

THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY (A), 22nd JANUARY 2023

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

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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
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)
23/1: Mass for Christian Unity - green	Ordinary Week 3, Mon Kevin Grant, RD
24/1: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Cynthia McGinty, RIP - purple	Proper Cynthia McGinty, RIP
25/1: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul - white	Proper Patrick Joseph Ward, A
26/1: SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops - white	Ordinary Week 3, Thurs Lidia Tracey, D
27/1: Feria	Ordinary Week 3, Fri Nancy Dewar, D
28/1: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (d. 1274)	---
29/1: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - green	Proper Sadie Corr, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Anna Gribben, 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, Margaret Rutherford, Martin Doherty, Ben Brownlie, Sheena Lane, Donal Hughes, Jonny Bilchak, James Reddoch, May Holland, Richard Dorman, Eileen Walker, 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, 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, Betty Wilson. **Recently Deceased:** Cynthia McGinty, Sarah MacDougall, Mary Murray, John Nicolas, Lorraine McBride, Mario Sambucci, Susan Giuntoli. **Anniversary of Death:** Patrick Joseph Ward, Fiona Smith, Agnes O'Donnell, Mrs. Elizabeth Mackie, Sadie Corr.

NOTICES

MRS. CYNTHIA MCGINTY, RIP: We continue to keep Cynthia in our prayers and also to ask the Lord to grant the grace of consolation to the whole McGinty family at this difficult time. The coffin will be brought to St. Mary's for a Vigil Reception on Monday 23rd January at 6.30pm. The Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 24th January at 10am, and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

MRS. MARY MURRAY, RIP: I regret to announce the death of Mrs. Murray, fortified with the rites of the Church, on Friday 20th January at Moorburn Manor. May the Lord welcome her faithful and devout soul into the glory of heaven and may he grant consolation to Matthew and all the family at this sad time. Funeral arrangements to follow.

BAPTISM (St. Mary's): I am delighted to announce that Nina Annie McGloin, daughter of Michael and Lynne McGloin of Skelmorlie, will be baptised into the Church on Saturday 28th January at 12 Noon. Heartfelt congratulations to the whole family and especially to wee Nina!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Let's continue to pray for the gift of Christian Unity during this week of prayer for that intention (18-25 January). On Monday, I will offer the Mass for Christian Unity as the main focus of our parish prayer efforts. I invite as many of you as possible to come along. Bring any non-Catholic friends who may want to join us in prayer.

On Tuesday, we perform the burial rites for one of St. Mary's most well-known and seasoned parishioners, Cynthia McGinty, RIP. On Wednesday and Thursday, we recall three pillars of the preaching of the Gospel who worked with one another to spread the Good News in earliest times, SS. Paul, Timothy and Titus. On Friday, we celebrate a quiet feria Mass, with the thought of the Cross always in our hearts and minds.

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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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: In early February, I will be making a private pilgrimage to Assisi to the tombs of Blessed Carlo, St. Francis and St. Clare. If you have any prayer intentions you want me to bring to the tomb of Blessed Carlo, please place them in the box at the back of the church. Final date is 29th January! We need a second miracle for him to be canonized!

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12th of February at 4pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Lourdes Hospitalité looks forward to welcoming you. If you wish to be anointed, please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on arrival. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the hall and the AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité. Any adult pilgrimage volunteers should attend St Margaret's Hall from 2-3.30pm for our sign-up, PVG and safeguarding session.

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 (.....).

SAFEGUARDING STANDARD n.2 (St. Mary's): At Masses this weekend, members of the Safeguarding Team will distribute a leaflet explaining the 2nd of the 8 Safeguarding Standards of the Catholic Church in Scotland, "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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING, INDUCTION-1 (St. Mary's): Compulsory training for all new volunteers if not

already completed is on Wednesday 25th January. Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm in the Church. Training commences at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to attend contact Lewis Docherty on 07707 598929.

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!

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.**

HEAT AND HOSPITALITY: You will recall that the parish donated £500 late last year to the Heat and Hospitality activity of St. Columba's Parish Church. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at St. Columba's for this initiative, please contact the Minister, Rev. Graham McWilliams on 07853 774 383, or email him at gmcwilliams@churchofscotland.org.uk The next Heat & Hospitality event is Friday 27th January.

INCOME, DECEMBER 2022

<i>Description</i>	<i>Largs</i>	<i>Millport</i>
<i>Loose Plate</i>	£3,238.68	£730.43
<i>Bank Income</i>	£2,806.00	£190.00
<i>SCIAF-Ukraine</i>	£2,750.84	£249.95
<i>SVDP</i>	---	£4.50
<i>Building Fund</i>	---	£84.20
<i>Crib</i>	£522.00	£75.60

Eucharistic Crumbs

Whereas in the other sacraments Christ gives us a share in his power and grace, in the Eucharist He gives us His very Self, the Source of all grace.

The Eucharist nourishes, strengthens and renews all the other graces we receive, especially the graces of baptism and confirmation, but also the grace of the sacraments of Marriage and of Holy Orders.

To bear fruit in us, the Eucharist must be received with faith and with a moral life which obeys the demands of faith. The Eucharist removes all venial sins of which we sincerely repent.

The Eucharist does not remove mortal sin since mortal sin is to break communion with God. To receive the Eucharist in mortal sin is a contradiction and it complicates that sin further.