

FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY (A), 5th FEBRUARY 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
5/2: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - green	Proper Lidia Tracey, D (6pm Vigil) Evy Johansen, D (10am) Intention of Priest (12.15pm)
6/2: SS. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs - red	Ordinary Week 5, Mon Thomas Rossi, D
7/2: Feria - green	Ordinary Week 5, Tues John Greenlees Walcome, D
8/2: Feria - green	Ordinary Week 5, Wed Ronie Carlos Vieira, D
9/2: Feria - green Millport	Ordinary Week 5, Thurs Robert Houston, D
10/2: St. Scholastica, Virgin (d. 547) - white	Ordinary Week 5, Fri Helen Keane, D
11/2: Our Lady of Lourdes	---
12/2: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - green	Proper John Comiskey, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Marten Family (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 Caghey, 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. **Recently Deceased:** Jim McAllister. **Anniversary of Death:** Joe McGinty, Margaret Yates, Tom Connell.

NOTICES

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This liturgical week is relatively quiet perhaps giving us time to start thinking about Lent and planning the spiritual exercises we feel God is asking us to make. See the "Dates for your Diary" table below for some activities you might consider, not forgetting that the Mass itself is the best spiritual exercise possible provided you truly participate in it with a lively faith and love.

Mass on Thursday will be in Millport, as it is the second Thursday in the month.

On Monday, our eyes are turned east to the Church in Japan which can boast of St. Paul Miki and his 25 companions who were mocked, tortured, bound to crosses and speared in Nagasaki in 1597. Paul Miki himself had been a Jesuit.

On Friday, we commemorate the twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica. She followed her brother's dedication to God and founded female Benedictine communities in and around Cassino in central Italy.

Paul Miki inspires us to courageous witness to Christ; Scholastica inspires us to courageous prayer to Christ.

We will transfer the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to Monday, 13th February, bar any funeral.

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: Please continue to pray for Fr. Peter on his pilgrimage to Assisi, to the tombs of Blessed Carlo, of St. Francis and of St. Clare.

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. If you wish to be anointed, please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on arrival.

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

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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 (.....).

PRO-LIFE GROUP: The St. Mary's Pro-Life Group will meet on Monday 6th February at 7.30pm in the hall. New members welcome.

READERS: I appeal to parishioners in St. Mary's who would be interested in proclaiming the Word of God at Mass to get in touch with me. Please remember that you need to have the capacity to project your voice, despite the microphone being there. In fact, we don't actually "read" at Mass anyway, rather we "proclaim" the Word with confidence, understanding of its meaning, calmly, neither too rapidly nor too slowly. The ministry of proclaiming the Word can have an important impact on the spiritual lives of those present.

PARISH CHOIR (St. Mary's): Choir practice recommences on Sunday, 5 February 2023 after the 10 am Mass and all are most welcome to join. The focus of our practices will be the Holy Week liturgies and your voice would only enrich our efforts in that most sacred week. Please contact Anne Timmons (673053) or Louise Devine (672572) if you have any questions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Lent is not far away, so I would invite parishioners in both parishes to consider a weekly celebration of the Stations of the Cross during Lent. For St. Mary's, I would invite the parish groups we have to let me know which Wednesday of Lent would suit them to lead the Stations. The Wednesdays available are: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th; and April 5th (Wednesday of Holy Week). Any Millport parishioners interested in organising something similar or diverse can let me know.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES: The diocesan Youth Ministry Office is delighted to offer opportunities for the young people across the parishes to participate in the Youth for Lourdes group, travelling with the diocesan pilgrimage 03-10 July 2023 or the World Youth Day event in Lisbon, Portugal 30th July till 8th August 2023. Open to young people aged from 4th year upwards. For more information contact Fr Jim on: youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or telephone 01387 252603 for more information.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE: St. Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Sunday 5th February, 5pm. All welcome.

HEAT AND HOSPITALITY: 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.

MILLPORT, SECOND COLLECTIONS: From the first Sunday in February, a second collection of the building costs of the parish will be taken up on the first Sunday of the month. Any other special collection will be taken up on the third Sunday.

LEGACY (St. Mary's): I am very pleased to inform St. Mary's Parishioners that the late Marcy Chalmers has left a legacy of £500 to the parish. As we honour her memory, let us pray for her eternal rest.

SYCAMORE - "HOLY SPIRIT" course for LENT - starts Feb. 23rd - Thursday evenings.

What does it mean to live our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit work through the Church and through the sacraments? How does the Holy Spirit call us to a particular vocation, send us out on mission, and help us to live our faith in the family and in society?

Sycamore is a video-based, informal course, about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today and is being used in parishes and schools across the UK and beyond. It gives space to meet other parishioners, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Over a six-week period during Lent, small groups of 6 to 10 parishioners, will meet each THURSDAY evening, commencing Feb. 23rd - 7.30pm to 9pm. Each session will involve video clips to introduce topics followed by suggestions for discussion. There's no pressure. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged.

This particular Sycamore course is called the "Holy Spirit Pathway" and does not repeat any of the six session videos which formed the basis of last year's SYCAMORE Lent course. To join a group or for more information, please either contact myself or Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Place and Time	Event
Sun, 19.02.23	10am, St. Mary's	Confirmations
Wed, 22.02.23	--	Ash Wednesday
Fri, 24.02.23	3pm, St. Mary's	Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse
Thu, 02.03.23	6.30-8pm, St. Mary's	Agape
Wednesdays of Lent	7pm, St. Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent	7pm, St. Mary's	Silent Adoration with Confessions
Tues, 21.03.23	11am, School	First Confessions
Fri, 31.03.23	10am, St. Mary's	Children's pre-Easter Mass
2-9 April 2023	--	Holy Week