

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, 16th MARCH 2025

“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN” (Philippians 3:20).

Sung Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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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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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 (Largs): Fridays 2.30-3.30pm.

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

Bible Study Group (Largs): Thursdays, 2.15pm, in the hall (bar the last Thursday in the month).

Book Club (Largs): Last Thursday, 2.15pm in the hall.

Chat 'N Do (Largs): Wednesdays, 1-3pm in the hall.

Youth Hub (Largs: P7-S3): Last Fridays, 6.30-8pm in the hall.

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

Recently Deceased: Elzbieta Kaltner, Ness Cranston, Jane Paterson.

Anniversary of Death: Tom Rutherford, James Tracey, Thomas Laming, Hugh Murphy. **Sick:** Tom Slinger, Librada Suyat, Tom Maguire, Angela Fraser, Dale Cooper, Jenny Felle, May Fulton, Iain McBride, Caterina King, John Nicol, Dara Gillespie, Ruth Maguire, Frank Murray, Karen Ortiz, Brian Murphy, Jose Nagel Paster, Margaret Gallagher, Helen McShane, Colette McCafferty, 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, Elizabeth Robertson, Barry Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Betty O'Donnell, Linda Scott, Ann Clark, Fr. Eamonn Flynn, Bill Callison, Sheila Davidson, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, Janice Mulqueen, John Harkin, Jim Gallagher, Elaine Peebles, Sister Margaret Murphy, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Janice Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Bob Traynor, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

A WARM WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!
PLEASE SILENCE MOBILE PHONES!

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

| SUNDAY, Year C COMMEMORATION | WEEKDAY, Year I READINGS & MASS INTENTION |
|--|--|
| 16/3: Second Sunday of Lent – purple | Proper Mary Ann MacNeil, A (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh Murphy, A (12.15pm) |
| 17/3: Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop (d. 461) – white | Proper Tom Rutherford, A |
| 18/3: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Elzbieta Kaltner, RIP [Millport, 12 Noon] | Proper Elzbieta Kaltner, RD |
| 19/3: Solemnity of Saint Joseph – white | Proper Harry Ward, A |
| 20/3: Feria of Lent – purple | Proper Anne Tierney, RD |
| 21/3: Feria of Lent – purple | Proper Leonora McLelland, A |
| 22/3: Feria of Lent | --- |
| 23/3: Third Sunday of Lent – purple. First Scrutiny for RCIA elect, 10am Mass Readings: Year A | Proper Therese Addison, A (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) E&H Boyce, W. Gallacher, 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) | 1.45-2.45pm (R)+ |
| Wednesday | 9.20-9.55am (R) | --- |
| Thursday 1, 3, 4 (& 5) | 9.20-9.55am (R) | --- |
| Thursday 1 only | 6.30-8pm (R) | --- |
| Thursday 2 only | --- | 9-9.55am (R) |
| Friday | 9.20-9.55am (R) | --- |

S = Silent; R = Rosary; H = Hall. No Rosary/Adoration before funerals.

FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE FRONT CIRCLE OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH! DROP-OFFS ONLY.

NOTICES

MRS ELZBIETA KALTNER (Millport): I regret to announce the death of Mrs. Kaltner at the Lady Margaret Hospital on Cumbrae, who died on 4th March at the age of 66. May she rest in the peace of Christ. We extend our sympathies to her husband Mark and to all other family and friends. May Our Lady of Perpetual Succour assist them in their grief. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 18th March at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport cemetery.

MRS NESS CRANSTON (Largs): I am very sorry to announce the recent death of Ness Cranston, a former Largs parishioner and a friend to many, who passed away earlier last week at Crammond Care Home in Edinburgh. May she rest in peace and receive the reward of all her labours and sufferings. Our deepest condolences go to her family and friends whom we

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commend to the motherly intercession of Our Lady. Funeral details will follow.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Largs): Our P3 children at St. Mary’s Primary will receive this sacrament in the school on Tuesday 1st April. Our **Lenten Penitential Service** will be on Thursday 10th April at 2pm in St. Mary’s Church, with four priests.

EASTER TRIDUUM 17-20 April: In **LARGS:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7.30pm; Good Friday Liturgy, 3pm; Easter Vigil, 9pm; Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection, 10am. In **MILLPORT:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7.15pm; Good Friday Liturgy, 12.45pm; No Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection, 12.15pm.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Lent is beautifully “interrupted” this week with the grand celebrations of St. Patrick (Monday) and St. Joseph (Wednesday). We bid farewell on Tuesday in Millport to Mrs. Elzbieta Kaltner just as, we pray, heaven bids her welcome. On Thursday and Friday, we calmly resume our Lenten Masses, asking the Lord to mature in us the revolutionary grace of the repentance of our **whole self** to Him.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Mary’s): Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

| Date | Leader |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 21 st March | Pro-Life Group |
| 28 th March | Saturday Passkeepers |
| 4 th April | Fairlie Parishioners |
| 11 th April | Choir |
| 18 th April | Fr. Peter |

FORTHCOMING LITURGICAL DATES TO NOTE: 25th March, the Annunciation; 13th April, Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; 20th April, Easter Sunday; 27th April, Canonization of Carlo Acutis; 11th May, First Holy Communion at 10am Mass.

SCRUTINIES SUNDAYS: For our three RCIA candidates, now called “the elect”, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent are significant steps in their preparation for the Sacraments at Easter. The RCIA requires that, on those Sundays (and **only** at the 10am Mass), the readings be taken from Year A. Hence, on those Sundays, please note that we will not use the current Year C readings. Let us continue to pray for them.

SIGNS OF HOPE: A leaflet is available on the third of Pope Francis’ signs of hope for the Jubilee or Holy Year. Please take one home and read and pray with it over this month of March.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary’s): Next meeting on Tuesday 18th March in the hall at 7pm (**not** 7.30pm!).

ST. MARY’S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: To make a contribution towards this shrine, there are “donation envelopes” (Gift Aid-able) in the church porch of St. Mary’s. On the contactless terminal there is also an option to donate towards the Blessed Carlo shrine. Total received so far: **£4,136.66**. Sincerest thanks to the donors! Our target is £10k.

SUMMARY OF AFR FOR 2024 & COPY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: For both our respective parishes these two documents are available at the back of the church.

FORTHCOMING PARISH MEETINGS (St. Mary’s): 18th March, Parish Pastoral Council; 1st April, Parish Safeguarding Team. Meetings commence at 7pm.

PARISH LENT COURSE (St. Mary’s): “Exploring our Faith & Sycamore” Lent Course. – starts March 12th to April 9th – every Wednesday evening during LENT at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We have chosen a pathway which will contain some themes from the Sycamore website along with exploring the content of the Jubilee Year. Please sign up or simply turn up at any of the Wednesday Lent evenings at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com

ST JOSEPH & ST PATRICK’S, WEMYSS BAY: Thursday, 20th March “The Eucharist, the Pearl of Great Price”: a talk by Father Jonathan Whitworth

ST. MATTHEW’S ACADEMY FUNDRAISER: To pay for the trip of pupils and staff to St. Peter’s School, Mzuzu, Malawi. Family quiz night, 27th March, 7pm. Tickets, £5 (school office).

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS: Sometimes, it is hard to sustain one particular penance for the whole of Lent. We get tired or “bored” of it, such is our weakness. So, throughout Lent, I will offer daily suggestions for you, covering one act of prayer, one of fasting and one of almsgiving per day. Have a go!

| Date | Pray | Fast | Alms |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Mon 17 | Psalm 4 | Complaining | Be patient |
| Tue 18 | Joel 3:1 | Tea/coffee | Smile |
| Wed 19 | Song of Songs 6:7 | Fragrances | Say I love you to someone |
| Thur 20 | Jude 24 | Dairy | Pray for an enemy |
| Fri 21 | Is 49: 13-17 | Fish & meat | Make a gift that hurts |
| Sat 22 | Rom 16:25-27 | Politics | Encourage |
| Sun 23 | Phil 3:7-8 | Sweets | Ask forgiveness |

INCOME, FEBRUARY 2025

| Destination | Largs (Ch) | Largs (H) | Millport |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Loose Plate | £ 2,449.42 | --- | £467.44 |
| Bank Income | £ 3,178.00 | £ 15.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Contactless (C) | £ 98.46 | £ 0.98 | £ 68.94 |
| C-SVDP | £ 501.84 | --- | --- |
| C-Shrine (C.A.) | £ 103.32 | --- | --- |
| C-Justice&Peace | £ 9.84 | --- | --- |
| Chat’n’do | --- | £ 60.00 | --- |
| Country Dancing | --- | £ 80.00 | --- |
| Rentals | --- | £ 120.00 | --- |
| C-Building Fund | --- | --- | £ 19.70 |
| Electr. Contr. | --- | --- | £ 120.00 |
| SVDP | --- | --- | £ 1.00 |
| NAC Credit | --- | --- | £ 350.00 |
| Flowers | --- | --- | £ 5.00 |
| Candles | £ 254.53 | --- | --- |
| Roof Donation | £ 50.00 | --- | --- |
| Shrine (C.A.) | £ 1,930.00 | --- | --- |

LENTEN SCIAF COLLECTION: Weekend of 29/30 March 2025.

50/50 DRAW: St. Mary’s Parish Men’s Group is holding a Raffle to raise funds for Blessed Carlo Acutis shrine in the parish, tickets can be purchased at the back of the church.

