

SECOND ORDINARY SUNDAY (A), 15th JANUARY 2023

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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
15/1: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - green	Proper Nancy Dewar, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Tom Morrison, D (12.15pm)
16/1: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Marjory Hunter, RIP.	Proper Marjory Hunter, RIP
17/1: St. Antony, Abbot (d. 356) - white	Ordinary Week 2, Tues Brian Hessett, RD
18/1: Requiem Mass for Ms. Rachel Raymond, RIP - purple	Proper Rachel Raymond, RIP
19/1: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Sadie Jack, RIP - purple	Proper Sadie Jack, RIP
20/1: Votive Mass of the Holy Cross - red	Ordinary Week 2, Fri Loredana Fontana, A
21/1: <i>Feria</i>	---
22/1: Word of God Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - green	Proper Sophia Boyle, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) John Comiskey, 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, Bruce McDougall, Jessie Clements, Baby Ava May Cleary, Teresa Black, Peter McConville, Claire McConville, Lizzie Park, 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, Frank McCarthy, Baby Ethan Ferguson, Harry Sammons, Henry McMonagle, Kenneth Manners, Joseph Bennett, Margaret Bennett, Joyce Clark, Suzanne Kerr, 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, William McGrath, Jacqueline Docherty, Mgr. Thomas Canon Egan, Kenneth Collins, Mary McCaffrey, Margaret Maguire, Tom Maguire, Peter Aitken, Mary Hudson. **Recently Deceased:** Rachel Raymond, Cynthia McGinty, Sadie Jack, Marjory Hunter, Sarah MacDougall, Brian Hessett, Colin McCluskey, Ann Ward. **Anniversary of Death:** Loredana Fontana, McCrudden Family Deceased, Jackie Kavanagh, Bill Goodfellow, Miss Elizabeth Mackie.

NOTICES

MS. RACHEL RAYMOND, RIP (St. Mary's): With great sadness, I announce the sudden death of Ms. Rachel Raymond at the age of 37. May the Lord grant her the glory and peace of His Kingdom and reunion with all her loved ones who went before. Heartfelt condolences to her brother Stuart and to all relatives and friends at this most difficult of times. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 18th January at 10am, and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

MRS. SADIE JACK, RIP (St. Mary's): The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 19th January, at 10am and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MRS. MARJORY HUNTER, RIP (St. Mary's): The Requiem Mass is on Monday, 16th January, at 10am, and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Many have commented on the increased numbers of deaths in our community in recent weeks. This is reflected in our liturgical week with three out of five weekday Masses being funerals. It is an invitation to one and all to reflect deeply on the meaning of both life and death, especially on the life and death of Jesus in relation to our own life and death. He alone can give death meaning, and therefore He alone gives true meaning to life.

On the other two days we remember one of the first desert fathers of the Church, St. Antony (on Tuesday), who fought strenuous spiritual battles against Satan, and then, on Friday, the Holy Cross: the source of all victory over death and Satan and, to borrow the phrase of Blessed Carlo Acutis, our veritable "highway to heaven."

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, 21/22 JANUARY:

At all Masses in both parishes, I will invite all those who read at Mass, be it on Sundays or on weekdays, to come forward after the homily and renew their commitment to the ministry they have undertaken. I will then give each one a copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Gospel we are reading continuously during this "Year A" of the three-year cycle. After that, I will then invite every parishioner to come

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forward to receive a copy of the same. As you say “Amen” upon receiving the Body of Christ, so say “Amen” when I say to you “The Gospel of Christ.”

CONFIRMATIONS (St. Mary’s): Please remember that St. Mary’s P4 children, and others who attend different schools and have been properly prepared, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10am Mass on Sunday 19th February from Fr. Peter. In the absence of a bishop, the Diocesan Administrator, Fr. William McFadden, will delegate the faculty to Fr. Peter to confer the Sacrament validly.

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. During January, the group will meet in someone’s home rather than in the church. All are welcome. For more information, 01475 530417.

LARGS ROSARY AND ADORATION GROUP: Mondays at 2pm in the church hall. For vocations to the priesthood.

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

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

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM (St. Mary’s): Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm, preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm.

SAFEGUARDING STANDARD n.2 (St. Mary’s): In October, the Safeguarding Team distributed a leaflet explaining the 1st of the 8 Safeguarding Standards of the Church in Scotland. At Masses next weekend, they will distribute a leaflet explaining Standard 2, “Safely recruiting clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers.” It is incumbent upon us all to be educated in these Standards, so please be sure to take your leaflet home and study it.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (St. Mary’s): Meets on Tuesday 24th January at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm in the church.

YOUTH HUB (St. Mary’s): The first Youth Hub meeting of the new year will be on Friday 27th January from 6.30-8pm. All children from P7 to S3 are welcome to attend and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The annual appeal takes place this weekend of 14/15 January. Mr. John Deighan, the Chief Executive Officer of SPUC will address the congregation at the end of the 10am Mass in St. Mary’s on 15th January. There will be a **retiral** collection at the end of both Masses in St. Mary’s this weekend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18-25 JANUARY: The theme for this year’s week of prayer is “Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice.” Resources can be accessed on <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/> We will celebrate a Mass for Christian Unity on Monday 23rd January at 10am to which I invite as many of you as possible to come. Let us show our “be-longing” by praying hopefully for Christ’s dying will to be realised, “that they may be one.”

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Within the context of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Largs District Churches Together (LDCT) has organised an evening service of readings, prayers and hymns on **Sunday 22nd January at 5pm at St. Columba’s Episcopal Church.** I encourage a large turnout from St. Mary’s, not to boast about numbers, but to boost our prayer power! Please encourage one another to come along. If you are reticent because you think St. Columba’s is a cold church, there is now a new heating system!

ENROLMENT FOR ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Registration for primary education starting in August 2023 is an online process. The registration period will take place from Monday 9 January 2023 until Sunday 22 January 2023. You should register your child’s details for St. Mary’s primary school by completing a [Registration for Education Form](#). If you have any issues completing this form please telephone 01294 310000. For more information, visit <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/admissions-and-enrolment/primary-school-enrolment.aspx>

Currently, there are 117 children at St. Mary’s Primary School of whom 30 are Catholic. The reasons for this are undoubtedly complex, but I strongly encourage all Catholic parents in St. Mary’s parish, with children of primary school age, to enrol them in our very own and excellent Catholic school. I ask parents who currently have their children at other primary schools to consider transferring them to St. Mary’s if that can be done without prejudice to the child. I accept and agree, of course, that the parents themselves are the first and best educators of their children in the faith but to have the support of a Catholic school in that onerous responsibility is surely a blessing. The Code of Canon Law states that: “Parents are to entrust their children to those schools which provide a Catholic education. If they are unable to do this, they are obliged to take care that suitable Catholic education is provided for their children outside the schools.”

If we do not support our Catholic schools, we will lose them, after all the sacrifice and commitment of previous generations to obtain them as a civil right. If people think that St. Mary’s or St. Matthew’s school needs improved, then I invite them to work constructively with the school staff to harness that improvement and not just to walk away. Everyone wants our Catholic schools to be the best in the country and to be havens of a holistic education in faith, subject matters and life. We can best do that *together*, family, school and parish, so please consider carefully and prayerfully my appeal!