

SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, 29th SEPTEMBER 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY, SEASON OF CREATION

"MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD" (Luke 1:46)

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&

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
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Safeguarding Mobile Phone Numbers: Contact our Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs - Mr. Lewis Docherty on 07707 598929; 2) Millport (.....).

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

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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.

Holidays of Obligation, 12.15pm only.

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, 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, Baby Calum Barte Cosgrove, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, Iain McBride, Caterina King, Cathy Revell, John Nicol, Ronnie Galloway, Dara Gillespie.
Recently Deceased: Lawrence Devine, Peter Costigan, George Knight.
Anniversary of Death: Don Donnelly, Margaret Sutherland, Margaret McCarthy, William Spence Greig, David Casey, James McGinty, Agnes Patricia McLure-McGonigal, Anna Jo Galloway,

Sung Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour. My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.

PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year B	WEEKDAY, Year II
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
29/9: Largs: Solemnity of St. Mary, Star of the Sea - white/blue	Proper Margaret Donegan, SI (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am)
Millport: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday - green. 5th Sunday, Season of Creation.	Janet Guy, A (12.15pm)
30/9: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor (d. 420) - white	Week 26, Mon In Thanksgiving, SI (AK)
1/10: St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor (d. 1897) - white	Week 26, Tue Mary Balmer, D
2/10: Requiem Mass for Lawrence Devine, RIP - purple	Proper Lawrence Devine, RD
3/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist - white	Week 26, Thu Jane English, D
4/10: St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon (d. 1226) - white	Week 26, Fri Don Donnelly, A
5/10: St. Faustina Kowalska	---
6/10: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday - green.	Proper George Knight, RD (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Maria Righetti, D (12.15pm)

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

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)	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;

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

NOTICES

MR. LAWRENCE DEVINE, RIP (St. Mary's): The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 10am in St. Mary's Church, and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We have the grace and joy of celebrating three "greats" this week: St. Jerome, the biblical scholar who first translated the whole bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin (Monday); St. Therese, the Little Flower, who behind the sweet, pious and flowery language she used plumbed the depths of divine humility and love (Tuesday); and St. Francis of Assisi, called the "second Christ" because of his poverty, humility and love for all creatures (Friday). On Thursday we return to our Eucharistic focus with a votive Mass in its honour. On Wednesday, we have the solemn

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duty of charity to perform the burial rites for Lawrence Devine, RIP. I encourage parishioners to participate.

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER: Our next workshop will be on Saturday 5th October at 2pm in the church hall. This month's theme is on the devotion to Our Lady Untier of Knots and praying the rosary with Scripture.

Date For Your Diary. Our last Pilgrimage of Prayer workshop in preparation for the Holy Year is on November 2nd is a talk on Prayer and Sacred Music with Sir James MacMillan. Pope St John Paul II stated that sacred music “speaks to us more than all the other arts of goodness, peace, the holy and the divine.” Sir James, the world-renowned composer and conductor, has called music “the most spiritual of the arts.” Please join us as fellow parishioner Sir James leads us in an exploration of Prayer and Sacred Music. The talk will be in St. Mary's church on November 2nd at 2pm, followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

AGAPE: In view of the full Agape day we had during the Festival, there will be no Agape this coming Thursday.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CENACLE: The next full meeting of the Cenacle will be on Wednesday 23rd October at 4pm, with Adoration in the church from 4-4.45pm, to which every parishioner is welcome. The Cenacle business session begins at 4.50pm in the parish hall.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR ASSISI: God willing, I will visit Assisi on pilgrimage once again from 8-15 October. If you have any prayer intentions to bring to St. Francis, St. Clare and/or Blessed Carlo Acutis, please place them in the prayer intention postbox marked “Fr. Peter” in the church porch.

MILLPORT: Rosary will recommence on Tuesday 15th October at 1.45pm and Eucharistic Adoration (silent) will pick up again on Sunday 20th October at 4pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's): The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Exposition from 6.30pm, to which all are invited.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE (St. Mary's): The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm in the parish hall, Exposition from 6.30pm, to which all are invited.

RCIA – JOURNEY IN FAITH: Thursday 3rd October at 7pm.

PRO-LIFE GROUP: Friday 4th October after 10am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Thursday 3rd October at 2.15pm.

GROUP FOR THE DIVORCED, SEPARATED & CIVILLY REMARRIED (St. Mary's): This support group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October. It is open to anyone who finds her/himself in need in this area of life.

At the November meeting of this group on Tuesday 12th of that month, Fr. Peter will give a talk outlining the Church's law on marriage nullity, what it is and what it is not, and how the annulment process unfolds. Given the importance of the subject matter, the meeting will be open to anyone who wishes better to inform themselves about it, even just out of interest.

MUSIC GROUP: A new music group is being formed in the parish which might take off in a number of directions, but its basic purpose is for all our volunteers to have some fun making music. This begins with two taster sessions on Tuesdays 22 October and 5 November. We will be joined by a group of secondary school students who are keen to learn more about composing music with James MacMillan. Anyone with basic instrumental skills is welcome to join us, and should give their names to Fr. Peter.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY: The Lectionary is the technical word for the book which contains the readings from the Bible used at Mass. The Bishops of Scotland have decreed that, from the 1st Sunday of Advent this year, we will start using at Mass a new English translation of these bible readings (it is called the “English Standard Version – Catholic Edition” or “ESV-CE”). This is not change for the sake of it. Rather, in the light of the advances in archaeology, biblical theology and other related disciplines which have emerged over the last 50 years, it is a desire to give God's people as full and as accurate as possible a translation of God's Word. The intention is to refine our understanding of that Word and to give fuller access to the riches of truth and grace it contains. You can find more information on the reason and nature of the change by using an online search engine (e.g. <https://archedinburgh.org/a-new-lectionary-for-scotland/>).

It is my intention to address these same matters little by little each Sunday in our parishes before Advent begins once I return from a week's visit to Assisi. This will involve short briefings to the gathered congregation at Mass, and it will especially require meetings with our proclaimers of the Word who faithfully fulfil this ministry of love and truth week after week, and day after day, in our parish Liturgies.

Naturally, it will take time to get used to the new translation, both in the proclaiming it and in the hearing of it, but I am confident that we will all benefit from this attempt by our Pastors to feed us better on the riches of the Word and to strengthen our faith in the Lord, even if it will require a little extra effort from us all to begin with.

We will soon organise “sign-up sheets” for those parishioners who would like our parish stall to order the people's edition of the new lectionary for them, so that they can be bought before Advent begins.

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that “the Word of God is alive and active” (Heb 4:12), which means that we can never say either that we have completely understood it or that we have made the definitive translation of it. Let's be open and, even, “disturbed” by the Spirit of God who has inspired the Sacred Text and allow ourselves with all humility and docility to be carried along and surprised wonderfully by the “Word Who is Life” (cf. John 1:4)!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER: Bishop Frank informed us during his address to the parish this past Wednesday that the “Glory be” will be the prayer he wants the whole Diocese to concentrate on during the Jubilee Year of 2025. So, let's pray it more often, think it through, meditate and contemplate it, teach it to our children and make it an “attitude of life.” It's a prayer which shifts us away from attention on ourselves and our needs and opens us up and outwards towards God, for His own sake.