

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

“THEY DECLARED ALL THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM” (*Revelation 14:27*).

**SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA**  
28 GREENOCK ROAD, LARGS, KA30 8NE

**Sung Psalm Response:** I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

&  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**  
COLLEGE STREET, MILLPORT, KA28 0BG  
Registered Charity No. is SC010576

**A WARM WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!**

**PLEASE SILENCE MOBILE PHONES!**

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

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**Holy Mass** (all Masses in person & live-streamed):

Largs: Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am.

Weekday Mass, 10am, Mon-Fri, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays.

Holidays of Obligation: Vigil, 7pm; Day Mass at 10am only.

Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**SVDP phone number:** 0777 763 7369.

Please direct all enquiries and requests directly to this number.

**Safeguarding Mobile Phone Numbers:** Contact our Parish  
Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs - Lewis Docherty on 07707  
598929; 2) Millport - Andrew Gallagher on 07789 229842.

**Crosshouse Hospital chaplain:** Fr. Stephen McGrattan at  
[crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832;

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[ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01635 882145.

**Recently Deceased:** ---. **Anniversary of Death:** Edna Walker, Ruth Parker, John Girkins, James Boyle. **Sick:** Sandi Bray, Joan Downie, John McHenry, Margaret Kett, Joseph Robb, Alison Foran, Anton Slanger, 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, 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, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Janice Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year C	WEEKDAY, Year I
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
18/5: Fifth Sunday of Easter – white	John Girkins, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Sister Brenda, CSN, SI
19/5: Feria in Eastertide – white	Easter Week 5, Mon Sister Bernadette, CSN, SI
20/5: Our Lady in Eastertide – blue	Easter Week 5, Tue Pat Ambrose, A
21/5: Mass of the Jubilee Year – white	Easter Week 5, Wed Sister Cataldus, CSN, SI
22/5: St. Rita Cascia (d. 1447) – white	Easter Week 5, Thu Sister Celine, CSN, SI
23/5: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood – red	Easter Week 5, Fri Bp. Martin Chambers, D
24/5: Feria in Eastertide	---
25/5: Fifth Sunday of Easter – white	Tommy Curley, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Special Intention (VK)

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.

## NOTICES

**CONFIRMATION:** The clergy of the Diocese and Bishop Frank were led in a very prayerful and moving synodal discernment exercise on 14-15 May. The question put before us for discernment was: “At what age does the Holy Spirit want the sacrament of Confirmation to be administered in our Diocese?” As things unfolded, however, it became clear that this question was not the first one which the Spirit wanted us to discern. Instead, much deeper questions emerged from our collective prayer. For example, how do we engage more effectively with children and their families to help them better understand this sacrament? How does that engagement better prepare the children to grow in their active desire both to receive Confirmation and to live it out in their lives? What the correct age is for reception is thus secondary to these deeper questions and the answer to it will emerge from the answers given to these.

The Bishop was very open to this movement of the Spirit among us and has decided to take some time to reflect and pray on it before coming back to the clergy with his ideas and

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proposals for further discernment, both for the priests themselves and also for yourselves, the lay faithful. This will clearly take a bit more time because he doesn't want to “short circuit” the process which the Spirit has opened up.

For this reason, the meeting I had proposed for 27<sup>th</sup> May for our parishes to engage in our own synodal discernment will now be postponed until a later date. On a personal note, I want to say that this was the best meeting of the clergy I have ever attended. It was due principally to the openness in prayer of all of us to the Holy Spirit and to one another. It is a model which we can hopefully reproduce when the time comes to discern here whatever the Bishop asks us to consider. It is true synodality in practice.

**LITURGY THIS WEEK:** This week, there is a little bit of everything. We observe a quiet Easter feria day on Monday. On Tuesday, we turn our eyes and hearts once more, in this month of May, to our Mother in heaven to ask Her invaluable assistance in living the Christian life. On Wednesday, we recall that we are in the Jubilee Year and continue to be pilgrims of hope. On Thursday, we remember the incredibly powerful story of St. Rita Cascia who endured terrible abuse from her husband but reconciled him with God before he died; like St. Jude, she is known as patroness of impossible causes. On Friday, our Eucharistic focus of the week is on the Precious Blood of Christ. How rich and varied are the treasures of our faith and of those who lived it out so heroically! Why not aim to be among them yourself? Why can't there be someday a canonized saint from our parishes? Let's pray for one!

**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: **£6,983.31**. Sincerest thanks to the donors! Our target is £10k.

**EUCCHARISTIC CENACLE MEETING (St. Mary's):** Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May. Adoration at 4pm. Business meeting at 4.50pm.

**PARISH HALL COMMITTEE (St. Mary's):** Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7pm.

**HALL FUNDRAISING (St. Mary's):** If you have any “bright ideas” you would like to share for this, please email [largs@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:largs@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or pop a note with your idea into the parish house.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's):** Tue 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm.

**YOUTH HUB (St. Mary's):** The next meeting is on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** (not 30<sup>th</sup> May!) from 6.30-8pm.

**THE WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS (UMEC-WUCT)** is committed to supporting Catholic educators across the world, and particularly those teaching in Catholic and nondenominational schools and universities. During the Jubilee Year 2025 this survey aims to learn more about Catholic teachers. We invite teachers to complete the following questionnaire to help understand the identity of the Catholic teacher. It should only take 5-10 minutes of your time. The results of the survey will be presented at the Jubilee conference of the Education, in November 2025, and published on the UME-WUCT webpage. Please respond promptly, by the end of May at the latest. Use the QR code:



**STANDARD 6, CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING (St. Mary's):** At both Masses this weekend, you will be handed a copy of the leaflet which explains Standard 6 of the Safeguarding Policy of the Bishops of Scotland (“In God's Image”). Please don't leave the leaflet behind but take it home and read and discuss it. It's important that all parishioners are aware of such matters and educate themselves in them. The previous five standards were distributed to you over the past couple of years. There are two more to go.

**PRAYER CARD FOR POPE LEO XIV:** I have put together a simple prayer card to pray for Pope Leo. It's at the back of both parish churches. I encourage you to pray it daily for him!

**GALLOWAY YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENING:** St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 5-7pm. We'll begin with Mass at 5pm after which we'll head over to the hall for an evening of games, activities, a short talk, and pizza, all led by our S3 Junior Leaders. New members always welcome.

**YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) EVENING:** Aged 18-30? Join us in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) for our next evening on Sunday 1st June, starting with Mass at 6pm. Msgr. Peter Magee will be speaking on Blessed Carlo Acutis: his life and inspiration. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

**LEGION OF MARY:** St Mary's Praesidium invites parishioners (over the age of 18), to join us in our Lay Apostolate. Our prayerful meeting (Rosary, Legion Prayers, Spiritual Reading, short talk by our Spiritual Director and report of work undertaken), takes place after Mass on Wednesdays in the small meeting room and lasts about one hour. Our main work, undertaken in two's, is visiting the sick and housebound at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. You are very welcome to come and see.

**PORNOGRAPHY:** The Bishops of the United States have just produced the second edition of their document: “Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography.” It gives a word of hope and healing to those who have been harmed by pornography and raises awareness of its pervasiveness and harm. If you, or someone you know or love is struggling with pornography, this document looks like a great gift to help you. The full text of the document can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Create-in-Me-a-Clean-Heart-Statement-on-Pornography.pdf>

**MEN'S GROUP (St. Mary's):** Men's Night Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. BYOB and games in the hall.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** A collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June for the Social Communications apostolate of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

**MONASTERY TEAROOM:** Friday and Saturdays are now open for teas, coffees, cakes, etc., after the 12 Noon Mass. All are welcome.

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Winning ticket from the last draw is **AD 957880 828**. Contact Michael McGlynn for your takings on 07775 754437!

