

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

FIRST SUNDAY, SEASON OF CREATION

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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Holy Mass (all Masses in person & live-streamed)

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

Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; 2nd Thursdays, 10am.

Reconciliation or Confession

Largs: Saturdays, 5-5.45pm; Mondays, after 10am Mass.

Millport: After 10am Mass every 2nd Thursday.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
4/9: 23 rd Sunday of the Year (C). 1 st Sunday of the Season of Creation- green.	Proper. Sister Frances, S (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Sister Dominica, SI (12.15pm)
5/9: St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997), Virgin & Religious - white.	Mon, Week 23, Year 2. Mary Chalmers (D)
6/9: Votive Mass of the Blessed Trinity - white.	Tues, Week 23, Year 2. Gerard McEwan, D
7/9: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist - white	Wed, Week 23, Year 2. Isabel McCall, D
8/9: Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - blue [Millport]	Thurs, Week 23, Year 2. Derek Keenan, S
9/9: St. Peter Claver (1581-1654), Priest - white.	Fri, Week 23, Year 2. Alex Donnelly, D
10/9: FERIA.	---
11/9: 24 th Sunday of the Year (C). 2 nd Sunday of the Season of Creation- green.	Proper. Jessie Clements, SI (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Ian Clements, SI (12.15pm)

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

Sick: Margaret Gallagher, 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, Donal Hughes, Jonny Bilchak, James Reddoch, May Holland, Richard

Dorman, Eileen Walker, Cynthia McGinty, Joseph Donnelly, Alistair Murphy, Isabella McNally, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Ylena Green, Peter Grant, Kenneth Reader, Toni Caughey, Mary Boyce, Hugh Millar, Anton McCann, Rena Lee, Jim Lee, Brian Gilligan, Liam McDermott, Mari Richards, Frank McCarthy, Baby Ethan Ferguson, Harry Sammons, Henry McMonagle, Kenneth Manners, Joseph Bennett, Margaret Bennett, Joyce Clark, Suzanne Kerr, Sadie Jack, Francis Hampson, Stephanie Fisher, Val Manners, Charles Shaw, Janice Hamilton, Michelle Rall, Peter Kelly, James Martin, Chris Hyde, Robert Macmillan, Robert Dickie, Patricia Brown, John Robertson, Barry Smith, Natasha McNicol. **Recently Deceased:** Peter Kelly, Phia Boyle, Nancy Dewar, Tom Morrison. **Anniversary of Death:** John Hebditch.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY: We celebrate this lovely Feast on Thursday. Mass will be in Millport. If you are on the mainland and are up for the sail over, why not make the mini-pilgrimage to Mass there?

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Apart from the extraordinary figure of Our Lady, we celebrate two other extraordinary human beings this week in Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Monday) and St. John Claver (Friday) who was a kind of "Mother Teresa" figure in his own time. A votive Mass to the Blessed Trinity (Tuesday) during this season of creation honours the Almighty as the Creator of heaven and earth. The Eucharist is quite simply the Creator in Creation: it is the heart of the cosmos, and so it makes sense to offer a Votive Mass in honour of the Eucharist (Wednesday). By the Liturgy, we are the voice of creation offering worship through Christ and in the Spirit to the Father.

PRIVATE ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST: I appeal to all parishioners to revive your personal and family adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is not only an act of faith, love and devotion but also an act of freedom: when we adore Christ in this Sacrament we are saying that we will not bow to any other lord or god, political system or ideology. Christ liberates us from slavery to mere worldly masters. Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament, make the sign of the Cross discreetly when you pass the church, come earlier to Mass and adore Him before you receive Him. Don't let busy-ness or business be an excuse, at least not every day. Five minutes before Him is worth more than five hours before your TV or other screens. Learn again how to LOVE Him in the Eucharist or deepen the love you already have!

THE SEASON OF CREATION: "Praise be to you my Lord, with all your creatures," prayed St. Francis of Assisi, well before the Season of Creation began. With this simple but profound prayer, he has encouraged believers of many generations to recognize creation as the fruit of God's eternal Love. Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

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In other words, the Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home. It begins on Thursday 1st September which is the World Day of Prayer for Creation; it ends on 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. For more information, go to seasonofcreation.org. For the Message of Pope Francis for this occasion, visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2022/documents/20220716-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

PARISH CENSUS (St. Marys): The Parish needs to update the information it holds about parishioners. This will assist the priest in his pastoral and sacramental ministry.

The census form will be handed out in the church porch and, also be available on the Parish website and social media outlets. The form is very basic, and the information requested minimum. Your data will be protected securely and only used for parish purposes. All GDPR requirements will be met.

I encourage every household in the parish to help us in this important endeavour. By filling the form, you are making a statement that you belong to the parish and form part of the Catholic community covered by St. Mary's. It's a small but important way of reconfirming your faith in Christ present in the midst of his Church.

All early responses will be entered into a draw for 2 tickets to the Parish Festival Dinner Dance.

PRO-LIFE: Next meeting on Monday 5th September at 7:30 pm, in the small meeting room in the Hall.

Thank you everyone who signed the recent petition.

New members will be very welcome.

COUNTRY DANCING recommences in St. Mary's Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 19th September.

PRAYER GROUP (St. Mary's): A charismatic prayer group meets from 2-3.30pm on Fridays in St. Mary's Hall. All are welcome. More information, John Tyler on 07779 277538.

MILLPORT ROSARY GROUP: There will be no meeting of the Millport Rosary Group on the 8th, 15th or 22nd September.

PRAYERLINE: Please ring 07746 923 680.

SAFEGUARDING MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS: For direct access to our Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs - 07707 598929; 2) Millport (.....).

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

YOUTH EVENTS: The Diocesan Youth Office invites the young people of the Diocese to consider participating in four events between September 2022 and July 2023, including a youth pilgrimage to Carfin in September 2022, to Lourdes in July 2023 and to Portugal for the World

Youth Day in July 2023. For more details, click on the link: <https://www.rclargsandmillport.com/2022/08/23/invitations-from-the-diocesan-youth-office-carfin/>

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (St. Mary's): The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in the parish hall, preceded by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7-7.25pm for those who can attend, in order to pray for the success of our work in the eyes of God.

GALLOWAY LOURDES HELPERS 2023: Have you always wanted to come to Lourdes and volunteer? The preparations have now begun for the long-awaited pilgrimage. Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite are holding their first sign-up session for ADULT volunteers who are able to work with our assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. Pilgrimage dates are Monday 3rd-10th July 2023. Doctors, nurses and medical assistants needed; also required are general male and female helpers. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful experience please go to the first volunteer sign up session to find out more on Sunday 4th September, 2-3pm at St Margaret's Cathedral Hall, Ayr. If you can't make it along, register your interest by contacting Suzy Hollywood (President) for future sign-up dates - glhpresident@aol.com

PARISH FESTIVAL 2022 IN HONOUR OF ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>Children's Mass</i>	Fri 16/9	10am	Church
<i>Dinner Dance BYOB</i>	Sat 17/9	7-11pm	Hall
<i>Mass with special music conducted by Sir James MacMillan</i>	Sun 18/9	10am	Church
<i>Voted Songs of Praise</i>	Sun 18/9	6pm	Church
<i>Early Mass for workers with breakfast</i>	Tue 20/9	7am	Church then Hall
<i>Concert</i>	Wed 21/9	7pm	Church
<i>Eco-clean, St. Mary's Primary</i>	Thu 22/9	---	---
<i>Mass for the Sick then Afternoon Tea</i>	Thu 22/9	2pm	Church then Hall
<i>Bouncy Castle, St. Mary's Primary</i>	Fri 23/9	---	---
<i>Family Fun night, quiz & pizza</i>	Fri 23/9	6pm	Hall
<i>Garden Fete</i>	Sat 24/9	12-5pm	Hall & grounds
<i>Solemn Festival Mass</i>	Sun 25/9	10am	Church

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