

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY, 27th JULY 2025

“HOW MUCH MORE WILL THE HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM” (Luke 11:13)

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
28 GREENOCK ROAD, LARGS, KA30 8NE
&
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
COLLEGE STREET, MILLPORT, KA28 0BG
Registered Charity No. is SC010576

Sung Psalm Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

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.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year C	WEEKDAY, Year I
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
27/7: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green. World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly	Anna Martin, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Thomas Templeton, D (12.15pm)
28/7: Jubilee Mass – green	Week 17, Mon Stephen Kuppner, RIP
29/7: Requiem Mass for Mr. Henry McMonagle, RIP	Proper Henry McMonagle, RD
30/7: Feria – green	Week 17, Wed Special Intention
31/7: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (d. 1556)	Week 17, Thu Douglas McDowall, A
1/8: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor (d. 1787) FIRST FRIDAY	Week 17, Fri Christine Cairns, A
2/8: Feria	---
3/8: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green	Special Intention (Vigil) John Goodridge (10am) Sadie Tuthill, 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	9-9.55am (R) 2-3pm (R) (H)	---
Tuesday	9-9.55am (R)	1.45-2.45pm (R)*
Wednesday	9-9.55am (R)	---
Thursday 1, 3, 4 (& 5)	9-9.55am (R)	---
Thursday 1 only	6.30-8pm (R)	---
Thursday 2 only	---	9-9.55am (R)
Thursday 3 only	7.30-8.30pm (S)	---
Friday	9-9.55am (R) 2.30-3.30pm (DM)	---

S = Silent; R = Rosary; H = Hall. DM – Divine Mercy Chaplet.
No Rosary/Adoration before funerals. * Suspended for July-August

NOTICES

MR. HENRY McMONAGLE, RIP (St. Mary's): I regret to inform the parish that Mr. McMonagle died in his sleep during the night of 21st July in his home in Largs. May he now rest in the peace and light of the Kingdom of God. Our deepest condolences, and our prayers, go to his nephew Edward Smith and to all his extended family members. The Lord is our light and our strength. Mr. McMonagle's body will be received into the church on Monday evening, 28th July, at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 29th July at 10am, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MR. STEPHEN KUPPNER, RIP (St. Mary's Largs): There will be a private graveside burial service for Mr. Kuppner on Monday

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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.

First Mondays of the Month: 7-8pm.

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

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 or 01563 521832;

Ayr Hospital chaplain: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145.

Recently Deceased: Henry McMonagle, Stephen Kuppner, John Skivington, Billy Quinn, Betty McAteer. **Anniversary of Death:** Grace Smillie, Janet Crisp, Maria Righetti, Peter Grant, Thomas Taylor, Kenneth Manners. **Sick:** Agatha McAllister, Betty McLean, Michael McSorley, Sandi Bray, Joan Downie, Margaret Kett, Joseph Robb, Alison Foran, Anton Slanger, Tom Maguire, Angela Fraser, Dale Cooper, 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, Joseph Bennett, Elizabeth Robertson, Barry Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Betty O'Donnell, Linda Scott, Ann Clark, Bill Callison, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, John Harkin, Jim Gallagher, Elaine Peebles, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Janice Hamilton, Theresa Conway, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

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28th July at 11am. But I will offer Mass for his eternal repose that morning at 10am.

FR. FERDINAND ONWUKA: Warmest of welcomes back to Fr. Ferdinand who will be covering Masses in St. Mary's for a few weeks. For any urgent sick call, please call Fr. Ferdinand on 07404 623 741.

WARM AND PRAYERFUL GREETINGS TO ALL GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY PARISHIONERS on this World Day in your honour! Thank you for all you are and have done and keep doing for us! Pope Leo XIV has written a lovely message for this day. You can find a copy of it at the back of the church or go to this link: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20250626-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

MASS THIS COMING WEEK (St. Mary's): Weekday Masses this week **will all be in the church** at 10am with exposition, etc..

Please note, however: Work on the parquet flooring of the church will commence on Monday 4th August. Weekday Mass that week, and for as long as is necessary, will again transfer to the hall. But if work on the floor is still ongoing by 14/15th August, i.e. the Feast of the Assumption, Masses will be in the church (7pm Vigil on 14th; 10am on 15th). Sunday Masses (Vigil and morning) will always be in the church.

FOR ANY REQUIEM MASSES in Largs and surrounding area for the next few weeks, we will have to adapt to the circumstances of the works going on. If the Requiem Mass cannot take place in the church or the hall, it will take place in St. Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, depending on the family's choice. I am very grateful to Pastor Mark Goodman and his parishioners for opening their doors to us.

BEGINNING 27th AUGUST, morning Mass in St. Mary's on Wednesdays will be moved from 10am to 8am. It will be a “low” Mass (no singing or homily) and won't be preceded by Adoration or Rosary. My hope is that it will allow workers to have an early Mass. It will also allow me to have a full day off!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We begin the week under the banner of our Jubilee Hope on Monday. On Tuesday, in charity we perform the burial rites of Henry McMonagle. After the ferial repose of Wednesday, two giants of the spiritual and moral life, and educators in it, are celebrated on Thursday and (first) Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits whose doctrine on discernment is very relevant in today's budding synodal Church; and St. Alphonsus Liguori, a great teacher of true biblical morality and spirituality and a man of deep loving affection for Jesus. He composed the prayer we all love: “I love you, Jesus, my love above all things.”

JUBILEE EVENT: the parishes of North Ayrshire (St Mary's Deanery) will be joined by people from across the Diocese for our event marking 2025 as a Jubilee under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. On Sunday 14th September - the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross - we will walk from St John's Church Stevenston to St Peter's Ardrossan on a Pilgrims of Hope walk and then have a picnic for individuals, groups & families on the grass directly in front of St Peter's (near the HMS Dasher memorial). Those unable to walk the whole distance can choose to walk from St Mary's Saltcoats, or even just meet the ‘Pilgrims’ at St Peter's. After the picnic we will gather in St Peter's Church for a short service and celebration. Should the weather prove too poor to picnic outside we will ‘picnic’ in St Peter's Hall instead. Please keep the date and start making your plans for the day. Timings are 2:30pm at St John's, 3:15pm at St Mary's with the closing liturgy starting at 5pm in St Peter's

Church. All very welcome, please bring your own picnic and come equipped for the weather on the day.

I encourage everyone to attend this event: make it a family and friends' day out and a chance to experience the wider Catholic Church in our area. We could consider running a bus but the cost of doing so has become increasingly prohibitive. It would be cheaper for people to make their own way or go with friends.

ST. MARY'S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: I am delighted to announce that the original target of £10k for the shrine has been “smashed”: the fund currently stands at a whopping **£12,814.13**. Sincerest thanks to **every single person** who has made this possible. May God reward you. Due to likely costs, I would like to keep the fund open for a little bit longer. 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): The course for 2025-2026 will commence at 7-8pm on **Tuesday 2nd September** and will continue on Tuesday evenings. Nearer the time a full programme and calendar will be made available.

*Any unbaptised adult is warmly welcomed and encouraged to sign up (see form in church porch) even just on a “come and see” basis.

*Any baptised adult, be they non-Catholic or Catholic (who has perhaps been away from Church for a while), is also more than welcome to sign up. For a lapsed Catholic, it could be a “refresher” course in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

I invite all parishioners to speak to anyone you think may just need that wee nudge to take the next step. Let's all pray and work hard at this during July and August! Soon, we will post the invitation on parish social media. Any parishioner who would like to volunteer as a sponsor or to help with the catechesis or to join a support prayer team, please fill out the form provided in the church porch.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGES: **Whithorn**, Sunday 31st August; **Carfin**, Sunday 7th September; **Venerable Margaret Sinclair Centenary Pilgrimage**, Sunday 21st September, St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P6-S4) SUMMER GATHERING: Are you in P6-S4? Come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 11.00 – 4.00 pm in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock for our Summer Youth Gathering! The day is free for all, but please register in advance by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

WORK IN THE HALL will continue on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. Therefore:

CHAT N DO meetings cannot recommence until 6th August.

For **TEAS** in the hall on Sunday 27th, I will make an announcement at the end of Mass that day.

MONDAY HALL ACTIVITIES can go ahead (no access to the toilets).

The **BIBLE STUDY & BOOK CLUB GROUP** can recommence on Thursday, 31st July.

SEA SUNDAY COLLECTION: This weekend at all Masses.

