

LAETARE SUNDAY [2nd SCRUTINY], 30th MARCH 2025.

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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.

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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: Thomas Fitzpatrick, Bob Traynor, James Green.

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Colvin, Gerard McBride, Margaret Anderson, Michael MacLean, Catherine O'Connor, Jim Welsh, Michael Leahy, James Murray Robertson, Gino Leonardi. **Sick:** Leo Harrison, Anton Slinger, 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, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, Janice Mulqueen, John Harkin, Jim Gallagher, Elaine Peebles, Sister Margaret Murphy, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Janice Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Sung Psalm Response: 6pm Vigil: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

10am: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year C

WEEKDAY, Year I

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
30/3: Laetare Sunday – rose. Second Scrutiny for RCIA elect, 10am Mass Readings: Year A	Proper Michael MacLean, A (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) James Hynds, D (12.15pm)
31/3: Feria of Lent – purple	Proper Michael Leahy, A
1/4: Feria of Lent – purple	Proper Jim Welsh, A
2/4: Feria of Lent – purple	Proper Leo Harrison, S
3/4: Feria of Lent – purple	Proper Gerard McBride, A
4/4: Feria of Lent – purple. First Friday. St. Mary's Primary children in attendance - last day of term	Proper Special Intention (PM)
5/4: Feria of Lent	---
6/4: Fifth Sunday of Lent – purple. Third Scrutiny for RCIA elect, 10am Mass Readings: Year A	Proper Ness Cranston, RD (Vig, 6pm) All Parishioners (10am) Margaret McKeown, A (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

MR THOMAS FITZPATRICK, RIP (St. Mary's): I regret to announce the death of Mr. Fitzpatrick who died on Sunday 16th March at the age of 74. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and may He deeply console his wife Moira and all family and friends who mourn him. The whole parish extends its deepest sympathies to Moira. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 3rd April at 10am in St. Mary's, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MR ROBERT (BOB) TRAYNOR, RIP (St. Mary's): I am sorry to announce the death of Mr. Traynor who died on Saturday 22nd March, aged 81. May the Lord welcome him into the Kingdom. We ask Our Lady to be close to his beloved wife Rose and to all

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the family at this difficult time of loss, and we extend our sincerest condolences to them. The Funeral Rite will be held at the Clyde Crematorium on Tuesday 8th April at 12 Noon. Although there will be no formal Requiem Mass, a Mass will be offered for his eternal rest at St. Mary’s that morning at 10am.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (St. Mary’s): Our P3 children at St. Mary’s Primary will receive this sacrament in the school on Tuesday 1st April. Please pray for them and for their families that the Lord will stir their hearts to receive this wonderful sacrament often and so experience the power of God’s forgiveness in their lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS (St. Mary’s): Sunday 11th May at the 10am Mass.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE (St. Mary’s) will be on Thursday 10th April at 2pm in St. Mary’s Church, with four priests.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This week takes us into the middle of Lent and it’s therefore a time to renew and refresh our Lenten commitments. Consider Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday an oasis day, to stop and reflect on Lent so far and to ask for the fresh waters of the Spirit (remember the woman at the well!) to revitalize our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Friday is First Friday.

AGAPE (St. Mary’s): Thursday 3rd April, 6.30-8pm. Evening Prayer of the Church (6.30-6.45). Silence (6.45-7pm). The Eucharistic Witness of the 12 saints chosen to form the “heavenly cenacle” to pray with us for the Eucharistic Revival of both our parishes: the first saint is **St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr and “passionate” lover of the Eucharist** (7-7.15pm). Silence (7.15-7.30pm). Rosary, litany and simple benediction (7.30-8pm).

MILLPORT ADORATION: There will be none this Sunday, 30th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Mary’s): At 7pm.

Date	Leader
4 th April	Fairlie Parishioners
11 th April	Choir
18 th April	Fr. Peter

MILLPORT STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 12 Noon.

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 at the 10am Mass we will not use the current Year C readings. Let us continue to pray for our elect!

CHRISM MASS: St. Margaret’s Cathedral, Ayr, at 7pm on Tuesday 15th April. A list is available at the back of the church for anyone who wants to join other parishioners on the bus. Due to the high cost of the bus hire (£400), I ask parishioners wishing to attend to make a contribution of £10 per person towards the cost.

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.

LEGION OF MARY, ACIES (St. Mary’s): all are invited to join Legionaries and Auxiliary members from Largs and Kilbirnie who will renew their Consecration to Our Lady at the Acies ceremony on Monday 7th April at 4pm. The ceremony will include Rosary and Benediction. Tea in the hall afterwards.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM (St. Mary’s): 1st April at **7pm**.

MINUTES OF LAST PPC MEETING (St. Mary’s): The Minutes of the 18th March Parish Pastoral Council Meeting are available on the parish website. A limited number of hard copies is available at the back of the church.

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. For more information, please contact Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com

ST JOSEPH & ST PATRICK’S, WEMYSS BAY: There will be a talk on Wednesday, 2nd April at 7pm: “Return to Me: The Sacrament of Reconciliation” by Father Ryan Black.

JOURNALS FROM JERUSALEM: A Holy Land Talk. Anne-Marie Clements from Justice & Peace Scotland will present a talk and reflections on her recent journey to Jerusalem while accompanying Archbishop Bill Nolan for the Holy Land Coordination 2025. Tea and coffee provided. Details: Saturday 5th April, Parish Centre, St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan, 3.00pm.

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

Date	Pray	Fast	Alms
Mon 15	Judith 9:11-12	Caffeine	Hug for no reason
Tues 16	Psalm 5	Mobile Phone	Letter to encourage
Wed 17	Psalm 15	All drink except water	Item of clothing you like
Thurs 18	Proverbs 2	Salt	Give a helping hand
Fri 19	Is 12:1-6	Unnecessary talking	Give a gift
Sat 20	Matt 11:25-30	Breakfast	Money
Sun 21	John 17:24-26	Email	Be patient

LENTEN SCIAF COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you are able and willing to do so, please make a donation towards flowers for the sanctuary at Easter. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Pop your donation into the collection bag at the Offertory.

50/50 DRAW: Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds towards the Carlo Acutis Shrine.

