

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY (C), 26th JANUARY 2025

“TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE HAS BEEN FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING” (Luke 4:21)

Sung Psalm Response: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

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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;

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: Anne Teaz, Marino Cervone d'Urso, Gerry Walters. **Anniversary of Death:** Jack Keane, John Brodie & Ben Morrison, Avril Cullis, Rosemary Boyle, Mrs. Elizabeth Mackie, Sadie Corr, James Murphy. **Sick:** 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, Margaret Bennett, Elizabeth Robertson, Barry Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, 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, Janice Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Bob Traynor, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme.

PLEASE SILENCE MOBILE PHONES!

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year C	WEEKDAY, Year I
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
26/1: Third Ordinary Sunday & Sunday of the Word of God – green	Proper Christopher McGuire, A (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Margaret MacMillan, RD (12.15pm)
27/1: St. Angela Merici, Virgin (d. 1540) – white	Week 3, Mon Gavin Nelis, D
28/1: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (d. 1274) – white	Week 3, Tue Sadie Corr, A
29/1: Mass of the Holy Year – green	Week 3, Wed Jack Keane, A
30/1: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white	Week 3, Thu Agnes Rannachan, D
31/1: St. John Bosco, Priest (d. 1888) – white	Week 3, Fri Victoria Bain, D
1/2: Feria	---
2/2: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – white	Proper Peter Hepburn, D (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Special Intention (TC) (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.

*Suspended until Sunday 9th February; +Suspended until Tuesday 11th February

NOTICES

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: At all Masses this weekend, after the homily, I will invite the congregation to come forward as you would for Holy Communion to receive a copy of the Gospel of St. Mark. I will say, “The Gospel of Christ”, to which you respond individually, “Amen.”

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The calendar presents us with three saints who were great educators: St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursulines, to provide Christian education to girls from poor families; St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, who did much the same for boys; and St. Thomas Aquinas, the “angelic doctor”, who was arguably the greatest theologian of all time (so far!). It's a week in which to pray perhaps for our Catholic school, St. Mary's Primary, and to ask these saints to inspire teachers, parents and children alike to seek out, teach out and live out true Catholic-Christian values.

Mid-week, we will celebrate a Mass of the Holy Year (Wed.) and persevere with our Votive Masses of the Eucharist (Thurs).

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ST. MARY’S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: Devotion to Blessed Carlo, soon to be canonized (27th April), has taken root in our parish community in a remarkable way. I am aware (for so many of you have told me so, and I have seen it for myself) that many graces and favours have been bestowed on us by the Lord through Bl. Carlo’s intercession. His own deepest spirituality is the Eucharist, both as the Mass and as Adoration, so it is not difficult to see how Carlo always brings with him a Eucharistic revival in the lives of individuals and parishes.

With Bishop Frank’s permission, therefore, I propose to erect a shrine to Blessed Carlo in St. Mary’s church, probably at the back of our current side aisle. The basic idea is to erect a “triptych” or three-panelled display: at the centre, will be a representation of Blessed Carlo and, on either side, representations of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. A few benches will be removed to make room for a votive candle stand and a kneeler. Our first class relic of Blessed Carlo will be embedded appropriately to ensure security and accessibility.

As an extraordinary expense, the project can only proceed if we raise enough funds to realise it. I have already received two very generous donations, totalling £1.5k. However, in order to produce something truly beautiful and worthy of our church, I think we want to aim higher, possibly £7-10k.

My hope is that the shrine can become a place of pilgrimage for people who hear of it and in whose hearts there is already a devotion to Blessed Carlo and the other saints of Assisi. The main goal must remain to draw them closer to the Eucharist, to Christ Himself.

If you are able to make a contribution towards this project (and I know not everyone is in these challenging times), I would be very grateful. On the contactless terminal there is an option to donate towards the Blessed Carlo shrine. Evidently, you can donate in any other way you wish. May God bless and prosper this project!

MILLPORT: No Tuesday rosary until 11th February. No Sunday adoration until Sunday 9th February.

ASSISI PARISH PILGRIMAGE, HOLY YEAR: 10th-17th October 2025 are now the confirmed dates, flying from Prestwick to Pisa, an overnight stay in Pisa, then coach to Assisi. Price £713 per person plus flights (approx £230). A very limited number of single rooms available (supplement of £82). Travel insurance is included in the price. Booking forms available from Tim Bray (BrayTim@outlook.com) or from the parish office. Please try and book as soon as possible to get the best flight prices.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from 7th-14th July. Direct Return Flights from Glasgow Prestwick to Lourdes. Cost £1045 p.p. (based on two adults sharing). Full Board. Further information and booking details are available from Joe Walsh Tours. Contact details: info@joewalstours.co.uk Freephone: 0808 1890468

ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: An event will be held on Saturday 8th February at St. Joseph’s Church, Kilmarnock. Fr Dan Fitzgerald (Diocese of Paisley) will speak in the morning about what the Catholic Church teaches. This will be followed by Mass and lunch. The afternoon session will be structured to allow people to discuss the issue in more detail, and to learn more about how we can respond to the proposed legislation. Please sign up to attend by using the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/zQkEtN9nr2> or by scanning the QR code (cf. poster in church porch). Alternatively, please contact Helena at prolife@rcdg.org.uk or 079610130493. It is important that everyone who wishes to attend signs up, so

that online attendees receive their link to attend in good time, and so that those attending in person receive lunch.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES, GALLOWAY: An updated poster in both church porches regarding the next meeting of this group which takes place in St Matthew’s, Grassyard Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7SH on Sunday 26th January from 3pm till 6pm. I invite parishioners to encourage in person the young people of this age in our parish/school to go to the meeting.

ST. MARY’S PRO-LIFE GROUP: Next meeting, Friday 7th February after 10am Mass, in the church hall. All welcome!

PARISH CHOIR (st. Mary’s): Choir practice re-commences on Sunday, 26 January 2025 after the 10 am Mass and new members would be most welcome. The focus of our practices will be Lent, Easter and, in particular, the Holy Week liturgies. Please contact Anne Timmons (673053) or Louise Devine (07818496654) if you have any questions.

YOUTH HUB (St. Mary’s): The next Youth Hub will be on Friday 31st January 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.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: Register by Tuesday 4th February to secure your place at £700. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 108km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th - 19th October 2025 and costs £700 per person (we will support you in fundraising to reduce this). The first meeting takes place in St Joseph’s, Kilmarnock and online on Sunday 2nd February from 6-8 pm. Register by scanning the QR code on the poster, or by searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) NIGHTS: The Galloway Youth nights begin on Sunday 16th February in St Joseph’s, Kilmarnock from 5-7 pm and continue on the third Sunday of each month during term time. The evening begins with Mass, followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph’s Academy. Interested? Download a parental consent form from our website: rcdg.org.uk or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details. *For any parents bringing your children to the event, you’re welcome to stay for the evening; there will be a room with tea, coffee, and snacks for you to meet following the Mass.*

CANDLEMAS: St. Columba’s Scottish Episcopal Church invites us to attend an ecumenical service for the evening of 2nd February at 5pm.

80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLOCAUST: The Brisbane Evangelical Church is hosting a service at 6pm on Sunday 26th January in commemoration of this unspeakable crime against humanity. Reflection and Psalms.

Fr. Peter is returning to Assisi for a restful break from 3-12 February. Any prayer intentions willingly received! I will pray for each and all.

