

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B), 17th DECEMBER 2023

“THAT THIS DIVINE SUSTENANCE MAY CLEANSE US OF OUR FAULTS AND PREPARE US FOR THE COMING FEASTS”
(Prayer after Communion).

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year B WEEKDAY, Year II

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
17/12: Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday - rose “O Sapientia, O Wisdom!”	Proper Gemma McDonagh, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Sister Dominica, SI (12.15pm)
18/12: Advent Feria - purple “O Adonai, Leader of Israel!”	Advent Week 3, Mon Stephen Bowmer, RD
19/12: Advent Feria - purple “O radix lesse, O root of Jesse!”	Advent Week 3, Tue Special Intention (AMcD)
20/12: Advent Feria - purple “O clavis David, O key of David!”	Advent Week 3, Wed Kearns Family
21/12: Requiem Mass for Mr. Leonello Castelveccchi, RIP “O Oriens, O Rising Sun!”	Proper Leonello Castelveccchi
22/12: Advent Feria - purple “O Rex gentium, O King of the peoples!”	Advent Week 3, Fri General Council, CSN, SI
23/12: --- “O Emmanuel, O God with us!”	---
24/12: Fourth Sunday of Advent - purple	Proper Deborah Mulqueen, S (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Fr. John Fraser, D (12.15pm)

A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick; SI = Special Intention; RIP = Requiem Mass

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Ayr Hospital chaplain: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145.

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

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am.

Weekday Mass, 10am, Mon-Fri, except 2nd Thursdays.

Holidays of Obligation: Vigil, 7pm; Day Mass at 10am only.

Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; 2nd Thursdays, 10am.

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Reconciliation or Confession:

Largs: Saturdays, 5-5.45pm; Mondays, after 10am Mass.

Millport: After 10am Mass every 2nd Thursday.

Eucharistic Adoration & Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood
on Mondays at 2pm, Largs (Hall).

Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Fridays at 2pm, Largs (Hall).

Prayer Line: Please ring 07746 923 680 for prayerful support.

Tea & Coffee in St. Mary's Hall after Sunday 10am Mass

Sick: Margaret Gallagher, Helen McShane, Colette McCafferty, Bruce McDougall, Jessie Clements, May Holland, Eithne Brown, Mary Lyden, Ylena Green, Mary Boyce, Hugh Millar, Anton McCann, Rena Lee, Jim Lee, Brian Gilligan, Liam McDermott, Frank McCarthy, Baby Ethan Ferguson, Harry Sammons, Henry McMonagle, Joseph Bennett, Margaret Bennett, John & Elizabeth Robertson, Barry Smith, Natasha McNicol, Suzanne Kelly, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Jacqueline Docherty, Mgr. Thomas Canon Egan, Kenneth Collins, Mary McCaffrey, Margaret Maguire, Tom Maguire, Margaret MacMillan, Betty O'Donnell, Linda Scott, Ann Clark, Fr. Eamonn Flynn, Mary McQueen, Esther Murphy, Bill Callison, Sheila Davidson, Marc Codona, Sheila Ferguson, Sandra Canning, Kristine Wallace, Freeda Gutherze, Bella White, Jordan McGhee, Frank Murray, Deborah Mulqueen. **Recently Deceased:** Leonello Castelveccchi, Gordon Condron, Stephen Bowmer, Kathleen Haveron, Daniel Kelly, Vincent McMonagle. **Anniversary of Death:** Bridget Breen, Elizabeth McCabe, Peter & Cathy Flynn, Therese McEwan.

Sat/Sun. Psalm Response, if sung: My soul rejoices in my God.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Day	Largs	Millport
Sunday	---	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)
Every Thursday	---	2-3pm (R)
Friday	9.20-9.55am (R)	---
2 nd Saturday only	5-5.55pm (S)	---

S = Silent; R = Rosary; H = Hall

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

NOTICES

MR. LEONELLO CASTELVECCHI, RIP (St. Mary's): I am very sorry to announce the death of Mr. Castelveccchi of John Street, Largs, who sadly passed away at the age of 75 on Sunday 19th December, at Crosshouse Hospital. May he rest in peace in the glory of Christ's Kingdom. Our prayers and sincerest condolences go to his dear wife

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Eileen, son David and granddaughter Caitlin. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 21st December at 10am and thereafter to the Haylie Bray cemetery in Largs. **LITURGY THIS WEEK:** This Sunday commences the Novena countdown to Christmas. Hence the Liturgy this week seeks to prepare us intensely for both Christ's first Coming and his second Coming; each implies and beckons the other. The famous Advent “O” antiphons, mainly taken from the prophet Isaiah, stir our sense of urgent expectation and attribute to Jesus a whole series of impressive titles and honours. This is no mere earthly king we await, but Christ the King of the Universe and therefore of our own lives! The funeral Mass on Thursday reminds us that Christ also comes between his first and second appearances, i.e., at the moment of death. While we are naturally reticent about death, faith invites us to banish that apprehension with utter confidence in the One who loves and saves us. Death itself lies under His feet.

MASS OBLIGATION AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR 23-24-25 DECEMBER: Remembering that “the obligation to attend Sunday Mass” and “Holy Days of Obligation” is a duty arising from our faith in and love for Jesus Christ, the back-to-back occurrence of the 4th Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of Christmas this year presents a challenge to us all. Let's rise to it and respond with generous hearts, considering everything that the Lord has done for us!

Attendance at Mass (for those who are not legitimately impeded) for the 4th Sunday of Advent, covering the 6pm Vigil Mass of Saturday 23rd and/or the 10am and/or 12.15pm Masses of Sunday 24th December, is still an obligation irrespective of the fact that Christmas comes right after it.

Likewise, attendance at Mass for Christmas, covering the 5pm and/or 8pm Vigil Masses of Sunday 24th December and/or the 10am Mass on Monday 25th December, is also an obligation distinct from the obligation accruing to the 4th Sunday of Advent.

At whichever Mass or Masses you attend on these days, you may receive Holy Communion, provided you would normally be in a position to do so.

“O” ANTIPHONS & CHRISTMAS NOVENA: A limited number of copies is available at the back of our churches, for the day-to-day recitation of these antiphons and the novena prayers. I encourage you to use these simple means to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of Christ.

ADORATION ON FRIDAYS OF ADVENT (St. Mary's): From 6.00-7.30pm on Friday 22nd Dec. there will be silent adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Confessions from 7pm.

“YEAR B” & THE GOSPEL OF MARK: From now until Advent 2024, we will be reading from the Gospel of Mark on most Sundays. An overall understanding of what is particular to this Evangelist in his proclamation of Jesus Christ is thus very useful. It helps to understand specific texts and approaches he takes in this, that or the other excerpt from the Gospel we hear. Come along, then, to my talk on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm, and we can share our impressions on Mark. If possible, read through the whole text from beginning to end in preparation for the talk!

MILLPORT ROSARY AND ADORATION: These will start again with rosary on 11 January and adoration 13 January.

LEGION OF MARY (St. Mary's): Wednesdays after the 10am Mass. New members welcome. Contact M. Ryan on 675593 for more information.

FROM THE PRO-LIFE GROUP: We will place boxes at the back of the church at Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We would be very grateful for donations of gifts for a baby. (nappies, new baby clothes, baby wipes etc). These gifts will be taken to The Cardinal's Initiative in Glasgow for distribution to those in need. There will also be a box at the back of the Church in Millport.

PARISH FESTIVAL, 16-29 SEPTEMBER 2024 (St. Mary's): Please get in touch directly with Celia Lewis if you wish to contribute in any minor or major way to the Festival. Contact Celia on: cecilylewislargs17@gmail.com

ST. MARY'S CHURCH STALL: A very good selection of Christmas cards and gifts are on sale after every Mass.

SOME PRAYER OCCASIONS TO BE CRIMINALISED IN SCOTLAND: A new parliamentary Bill proposes criminalising prayer in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please visit rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced. Please respond to the parliament consultation which ends on 20 December. For more information follow this link to the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office: [Buffer Zones – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](http://rcpolitics.org/Buffer-Zones-Catholic-Parliamentary-Office)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be one collection only at all Christmas Masses, 24-25 December, for the SCIAF Holy Land appeal.

Advent Events & Christmas Mass Times

19/12, 7pm	Talk on St. Mark's Gospel
22/12, 6-7.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration, with Confessions from 7pm
24/12, 5pm	Millport, Christmas vigil Mass with Confessions at 4pm and Carols at 4.45pm
24/12, 8pm	Largs, Christmas “Midnight” Mass. Carols at 7.30pm
25/12, 10am	Largs, Christmas Mass of the Day
21/1/24	Word of God Sunday
21/1/24, 5pm	Ecumenical Service, Christian Unity Octave

INCOME NOVEMBER 2023

Description	Largs	Millport
Loose plate	£2,521.16	£721.61
Bank Income	£3,143.00	£40.00
Catholic Education	£696.61	£130.40
Morocco, SCIAF	£881.83	£159.70
Flowers	--	£ 1.00
SVDP	--	£3.00
New boiler, donation	--	£700.00
New boiler, collection	--	£230.77