

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 27th NOVEMBER 2022

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

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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
27/11: First Sunday of Advent, Year A - purple.	Proper. All Souls (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) All Souls (12.15pm)
28/11: Advent Feria - purple	Proper All Souls
29/11: Advent Feria - purple	Proper All Souls
30/11: Solemnity of St. Andrew, Apostle - red.	Proper All Souls
1/12: Advent Feria - purple	Proper John Hutchinson, A
2/12: Advent Feria - purple FIRST FRIDAY	Proper Margaret Martin, A
3/12: St. Francis Xavier	---
4/12: Second Sunday of Advent, Year A - purple.	Proper. John Paul McKay (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Michael Conway, A (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 & Elizabeth 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, Elizabeth MacDonald, Kenneth Collins, Mary McCaffrey. **Recently Deceased:** Molly Cox, Michael Malarkey. **Anniversary of Death:** Edoardo Gatti, Win Colclough.

NOTICES

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANDREW: Don't forget to come and celebrate our national patron saint's Day on Wednesday 30th November at the 10am Mass. Let's ask him to protect our country from all harm and to strengthen once more its faith, hope and love in and for Jesus Christ.

ADVENT: The holy season of Advent begins with the Vigil Mass this Saturday evening. The liturgical colour for Advent is purple because Advent is a *penitential* season. To meet the Lord, we always need to ask Him to purify our hearts or, to put it another way, to give us the grace of repentance. While this grace is needed at all times, we implore it especially during Advent and Lent. Repentance is about getting rid of the sorrow and sadness of sin and embracing the joy and peace of reconciliation with Christ. It has many forms: the sacramental confession of sin, prayer, penance and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (see last week's bulletin for a list of these works).

After the sacrament of Baptism, **Sacramental confession** is the chief way in which Christ purifies us of sin. I strongly commend, indeed urge, a renewed practice of this Sacrament in our parishes. The transformation of the Church passes through the transformation of each soul.

Advent Confessions:

- 1) Penitential Service, Dec. 21st, 2pm (with 4 priests);
- 2) After 10am Mass on Mondays and Fridays;
- 3) Saturday evenings from 5.-5.45pm;
- 4) Friday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm.

In the context of the Eucharistic Revival of the parish, there will be **silent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on the Fridays of Advent from 6.30-7.30pm. Sign up on the sheet at the back of St. Mary's for a half-hour slot for the Fridays of December. There's plenty of room for signatures in each slot! A booklet of prayers will be made available.

Finally, a word of spiritual advice: don't start celebrating Christmas before you've celebrated Advent! Leave for as long as possible the putting up of the Christmas Tree and decorations. If you live and intensely spiritual Advent, your

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Christmas joy will be all the greater. So, plan your Advent. Write into your schedule and diaries time for prayer, for penance, for confession, for adoration, for bible sharing with friends. Be Advent-urous!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: For the most part, this week the Liturgy draws us into the spiritual journey of Advent: vigilant expectation of the Lord in prayer and worship; the stirring of the deep waters of certain hope in the deliverance He brings; humble, sincere and generous penance for sin; joy in knowing that whatever the darkness in the world or in our hearts, His Light is coming to dispel it. The Liturgy invites us to try and develop a sense of urgency to be ready for the Lord, to turn down the noise in our lives so that we can have the silence needed to hear His gentle footsteps approach, to throw off what is superfluous and cumbersome so as to be free and agile to run towards Him, eager to see Him and rejoice in His glory. Friday is First Friday.

Only the Solemnity of St. Andrew pauses us in our Advent journey this week: and what a pause it is!

AGAPE (St. Mary's): Thursday, 1st December, from 6.30-8pm. Use this Advent opportunity to prepare for Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: One of the best ways to prepare your heart to welcome the Lord at Christmas, at death and at Holy Communion! Let our church be busy and full throughout Advent with short and long visits to Silent and Present Love in Person!

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 AND ADORATION GROUP: Mondays at 2pm in the church hall. For the Season of Advent, and given the cold in the church, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the hall for the duration of the rosary meeting which is for vocations to the priesthood.

ADVENT PRAYER HELPS: 1) The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow has an online Advent retreat for each day of Advent starting this Sunday. No charge, though donations welcome: <https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/>; 2) "Laudato Si' Movement": a retreat guided by the words of Pope Francis. Participants will unite in prayer through the Hozana prayer platform, a space to pray in community globally. https://hozana.org/en/community/11261-advent-with-pope-francis-and-laudato-si/landing?utm_source=all_mouvementlaudatosi&utm_medium=all&utm_content=&utm_campaign=adventlaudatosi 3) "Pray as you go": a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling ...: <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

PRAYERLINE: Please ring 07746 923 680 if you need prayerful support.

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

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>

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE OF LIGHT, WM TYRE'S: After a hiatus of three years, this ecumenical service will resume on Saturday 3rd, December, at 2pm in Clark Memorial Church and will honour the memory of all deceased persons over these three years whose families sought the services of Wm Tyre Undertakers.

CHRISTMAS BIG SING: St. John's Church, Monday 5th December, 2pm. Refreshments, Dunn Memorial Hall. Those attending are invited to bring a toiletry item or non-perishable food item which will be handed over to Teen Challenge.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend, the second collection will be for the Catholic Education work of the Bishops of Scotland.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS (St. Mary's) for sale in the hall after the 6pm and 10am Masses this weekend.

1st LARGS BOYS BRIGADE CHRISTMAS POST: Cards for LARGS ONLY. Cards can be posted in box in church porch on weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 December. A box will also be in Morrisons from 1-13 December and in St. John's church from 8-13 December. 25p per card as donation. If you have any questions, please ask Bridie Lamont.

BULLETIN NOTICES: must be notified to the parish office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays.**

INCOME - OCTOBER

<i>Description</i>	<i>Largs</i>	<i>Millport</i>
<i>Loose plate</i>	£3,162.63	£728.12
<i>Bank Income</i>	£2,776.00	£170.00
<i>Flowers</i>	£180.00	---
<i>Papers</i>	£58.36	---
<i>New Tabernacle</i>	£411.19	---
<i>Retired Priests</i>	£1,713.05	£161.64
<i>Missio Scotland</i>	£814.56	£205.60
<i>Garden Fete</i>	£371.52	---
<i>Carfin Bus</i>	£80.00	---
<i>SVDP</i>	---	£20.00