

SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, 30th JUNE 2024

"THE CHAINS FELL FROM HIS HANDS" (Acts 12:7).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year B

WEEKDAY, Year II

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
30/6: Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul - red	Proper James & Theresa Beattie, A (Vigil, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Betty Bisset, D (12.15pm)
1/7: Feria - green	Week 13, Mon General Council, CSN (SI)
2/7: Feria - green	Week 13, Tue General Council, CSN (SI)
3/7: Feast of St. Thomas Apostle - red	Proper Anna Gallagher, RD
4/7: Feria - green	Week 13, Thu Sr. Louis Marie, CSN (SI)
5/7: Feria - green	Week 13, Fri Sr. Teresa, CSN (SI)
6/7: Feria	---
7/7: Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday - green	Proper Marie McDermott, A (Vig, 6pm) Eileen Skelly, A (10am) Betty Bisset, D (12.15pm)

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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)	---
Every Thursday	---	1.45pm (R)*
Thursday 1 only	6.30-8pm (R)	---
Thursday 2 only	---	9-9.55am (R)
Friday	9.20-9.55am (R)	---
2 nd Saturday only	5-5.45pm (S)	---

S = Silent; R = Rosary; H = Hall;

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

*Suspended for July and August

NOTICES

WARMEST OF WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: If you are on holiday in Largs district or on Cumbrae, please know that you are very welcome among us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We hope you have a very pleasant break and that, in the odd moment, you will find time to rest your hearts and souls a little, too, in our beautiful parish churches. Haste ye back!

BAPTISM (Millport): I am delighted to announce that Marcus Finan, son to Kat and Kevin Finan, and grandson to Linda Milton, will be baptised at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour's, Millport, after the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 7th July. Let us pray for Marcus and his whole family. May the grace of baptism shine the light and love of Christ on one and all!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We have a relatively quiet liturgical week ahead of us, reflecting the lower gear we probably all need as the school summer holidays commence. On

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
28 GREENOCK ROAD, LARGS, KA30 8NE
&
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
COLLEGE STREET, MILLPORT, KA28 0BG

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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 Buildings Caretaker & Hallkeeper:

Edward Stewart, 07796 209986

Crosshouse Hospital chaplain: Fr. Stephen McGrattan at crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832;

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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Sacrament of 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).

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fridays 2.30-3.30pm, Largs (Church).

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, Henry McMonagle, Joseph Bennett, Margaret Bennett, Elizabeth Robertson, Barry Smith, Natasha McNicol, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Cathie Docherty, Mgr. Thomas Canon Egan, Kenneth Collins, Mary McCaffrey, Margaret Maguire, Margaret MacMillan, Betty O'Donnell, Linda Scott, Ann Clark, Fr. Eamonn Flynn, Esther Murphy, Bill Callison, Sheila Davidson, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, Bella White, Jordan McGhee, Deborah Mulqueen, John Harkin, Jim Gallagher, Elaine Peebles, Sister Margaret Murphy, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Jane Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Bob Traynor, Margaret McGee, Louise Gavin. **Recently Deceased:** Pat Hayes. **Anniversary of Death:** Edward McMillan, Alice Black, Eileen Skelly.

Sung Psalm Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES!

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Wednesday, however, we celebrate the attractive figure of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr, who reputedly arrived as far as India to preach the Gospel. He is our friend and mentor before Jesus whenever we are tripped up by doubts about our faith. Touching the wounds of Jesus healed him of his doubt. In the great mystery of Christ's suffering we all find healing and certainty for our souls.

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER: St. Mary's Hall, Saturday July 6th at 2pm. This month's session will be led by Fr. Ferdinand Onwuka, chaplain to the Benedictine Monastery. Fr. Ferdinand offers this reflection in preparation for the day: “Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect” - Matt. 5:48. These words of Jesus resonate in us as followers of Jesus. The call to holiness and perfection of life as pilgrims, is a universal vocation of all those who believe and desire to follow the way of Christ. It is a call that challenges us to emulate the life and standard that Jesus has set for us. It is not easy in whatever form or shape to answer this call in total obedience and surrender, but it is rewarding and fulfilling when we humbly submit ourselves in his unfailing grace. So as pilgrims, may we always make recourse to him the source of holiness and perfection to supply all the needed graces to hearken to this call of perfection of life.”

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: In both parishes, I invite all EME's, both those who administer the Sacrament at Mass and those who bring it to the sick, to come forward after the homily to renew publicly your commitment to this important service of our parish communities. Since I know people can be away or otherwise impeded, and if you did not already do so last weekend, you can renew your commitment at any one of the three Sunday Masses this weekend. I have printed out the usual formula for your convenience.

“I BRING YOU NEWS OF GREAT JOY!”: I hope to collect the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis this coming week from the hands of the Postulator for his cause of canonization. Please say a prayer that all goes well. Once we have the relic, we can consider how to introduce it into the church in a suitable way and in a suitable position for prayer and devotion.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: This year we celebrate this lovely event on Sunday 28th July. The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will celebrate this day at the Marian Shrine, Carfin, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

LEGION OF MARY: St Mary's Praesidium invites parishioners (over the age of 18), to join us in our Lay Apostolate. Our prayerful meeting (Rosary, Legion Prayers, Spiritual Reading, short talk by our Spiritual Director and report of work undertaken), takes place after Mass on Wednesdays in the small meeting room and lasts about one hour. Our main work, undertaken in two's, is visiting the sick and housebound at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. You are very welcome to come and see.

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: cecilylewislarges17@gmail.com

HOLY YEAR 2025: There is not a great deal of information available yet on the official Holy Year website of the Vatican or on our diocesan Holy Year Facebook page. The theme of the year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” From a pilgrim perspective, there will be a diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7-14 July. We also hope to organise another parish pilgrimage to Assisi, but in October 2025, to cover Blessed (Saint!) Carlo's feast day (12th October).

There won't be a Parish Festival in 2025, but we can still plan to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, in grand style. Since it is a Holy Year, we can perhaps consider celebrating in some form how to advance the holiness of different dimensions of our parish community: our worship and prayer, marriage and family, the vocation of suffering, education, work, etc. I invite everyone to put on their thinking and praying hats. A Holy Year is a Jubilee of abundant divine graces, so let's be “ambitious for the higher gifts”, as St. Paul says.

GROUP FOR THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED & CIVILLY REMARRIED (St. Mary's): This support group will meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July. It is open to anyone who finds her/himself in need in this area of life.

PAX CHRISTI SCOTLAND: The latest Newsletter can be found at www.paxchristiscotland.org

HALL FUNDRAISING (St. Mary's): If you have any “bright ideas” you would like to share for this, please email largs@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or pop a note with your idea into the parish house. This will help in planning the way ahead, beginning probably in October.

SAINT MATTHEW'S ACADEMY NEWSLETTER: Please click on the link: <https://bit.ly/stms24>

HOLY YEAR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCOTLAND: For access to events and resources please visit the page at: <https://www.facebook.com/holyyearsotland2025>

AI CATHOLICISM CHAT BOT: A very useful teaching resource for Catholics - <https://www.magisterium.com>

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Peter's Pence, 29/30 June. Cf. this link for more information on what Peter's Pence is: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html>.

FR. PETER ON HOLIDAY: I will be away from 1-23 July on holiday with friends and family in England. During that time, there will be a priest to cover all Masses, confessions and funerals in both parishes, with the exceptions of Friday 12th and Monday 22nd July (so funerals cannot be arranged for those dates).

For urgent sick calls from 1-11 July inclusive, please contact Fr. Ferdinand Onwuka at the Monastery on 07404 623 741.

For urgent sick calls from 12-22 July inclusive, please contact Fr. Stephen Latham on 01294 832 181.

For notifications in the bulletin of names of the sick, deaths or anniversaries, please contact the Parish Secretary, Mrs. Luciana Stewart.

All funeral arrangements will be coordinated by Mrs. Stewart. Local Undertakers have also been notified.