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must register their children by filling out the form on the parish website at the following link: <https://www.rclargsandmillport.com/2022/01/12/sacraments-for-children-not-attending-st-marys-primary-school-in-largs-application-form/> Parents themselves are to prepare their children using the workbooks provided by the Diocese of Galloway. These are available at the parish office in Largs. Before being admitted to the sacraments, I would have a wee chat with each child to see that they are ready. Children from St. Mary's parish will receive the sacraments along with those from the school. Those from Millport will receive them on dates yet to be arranged.

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 Ten - Forming Ourselves In Synodality:** Synodality, that is journeying together, involves ongoing learning, and being open to change. *What do we need to help us to be more capable of 'walking together', listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What training do lay leaders need to ensure they exercise their authority in a synodal way - i.e. that every member of the community is welcomed, respected and listened to?* 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/NLWin4xIOSg> 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.*

SYNOD ECUMENICAL OUTREACH (St. Mary's): 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. 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.

SYNODAL CONVERSATION: Tuesday 18th January from 7pm. To register, please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/wjRWH1K2GNtEiseZ7> or email slaitynetwork@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO STEWARD THE 6pm VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAYS: I appeal to those who usually attend this Mass to consider offering your services as stewards. It basically involves being at the church early to ensure that we have the names and contact numbers of all who attend, for track and trace purposes. If you are willing to help, please let me know or contact Colin McGinty on T: 01475 674915; M: 07939555748; email: colinmcginty@yahoo.co.uk

INCOME, DECEMBER: 1) *Largs* - £2,973 (loose); £3,344 (bank); £1,261 (Adoption Society); £170 (flowers); £80 (LCT Christmas dinner); 2) *Millport* - £371.85 (loose); £220 (bank); £126 (Adoption Society).

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

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SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
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SC010576
Parish Priest: Mgr. Peter Canon Magee
PP's email: peter.magee@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

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
17/1: St. Antony, Abbot (d. 356). <i>For the grace of a true and sustained obedience to God.</i>	Ord. Week 2 Liturgical colour: white
18/1: Votive Mass of Holy Mary, Mother of Unity. <i>For the grace to work with the Spirit for Christian Unity.</i>	Ord. Week 2 Liturgical colour: blue
19/1: Mass of Commemoration for Charlotte McCabe, RIP.	Proper Liturgical colour: purple
20/1: St. Sebastian, Martyr (d. 303/4). <i>For the grace of a good and faithful friend.</i>	Ord. Week 2 Liturgical colour: red
21/1: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (d. 304). <i>For the grace of a true and holy fear of the Lord.</i>	Ord. Week 2 Liturgical colour: red
22/1: <i>Feria</i>	---
23/1: 3rd Ordinary Sunday. Sunday of	Proper

the Word of God. <i>For the grace to fall in love with the Word of God.</i>	Liturgical colour: green
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MASS INTENTIONS

DATE & TIME	INTENTION
Sat 15/1, 6pm	Mary Howells, D
Sun 16/1, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 16/1, 12.15pm	Special Intention (JC)
Mon 17/1, 10am	Maureen Quinn, RD
Tues 18/1, 10am	Theresa Temple, D
Wed 19/1, 10am	Charlotte McCabe, RIP
Thurs 20/1, 10am	Francis Docherty, D
Fri 21/1, 10am	Lizanne Walker, D
Sat 22/1, 6pm	Brian Watkins, D
Sun 23/1, 10am	All Parishioners
Sun 23/1, 12.15pm	Loretta Sidonio, RD

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,

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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'Keeffe, Kenneth Manners, Joseph Bennett, James McCamley, Margaret Dalzell. **Recently Deceased:** Charlotte McCabe, Kathleen Keler, Rosaleen McCool, Mary Theresa MacDonald. **Anniversary of Death:** William Goodfellow, Loredana Fontana, Miss Elizabeth Mackie, Charles & Helen McGurk, Thomas & Sadie Tighe, Josephine Rutherford, May McLaughlin, Tommy Lyle.

NOTICES

MRS. CHARLOTTE McCABE, RIP: I have received no notification of funeral details for Charlotte, but I will offer Mass this coming Wednesday at 10am in St. Mary's for her eternal rest. - Fr. Peter

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Every year from 18-25 January, all Christians of whatever denomination celebrate a week of prayer so that Christ's last will and testament, that his followers may all be one, will come about by the power of the Holy Spirit. Last year, Pope Francis said of this prayer for Christian Unity: "To pray means to fight for unity." This means fighting against the discord and division which the devil seeks to sow by magnifying the defects and mistakes of others in our eyes. God, however, offers another path. "He takes us as we are, different, sinners, and nudges us towards unity", said the Holy Father. So, Pope Francis invited everyone to sow unity in our homes and workplaces with the tools God has given us: "prayer and love."

Why not meet and pray with non-Catholic Christian friends this week, or send a card to someone marking this week and wishing them God's graces and blessings, or perform a work of charity or kindness out of the blue to show your appreciation and love for a Christian friend? I am sure you can think of many other initiatives!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The calendar this week begins in the desert with St. Antony known as the father of monasticism and reminding us of the need to do battle with evil. We invoke Mary as Mother of Unity as the week of prayer for Christian unity begins on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we pause to pray for a sister parishioner who died rather suddenly around Christmas, Charlotte McCabe, thanking God for her and commending her to his everlasting mercy. The remaining two days are dedicated to two young martyrs who perished for the faith under the ferocious persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in the years 303-304.

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NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Sunday of the Word of God in the Roman Catholic Church takes place on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, during January. This year, it will fall on January 23. According to Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter establishing this event, it "is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." During all Masses next weekend, I will distribute a copy of the Gospel of Saint Luke to every parishioner who attends Mass. This year, during ordinary Sunday Mass, it is in fact the Gospel of Luke that we will be hearing. I encourage everyone through this little gift from the parish to really get down and read and study Luke's Gospel and bring it to prayer every day. The Word is alive and active and speaks to everyone's personal circumstances all the time. Believe that and be open to what the Word desires to give you!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions in the church *hall* by appointment only. Please telephone or email me if you are thus in need.

SERVICE OF THE WORD (St. Mary's): Sunday 16th January at 7pm. Theme: "I believe in the Holy Spirit."

MILLPORT ROSARY GROUP: Thursdays at 2pm in the church. For more information, contact 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 to this number.

ENROLMENT FOR ST. MARY'S PRIMARY: Catholic children whose 5th birthday falls between 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023 should be registered for St. Mary's Primary, to start their education in August 2022. The registration period will take place from Monday 10 January 2022 until Sunday 30 January 2022. You should register your child's details by completing a registration form at:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=stT1yp5s4E-b30U5irOzJ5QtUc4-mo9KnjJrsVzk_H9UNVNaRDBXVIRMR05MUzBKMc1V0pTTkFUTS4u

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: 1) For children at St. Mary's Primary who qualify to receive the sacraments for the first time, please note these dates: *Confirmation*, Monday, 7th February, at 7pm at St. Peter's Church, Ardrossan; *First Reconciliation*, Tuesday, 8th March, from 11am at St. Mary's Primary; *First Holy Communion*, Sunday 15th May at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Church. 2) For children who do not attend St. Mary's Primary, parents, who belong to St. Mary's parish or Our Lady of Perpetual Succour's in Millport,