

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 23rd OCTOBER 2022

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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
23/10: 30 th Sunday of the Year & Mission Sunday - green.	Proper. Aileen Bradley, D (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Mary Docherty (12.15pm)
24/10: Requiem Mass for Peter Leitch, RIP	Proper Peter Leitch
25/10: Prayers from the Mass of those Suffering from Hunger - green.	Tues, Week 30, Year 2 Sadie Murdoch, D
26/10: Mary, Queen of Peace - blue.	Wed, Week 30, Year 2 Robert Smith, D
27/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist - white. For an end to the Abortion Act (1967) on its 55 th anniversary	Thurs, Week 30, Year 2 Roseann Elliott, A
28/10: Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles - red.	Proper Rosemary Cameron, D
29/10: FERIA.	---
30/10: 31 st Sunday of the Year - green.	Proper. Helen Lochrie, D (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) Jacqueline Docherty (12.15pm)

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

Sick: Margaret Gallagher, Helen McShane, 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, Stephanie Fisher, Val Manners, Charles Shaw, Janice Hamilton, Peter Kelly, James Martin, Chris Hyde, Robert Macmillan, Patricia Brown, John Robertson, Barry Smith, Natasha McNicol, John Stewart, Suzanne Kelly, Helen Raymond, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Patricia Camfield, Val Manners, William McGrath, Jacqueline Docherty, Michael Cranston, Mgr. Thomas Canon Egan. **Recently Deceased:** Peter Leitch, Phil Rooney, Margaret Maguire. **Anniversary of Death:** Eleanor Robertson, Frank McGarvie, Roseann Elliott, Josephine MacLean.

NOTICES

MR. PETER LEITCH, RIP (Skelmorlie): The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 24th October at 11am in St. Mary's, and thereafter to Cardross cemetery.

MASS FOR AN END TO THE ABORTION ACT (1967): On Thursday, 27th October, our country will have suffered 55 years of the iniquitous law known as the Abortion Act. About ten million legal abortions have been carried out since then. That's not far off twice the entire population of Scotland. Last year, one child was aborted every 2-3 minutes. Abortion does not come alone. It is the result of so many difficult and tragic circumstances, but also, alas, of sin. Problems with the economy pale into insignificance in the face of this holocaust (Pope St. John Paul II's phrase) of children who are sacrificed often for mere social or economic convenience.

The very moral and societal complexity of abortion, and the anaesthetising effect it has on our moral and religious awareness, should stir our deepest conscience before God and lead us to insistent prayer and action: to save these lives, to reach out to mothers and fathers in distress, to denounce and protest and educate the minds and consciences of society and its leaders.

I earnestly invite every parishioner who can, to come to Mass on Thursday morning to offer a Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the Living Body of the Lord, to beseech Him to exercise His power to bring about the end of the Abortion Act and to inspire us to pray and do all we can in Christian charity and compassion to rid our country of this shameful scourge.

Let me also thank the **Pro-Life Group** in our parish for its faithful witness to the defence of unborn life. Why not join the Group as a way of strengthening your own commitment to the Gospel of Life? Why not pick up the phone and call Nancy Heaton on 672 869 for more information?

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LITURGY THIS WEEK: The middle days of this week, Tuesday-Thursday, are focused on urgent social causes which prick the Christian conscience in a special way. On Tuesday, we pray for the hungry, including the victims of the terrible famine in Somalia, but not forgetting those on our own doorstep who cannot feed their children properly. On Wednesday, we ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace once more to intercede for peace in Ukraine. On Thursday, I want to keep us focussed yet again on the Holy Eucharist, the “Energy” we need to fight the cause of human life and of the divine life in our humanity. On Monday, we will join Miriam Leitch and family to perform in charity the funeral rites for her late husband, Peter. And, on Friday, we remember the Apostles Simon and Jude: the former is said to have brought the Gospel to Egypt and Armenia and the latter to the Easter Mediterranean and Armenia.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Don't forget to increase your visits and devotion to the Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. It will do you a lot of good! In its own powerful and quiet way, it will build up the parish.

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS: Begins at 9.40pm.

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: Thursdays at 2pm in the church. All welcome!

LARGS ROSARY GROUP: Mondays at 2pm in the church hall.

PRAYERLINE: Please ring 07746 923 680.

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

DEMENTIA TRAINING: Age Scotland is offering free training to help work with those who have dementia. If you are interested, you are welcome to book onto the next course available via Eventbrite. It will be on Friday 28th October 10:00 - 12:00:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-awareness-training-video-conference-fri-28-oct-10-am-12-noon-tickets-401177190777>

CARE NOT KILLING (CNK): Supported by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office, CNK has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. Our parish Pro-Life Group has kindly accepted to collect signatures in favour of this petition from parishioners at all Masses this weekend. For more information on the related issues, please visit <https://www.carenotkilling.org.uk> or <https://rcpolitics.org/catholics-urged-to-help-prevent-assisted-suicide-in-scotland/>

“CATHOLICS: FAITH AND ENGAGEMENT IN SCOTLAND”: A webinar with this title will be led by Peter Kearney and Anthony Horan to update clergy and laity on the work of the Scottish Catholic Media Office and Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office, including: talking through some of the most important issues of the moment such as assisted suicide and the cost-of-living crisis; how people can engage in the political discourse; and the importance of media engagement. The webinar will take place on two dates, detailed below, and people are being encouraged to register to attend on their preferred date. [Wednesday 2 November 2022, 1pm - 2pm](#) and [Thursday 3 November 2022, 7.30pm - 8.30pm](#) If the webinar is well received, it could become a regular feature.

PARISH CENSUS (St. Mary's): I appeal to parishioners who have not yet done so to pick up a census form from the back of the church or to click on the following link to complete your form online: <https://forms.gle/bViFEJBGCRVjuYnE8>

HAYLIE HOUSE COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 29th October - Clark Memorial Church Hall 10am - 12noon

YOUTH HUB - “MALLOWEEN”! (Largs): The Youth Hub meeting (P7-S3) will be on Friday 28th October from 6.30-8pm. As an alternative to Halloween and its spooks, we are offering Malloween: Let Jesus' Light Shine! Hot dogs, chips, games. You can dress up, but no scary Halloween costumes!

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

MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: At all Masses on Saturday/Sunday 22/23 October. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

BULLETIN NOTICES: By 12 Noon on Wednesdays.