

VOCATIONS (OR 4th) SUNDAY OF EASTER (A), 30th APRIL 2023

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:1-10)

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Holy Mass (all Masses in person & live-streamed)

Largs: 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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
30/4: Fourth Sunday of Easter - white. Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday.	Proper Roderick Galbraith, A (6pm Vig.) William Norquay, A (10am) Special Intention (12.15pm)
1/5: St. Joseph the Worker - white	Easter Week 4, Mon Ann Storer, D
2/5: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (d. 373) - white	Easter Week 4, Tue Peter Lohoar, D
3/5: Requiem Mass for Gino Leonardi, RIP - purple	Proper Gino Leonardi, RIP
4/5: Mass of Our Lady - blue	Easter, Week 4, Thu Murdina Norquay, A
5/5: Feria - white [First Friday]	Easter, Week 4, Fri Francisca Alemany, D
6/5: Feria	---
7/5: Fifth Sunday of Easter - white.	Proper Anne Gillespie, D (6pm Vig.) All Parishioners (10am) 1 st Communicants (12 Noon) C. McMenemy, RD (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, 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, Margaret MacMillan, Arthur Sambucci, Betty O'Donnell, Mother Mary Bennet, Linda Scott.

Recently Deceased: Gino Leonardi, Jim O'Kane, Canon Joe Dow.

Anniversary of Death: Thomas McBride, Betty Lincoln, Anne Greig, Collin Moran, Hannah Boyce, Winifred Gallacher, Isabel McCall, Marian Figgins. **Special Intention:** Bilchak Family; Marner Family.

Psalm Response if sung (Vigil & Sunday Masses): My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

NOTICES

MR. GINO LEONARDI, RIP (St. Mary's): We continue to pray for the eternal rest of Mr. Leonardi and for the consolation and strength of those who mourn him. His coffin will be brought to St. Mary's on Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 10am. The corpse will be repatriated to Italy thereafter.

MANY THANKS to Fr. Ferdinand Onwuka for celebrating Masses in St. Mary's between 26th April and 1st May. Thanks also to Fr. Mark Connolly for celebrating the 12.15pm Mass in Millport on Sunday 30th April.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We enter into the heart of Eastertide on this fourth week which, this year, coincides with the first week of May, dedicated to Our Lady. Interestingly enough, the week begins with Mass in honour of Her Spouse, St. Joseph, patron of all workers. Let's commend all workers in our parishes, and their work, to his intercession. We will honour Our Lady herself with a Mass on Thursday. On Tuesday, we commemorate St. Athanasius, the great defender of the divinity of Christ, "consubstantial" and "coequal" with the Father, a doctrine and a truth supremely proven by the Resurrection. Mid-week, we have the sad duty of bidding au revoir to another parishioner, Gino Leonardi, whom we commend to the loving mercy of Christ. Friday is First Friday.

What is "the Liturgy", anyway?

The Liturgy is firstly Jesus Christ's worship of the Father, accomplished through the loving obedience of his incarnation, self-offering on the Cross and resurrection (aka "the paschal mystery"). The fruit of that was that He sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and, in different ways, upon all who believe in and love Him (aka "the Church"). By the power of the Spirit, Jesus then associates the Church with Himself in His worship of the Father so that, together, Head and Body, we participate in and carry out the Liturgy - primarily the Mass, but all the other sacraments, too.

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Liturgy is the most sublime activity or work possible for the human being both individually and collectively. So, it is not just a duty but an honour, a privilege, our life and our glory.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS (St. Mary's): This Sunday 7th May at **12 Noon**, for P4 and others.

FIRST CONFESSIONS (St. Mary's): **Friday 5th May** in St. Mary's school, for P3.

AGAPE (St. Mary's): Thursday, 4th May, 6.30-8pm, distributed thus: 1) Silent adoration, 6.30-6.50pm; 2) Reflections on what Vatican II teaches about Our Lady, 6.50-7.10pm; 3) Silent adoration, 7.10-7.30pm; 4) Rosary, Litany & Simple Benediction, 7.30-8pm.

Carfin or Schoenstatt (the Campsies); it could be all or some of the above; it could be something else! It's not possible for me to do everything or lead everything, so I want to encourage you to take such initiatives you think helpful.

PARISHES' 2024 PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI: 8-13 February 2024. More details and booking forms can be had from the parish office (9.30am-1.30pm, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri). For more information, contact Tim Bray on 07709 921 807 or braytim@outlook.com Please don't leave booking your place until the last minute: **come forward now!**

PRO-LIFE GROUP (St. Mary's): Monday 1st May, 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall. New members always welcome!

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING (St. Mary's): 2pm on Fridays in the parish hall.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM (St. Mary's): Next meeting is on Tuesday **2nd May** at 7.30pm in the hall. There will be no exposition beforehand, due to the presence in the church of the coffin of Mr. Gino Leonardi.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Ecclesiastical Students (Seminarians) at all Masses 6/7 May. Gift Aid envelopes.

BULLETIN NOTICES: By 12 Noon on Wednesdays.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISHES

Day	Largs	Millport
Sunday 2 only	9.20-9.55am (S)	4-5pm (S)
Monday	9.20-9.55am (R) 2-3pm (R) (H)	---
Tuesday	9.20-9.55am (R)	---
Wednesday	9.20-9.55am (R)	---
Thursday 1, 3, 4 (& 5)	9.20-9.55am (R)	1.45pm (R)
Thursday 1 only	6.30-8pm (R)	---
Thursday 2 only	---	9-9.55am (R) 2-3pm (R)
Friday	9.20-9.55am (R)	---
Saturday 2 only	5-5.55pm (S)	---

S = Silent; R = Rosary; H = Hall

Please note: no adoration or rosary prior to a funeral.

Eucharistic Adoration is present and growing in our parishes. With the intercession of Blessed Carlo and other Eucharistic saints (such as SS. Ignatius of Antioch, Francis and Clare of Assisi, Juliana of Liège, Thomas Aquinas, Julian Peter Eymard) it can grow further, perhaps in new and different ways (send me your ideas). In the Book of the Apocalypse (3:2), the Lord stirs the local church of Sardis to "wake up; revive what little you have left: it is dying fast." Arguably that can be said to the whole Church today in the West. A Eucharistic Revival can ground, sustain and lead us to respond to the Lord. Only His power can bring about the return of the lost and reinvigorate the rest. The Eucharist will feed us with the divine grace that draws us to Him and builds up his Church. Pray for the grace of a Eucharistic Revival in our parishes, "and let it begin with me"!

MONTH OF MAY: Our Lady's month of May is upon us. Both our parishes are honoured to have Her as Patroness and devotion to Her in them is alive and well. If anyone would like to take any initiative during May to give Her special honour and to stir renewed devotion to Her, I am ready to welcome your ideas. It could be more prayer; it could be to invite a speaker or to prepare discussions about Her person and role in the Church; it could be to organise a musical or poetic event; it could be a parish day event to

SAINT MONICA

Patron Saint for Lapsed Catholics

Many of us have close relatives who no longer practice their Catholic faith, a source of great sadness and concern for many a mother or father, brother or sister. It is also a great sorrow to your parish priest. While we must respect everyone's freedom, it does not mean that we condone everything they choose. Our own commitment to Christ and the Church can never leave us indifferent to those who fall or walk away. Our love for them compels us to want their return to the grace and joy of a full Catholic life, the gift and promise the Lord Himself gives them.

One thing we can do is to pray for them, as I am sure you all do. Saint Monica, mother of St. Augustine, is the patroness of lapsed Catholics. Here is a prayer you can pray to her, alone or, better, together with others.

Eternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son Who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic Faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your Word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer. I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for *[name(s)]* who no longer share(s) in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. St. Monica, pray for us!