

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SUNDAY, 25th AUGUST 2024

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Cathie Docherty, Mgr. Thomas Canon Egan, Kenneth Collins, Mary McCaffrey, Margaret MacMillan, Betty O'Donnell, Linda Scott, Ann Clark, Fr. Eamonn Flynn, Esther Murphy, Bill Callison, Sheila Davidson, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, Jordan McGhee, Janice 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, Baby Calum Bartex Cosgrove, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme. **Recently Deceased:** Eddie Pears, Anna Martin, Maureen Bradley. **Anniversary of Death:** Arthur Devine, Margaret Murphy, Maria Kelly (Millport),

Sung Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES!

SUNDAY, Year B	WEEKDAY, Year II
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
25/8: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday - green	Proper Catherine Collins, D (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Clare Farrell, RD (12.15pm)
26/8: Mary, Mother of the Church - blue	Week 21, Mon Arthur Devine, A
27/8: St. Monica (d.387) - white	Week 21, Tue John Kelly, RD
28/8: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (d. 430) - white	Week 21, Wed Betty Rice, D
29/8: Beheading of St. John the Baptist - red	Week 21, Thu Anna Martin, RD
30/8: No Mass today	---
31/8: <i>Feria</i>	---
1/9: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday - green. 1st Sunday, Season of Creation.	Proper Mary Keyes, D (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) John McColl, 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)	---

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

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

*Suspended for July and August

NOTICES

MISS ANNA MARTIN, RIP: Requiem Mass on Thursday 29th August at 11am in St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, Wemyss Bay, and thereafter to St. Conval's cemetery for 1.15pm. The 10am Mass in St. Mary's that same morning will be offered for the repose of Anna's soul.

FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST: No 10am Mass in St. Mary's.

WHITHORN BUS: The bus leaves at 10.30am prompt from in front of St. Mary's church this Sunday, 25th August.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Three notable saints dominate this week's calendar: St. Monica (Tuesday) who wept for the conversion of her son to the faith, which son became the great St. Augustine (Wednesday), one of the most significant theologians and pastors of the history of the Church; on Thursday, we celebrate the glorious martyrdom of the one who called himself "the Bridegroom's friend", St. John the Baptist. Our Marian Mass this week invokes our

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Lady as Mother of the Church (Monday), to whom we entrust both our parishes and all their cares with love and devotion.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE A LIFE JUST PAST AND REJOICE IN A NEW LIFE JUST BEGUN: As part of our prayer and preparation for the day we leave this earth, it's an act of love for those left behind to make our departure as well planned as possible for them, including, and above all, preparing one's funeral Mass and other associated rites.

It will be important to leave directions to our family that we do want a funeral Mass, and where we want it. There is simply no more effective prayer for anyone who has died than the Sacrifice of the Mass, especially on the funeral day.

To assist you in preparing, I have put up on the parish website the Form I give to families when someone dies. You can use this Form yourself, though, in advance, to make your own choices. I have also put up some Guidelines on the website which will help understand better the various rites and options which can be chosen in relation to the liturgical side of funeral arrangements. A limited number of the Form and the Guidelines is also available at the back of our churches.

The link to the Funeral Form on the parish website is: <https://www.rclargsandmillport.com/2024/08/14/funeral-form-st-marys-our-ladys-august-2024/>

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YEAR OF PRAYER: Please click on the following link to access a very helpful booklet to help you pray more intensely and fruitfully during this Year of Prayer, 2024: <https://www.rclargsandmillport.com/2024/08/05/walking-together-in-prayer-05-08-24/>

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER: The next workshop will be on Saturday 7th September in the parish hall at 2pm. The theme this month is "Praying the Divine Office." The Divine Office is the public prayer of the Church as the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains; it is "the prayer of the whole People of God" (CCC, 1175). It is a collection of daily psalms, hymns, prayers and Scripture readings which we read, pray and meditate on at different times of the day. The practice goes back to the earliest days of the Church and is in response to Jesus telling His Apostles of the necessity "to pray always" (Luke 18:1).

PARISH FESTIVAL 2024: Updated programmes for the Festival (16-29 September) are now available at the back of St. Mary's. I encourage and invite all parishioners to make a real effort to attend as much of the Festival as you can, and as is appropriate (e.g. no children at the whisky tasting!). The goal of it is to bring people together to celebrate in both faith and fun, to build community and relationships, to laugh and to cry together, to open hearts and minds, to strengthen faith, hope and love, to reduce the level of loneliness and feelings of not being wanted or cared about, to discover new friends and hobbies, and to do all this and more under the loving care of our Blessed Mother and Patroness and in the strength of the Holy Eucharist. So, get involved, bring a friend or five, invite back to church those who have not been around for whatever reason, take a risk or two, be daring, open up and out, give and receive!

PARISH FESTIVAL EVENTS TICKETS: In order to facilitate sales and help to spread cost for parishioners, we are now selling tickets for the following events:

Golf tournament: Friday 20th September at Routenburn Golf Club. This course provides stunning views and a reasonable golfing challenge. Cost £32 per person. This includes tea/coffee and filled breakfast rolls on arrival at 8.30. Tee off at 9.15. One round of golf with soup and sandwiches for lunch. Various competition prizes! Please phone Brian Teaz on 07803 740064 to book and for any other information (15 to 20 places);

Dinner dance: Saturday 21st September in St. Mary's church Hall, 7pm until 11pm. Ticket cost: £20.

Gin tasting in the hall: Friday 27th September at 7pm. Ticket cost: £15.

Whisky tasting in the hall: Friday 27th September at 8pm. Ticket cost: £15.

For event tickets, contact Celia Lewis at cecilylewislarges17@gmail.com or 07793081044 or Luciana Stewart at the parish office. **Tickets will also be on sale at the back of the church after Mass on Saturday, 31st August and Sunday, 1st September.**

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM (St. Mary's): Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the parish hall, preceded by Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30pm.

PRO-LIFE GROUP: Next meeting, Friday 6th September, after the 10am Mass. New members welcome!

RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH: Weekly meetings for those who wish to become Catholics will begin on Thursday, September 5th at 7pm in St. Mary's parish hall. I appeal to all parishioners who may know someone with an interest in becoming a member of the Catholic Church to extend a hand of encouragement and welcome to them to join our RCIA initiative ("Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"). Let us ask Our Lady and Blessed Carlo that the grace of faith be revived or poured out upon many in our parishes!

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: will meet on **THURSDAY** the 29th of August and henceforth will hold meetings on the final Thursday of each month. This is because Tuesday afternoons have been booked for children's keyboard lessons. Apologies to anyone with scheduling conflicts but we continue to welcome both old and new members to this friendly group. We have a large selection of faith-based books to borrow, or bring one of your favourite books to discuss with the group. Meetings are in the Church Hall.

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP: A Bible Study group will be starting in September. We will meet every Thursday at 2pm in the church hall, **EXCEPT** for the final Thursday of the month which is reserved for the book club. The first meeting will be held on Thursday the 5th September and this will be a planning meeting to discuss the format of the discussions and to identify a reading schedule. Please come and contribute your ideas to make this a vibrant and supportive study group.

YOUTH HUB (St. Mary's): The next Youth Hub will be on Friday 30th August from 6.30-8pm. All children from P7 to S3 are welcome to attend and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship! Contact: Ed Stewart on Tel. 07796 209986, and edwardastewart70@gmail.com, for further information.