

TWENTIETH SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST 2025

“I CAME TO CAST FIRE ON THE EARTH AND WOULD THAT IT WERE ALREADY KINDLED!” (Luke 12:49).

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

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&

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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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

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Recently Deceased: Sheila Ravey, Joan Downie, Doreen Strachan. **Sick:**

Margaret Dalzell, Agatha McAllister, Betty McLean, Michael McSorley, Sandi Bray, 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, Henry McMonagle, 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.

Sung Psalm Response: Lord, make haste to help me!

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
17/8: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green	Sister Imelda, SI (Vigil) Jim Hendry, A (10am) Jean Carr, A (12.15pm)
18/8: Feria – green MASS IN THE HALL	Week 20, Mon Jim Hendry, A
19/8: Requiem Mass for Ms. Doreen Strachan - Proper MASS IN THE CHURCH	Proper Doreen Strachan, RIP
20/8: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (d. 1153) – white MASS IN THE HALL	Week 20, Wed Anna Martin, A
21/8: Pope St. Pius X (d. 1914) – white MASS IN THE HALL	Week 20, Thu Adrian Beggs, A
22/8: Our Lady, Mother and Queen – blue MASS IN THE HALL	Week 20, Fri Brian Hughes, A
23/8: St. Rose of Lima	---
24/8: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green	Russell King, A (Vigil) Jim Hendry, A (10am) Jean Carr, 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	9-9.55am (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

MRS. JOAN DOWNIE, RIP (St. Mary's, Largs): I regret to inform parishioners of the death of Joan Downie in recent days. Our sincerest condolences and prayers are extended to all their family members. Funeral details to be announced.

MS. DOREEN STRACHAN, RIP (St. Mary's): So sorry to announce also the death of Doreen Strachan. With prayers and condolences to her surviving family members. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 19th August at 10am in St. Mary's.

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MASS THIS COMING WEEK (St. Mary's): Due to the ongoing work on the parquet flooring in the church, weekday Masses in Largs (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) this week **will be all be in the HALL** at 10am with exposition, etc. On **TUESDAY** will be the funeral for Ms. Doreen Strachan IN THE CHURCH. Sunday Masses next weekend (23/24 August) will as usual be in the church.

FOR ANY REQUIEM MASSES in Largs and surrounding area for the next couple of 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.

FR. FERDINAND ONWUKA: For any urgent sick call, please call Fr. Ferdinand on 07404 623 741.

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!

BAPTISM: With joy we will welcome into the Church next Saturday, 23rd August, Clementine Mackie, daughter of Kathleen and Pete Mackie. Heartfelt congratulations to the whole family and may the grace of this day shine deeply in the hearts of all!

DEANERY MASS FOR VOCATIONS (St. Mary's): With a view to raising vocations awareness and to praying the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his harvest, our St. Mary's Deanery is planning occasional Vocations Masses in different parishes. On Tuesday 16th September, then, there will be a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood in St. Mary's in Largs at 7pm. Please mark the date and time and make the effort to come out that evening to pray for this important intention. Bring a friend and pass the word: we want the church to have standing room only!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We honour Our Lady on Friday, eight days after the Assumption, as the

THIRD THURSDAY ADORATION (St. Mary's) from 7.30-8.30pm on 21st August.

ST. MARY'S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: The fund currently stands at **£12,814.13**. Sincerest thanks to **every single person** who has made this possible. May God reward you.

The fund remains open. To make a contribution towards the 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. There is, too, a QR code on the parish website.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): The course for 2025-2026 will commence from 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.

PARISH CHOIR: Choir practice re-commences on Sunday, 7 September 2025 after the 10 am Mass and new members would be most welcome, especially men. There is no requirement to be able to read music. Please contact Anne Timmons (673053) or Louise Devine (07818496654) if you have any questions.

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 chose 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.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN: Sunday 31st August. A sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to sign up to go on the pilgrimage. We have ordered an 18-seater bus so it's a case of first come, first served. The cost of the bus (and we got in early!) is £660. I must therefore regretfully ask for £15 per adult and the parish will cover the deficit. Bus leaves promptly from outside St. Mary's at 10.30am and will return there in the evening.

YOUTH (P6-S4) PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN: As part of the annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn the Youth Office will be running a Youth Pilgrimage. Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather to learn more about the life and witness of St Ninian. In the morning we'll have games, activities, lunch (please bring a packed lunch) and a talk at the Isle of Whithorn, before walking to the beach for Mass with Bishop Frank. Free transport available, please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

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

