14th December at 2pm**, we will have the first of two Penance Services, with four priests present to hear confessions. This afternoon service is intended for those who cannot come out in the dark and also for parishioners in Millport who may want to come.

On Tuesday 21st December at 7pm, there will be a second Penance Service with four priests in attendance.

I encourage everyone who is able to come and receive the ineffable grace of absolution. It is nothing less than the power of the Spirit breathed forth by the Crucified and Risen Lord directly upon our souls to cleanse them and give them new life, to reconcile them to the life of God.

NO SUNDAY DEVOTIONS (St. Mary's): This Sunday is second Sunday, 12th December, but there will be no evening devotions as I have to go to Paisley for the reception of the body of Bishop John Cunningham into the Cathedral at 6pm. If anyone wishes to attend Bishop Cunningham's funeral, it is on Monday 13th December at 1pm at St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley, Cathedral Precincts, Inche St, Paisley PA1 1HR. I am unable to attend due to the funeral of Mr. Edoardo Gatti, at the Crematorium late that morning.

CAROL SERVICE (St. Mary's): As well as the half-hour carol service prior to the Christmas Eve vigil Mass, we will hold another one on **Thursday 16th December at 7pm**, followed by tea and mince and pies in the hall! Come along and sing out your joy to the Lord. Together let's make merry music and sing to the Lord who comes to save us!

MILLPORT ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets in the church on Thursday afternoons at 2 pm. 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 07930 989820.

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.