

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 4th DECEMBER 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
4/12: Second Sunday of Advent, Year A - purple.	Proper. John Paul McKay (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Michael Conway, A (12.15pm)
5/12: Advent Feria - purple	Proper Mary Hughes & Edna Byrne, D
6/12: Advent Feria - purple	Proper Dympna McAleenan, D
7/12: St. Ambrose (d. 397), Bishop & Doctor - white.	Proper Matt Lunardi, RD
8/12: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - white.	Proper Helen Raymond, S
9/12: Advent Feria - purple	Proper Cliff Cox, RD
10/12: <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	---
11/12: "Gaudete" or Third Sunday of Advent, Year A - rose.	Proper. Sadie Murdoch, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) John Dyer, D (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 Caghney, 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, Margaret Maguire, Margaret Fitzpatrick. **Recently Deceased:** Margaret Madden Downie, Dick Sharland, Bob Grant, Gordon Rankin. **Anniversary of Death:** Ronald Mitchell, Patricia Burns, Patricia Maxwell, John Cranston.

NOTICES

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: This beautiful celebration in honour of our Blessed Mother takes place on Thursday 8th December at the 10am Mass in Millport. I encourage parishioners on both sides of the Clyde to come and show Her your filial love on this special day. For those who wish, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Millport from 9am with the Rosary at 9.30am. After Mass, I will hear the confessions of those who wish.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: 1) **Largs.** *Vigil Mass* at 8pm on 24th December, preceded by carol service at 7.30pm. *Christmas Day Mass* at 10am. **NO OTHER MASS.** 2) **Millport.** Vigil Mass at 4.30pm preceded by carols at 4pm.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS (Largs):

- 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.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS (Millport):

- 1) Thursday 8th December after 10am Mass;
- 2) Saturday 24th December from 2pm (Fr. John Doran).

ADVENT ADORATION (Largs): 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.

There is also Exposition on Mondays from 2-3pm in the church hall, in the context of the Largs Rosary Group, to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This week in Advent sees the towering figure of Mary Immaculate at its heart. Another prominent figure we recall is St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in the 4th century. His preaching converted St. Augustine

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and his apostolic fortitude prevented the Arian heresy (which says that Christ was not truly divine) from spreading in the Western church. The other days of the week, we continue with our penitential Advent journey.

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS (Largs): With great joy and not a little emotion, I am delighted to say that a first-class relic of this impressive teenage Blessed will be coming to St. Mary's church on the evening of Friday, 9th December, during the hour of Eucharistic Adoration. The relic will be brought to us by a Jacquie Stacey, who works for the postulator for the cause of canonization of Blessed Carlo. The relic will be on display for the full hour. Ms. Stacey will give a talk on Blessed Carlo. There will then be the opportunity to venerate the relic. I am convinced that the providential presence of this relic in our parish is a sign of encouragement from young Carlo that we are pursue a Eucharistic Revival in the parish - and, more importantly, that he will be helping us to join him on his "highway to heaven" (which is what he called the Eucharist).

One more miracle is needed for Blessed Carlo to become Saint Carlo Acutis. Could it be worked for you?

WHY RELICS? We all hold on to keepsakes, at times even the ashes, of those we love who have died. They remind us of the one who has gone and of our love for them. They are a tangible connection to them. The veneration of relics is rooted in this very human experience. We are incarnate spirits. Our bodies are not simply irrelevant matter when we die. They are still revered because of their intimate connection to those we have loved. Relics were venerated from the earliest biblical times and Christian practice. Through seeing or touching the relic, our soul "speaks" as it were to the soul of the saint or blessed in question. We don't *need* the relic to do that, of course, but the relic heightens our awareness of the historical reality of the saint. Much as a visit to Gethsemane draws us closer to the passion of Christ, so a relic can draw us spiritually closer to a holy one. OK, it's not for everyone, but it is for many!

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.

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 (.....).

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

PARISH CENSUS CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS (St. Mary's): Please take some of these cards away with you and try and distribute them among your families, friends and neighbours. 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>

PRO-LIFE GROUP (Largs): Meets at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall meeting room on Monday 5th December.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS (St. Mary's) for sale in the parish stall.

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.**

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ST. MARY'S

Date & Time	Event
Fri 9/12/22, 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Tues 13/12/22, 7pm	School Nativity, St. Mary's church
Tues 20/12/22, 7pm	Carols & Readings Service
Wed 21/12/22, 2pm	Penitential Service, 4 priests
Wed 21/12/22, 7.30pm	Diocesan Carol Service, St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
Sat-Sun 21-22/1/23, Vigil & Sunday Masses	Renewal of commitment by Readers, Word of God Sunday
Sun 22/1/23, 5pm	Christian Unity Service, St. Columba's Episcopal Church
Sun 19/2/23, 10am	Confirmations, St. Mary's church
Wed 22/2/23	Ash Wednesday
Thu-Sun, 6-9/4/23	Easter Triduum
Sun 7/5/23, 12 Noon	First Holy Communions

Sadness is looking at ourselves,
happiness is looking towards
God.

Blessed Carlo Acutis