

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 18th SEPTEMBER 2022
THIRD SUNDAY, SEASON OF CREATION & FIRST SUNDAY OF THE PARISH FESTIVAL

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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 |
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| 18/9: 25 th Sunday of the Year (C). 3 rd Sunday of the Season of Creation- green. | Proper. Bruce McDougall, SI (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Pauline & Andrew Gallagher, SI (12.15pm) |
| 19/9: Mass for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II - purple. 10am | Proper Elizabeth Windsor, RD |
| 20/9: SS. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions, Martyrs (19 th century) - red. 7am | Tues, Week 25, Year 2. Mary Chalmers, D |
| 21/9: Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle - red. 10am | Proper Edna Byrne, D |
| 22/9: Mass for the Sick - white. 2pm | Thurs, Week 25, Year 2 Paul Phillips, D |
| 23/9: St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest (1887-1968) - white. 10am | Fri, Week 25, Year 2 Tom Lyons, D |
| 24/9: <i>Feria.</i> | --- |
| 25/9: Solemnity of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea - white & blue. | Proper. Spec. Intention (VG) (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Andrés Díez Gómez (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, Patricia Brown, John Robertson, Barry Smith, Natasha McNicol, John Stewart, Suzanne Kelly, Helen Raymond. **Recently Deceased:** Evy Johanson. **Anniversary of Death:** Ellen Rattigan, Paul McMullan, Mary Murphy, Sarah Wright.

NOTICES

PARISH FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS: Welcome to St. Mary's Festival 2022! I encourage everyone, insofar as they are able, to make a real effort to participate as much as you can in the various Liturgies and other events that are on. Building and strengthening community, making new friends or renewing old acquaintances, requires effort and sacrifice but it's always worth it when we do it out of love for one another and for our Blessed Mother.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note in the table opposite the variations in the times of daily Mass during the Festival. There will only be ONE Mass per day at St. Mary's.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: In solidarity with the rest of the UK, and to mark the day of her funeral, we will offer Mass for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday are red days, when once again we glory in the blood of the martyrs, shed out of love for Christ, be it in Korea (Andrew Kim) or elsewhere (it is not known where St. Matthew was killed). On Thursday, we will have the privilege of celebrating the presence of the Lord both in the Eucharist and in the sick of our parish. Friday will be a special day for those devoted to Padre Pio, when the whole Church commemorates his feast day.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (St. Mary's): In line with my hope for a Eucharistic revival in the parish, and once the new tabernacle is duly in place (date yet to be announced), the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for thirty minutes before all weekday Masses (bar funerals and weddings). From the beginning of Advent, we will extend this to the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. My hope is that over time, as individual believers and as a parish community, we can really deepen our faith in, and intensify our adoration of, what the Church's tradition calls the Sacrament of Sacraments, the Great Sacrament, the Wonderful Sacrament of the Altar, the last and greatest miracle of Christ (St. Thomas Aquinas).

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The Eucharist is the Church's secret weapon to bring peace and reconciliation of soul to individuals, families and whole communities. Pour out your soul before Christ and let Him pour out his love and grace into your soul. I appeal to one and all to revive your personal and family adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Children in particular are very open to the presence of Jesus. To bring them before Him in the Blessed Sacrament will open their hearts even further to His presence and love. If done regularly, it will be a strong defence against many other negative influences which today so easily corrupt the innocent. Adoration can also *restore* innocence of heart to those who have lost it. Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament and come earlier to Mass to adore Him before you receive Him.

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND (St. Mary's): St. Mary's parish has always been strong in its attention to the sick and housebound in bringing them Holy Communion. Sadly, Covid and the lockdowns have impacted negatively on this dimension, too, of our parish life. The worst of the pandemic is now behind us and so we can try to resume this ministry of love with even greater self-sacrifice. I would invite you, then, to consider the following:

*If you are a Eucharistic Minister who brings weekly Communion to the sick and wish to continue doing so, many thanks and much encouragement to you for that.

*If you are a Eucharistic Minister for the sick and would like to step down from doing so, please do not hesitate to let me know: you, too, deserve great thanks for all you have done. I will look for someone else to take your place.

*If you are sick or housebound and already receive the Eucharist from one of our ministers, there is no need to do anything: the parish prays for your good health of mind, body and soul, and Communion will keep coming your way.

*If you are sick or housebound and do not receive the Eucharist from one of our ministers but would like to do so, please get in touch with me directly or through someone else, and let me know. It may be that you are well enough but are just not ready to return to Mass personally due to anxiety about Covid or other such problems. We all understand your situation and are ready to help you to receive Holy Communion regularly.

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS: This will be reintroduced during the Festival, and will continue into the future. During Festival week, the Rosary will be recited on Monday, Wednesday and Friday *only* before Mass, commencing at 9.40pm. The following week and thereafter, we will have the Rosary before every weekday Mass. Anyone who wants to volunteer to lead the recitation should make contact with Mrs. Mary Ryan on 675593.

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE AT CARFIN: The bus for Carfin will leave from St. Mary's on Tuesday 27th September at 10am. Mass in Carfin is at 1pm. The bus will return from Carfin at 3pm. The cost is £5 per person. About six seats are still available. First come, first served! Closing

date for signing up is Sunday 25th September after the 10am Mass.

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 22nd September.

PRAYERLINE: Please ring 07746 923 680.

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

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

SCIAF PAKISTAN APPEAL: A 2nd collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes.

COUNTRY DANCING (St. Mary's): Resumption postponed until 26th September.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL 2022

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <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 Sick; 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.**