

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

“WE SHOULD GLORY IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST” (Galatians 6:14).

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

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

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

10am Mass on Mon, Tue, Thu (except 2nd Thursdays) & Fri.
8am Mass on Wednesdays.

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.

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.

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: Margaret Maguire, William McDonald, James Findlay, Philomena Cunningham, John O'Reilly, Alan Murray. **Anniversary of Death:** Joseph McCambridge, Sheila McCambridge, Michael Nagle, Daniel McCrudden, deceased Connolly Family members. **Sick:** Agatha McAllister, Betty McLean, Michael McSorley, Sandi Bray, Margaret Kett, Joseph Robb, Alison Foran, 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.

Sung Psalm Response: Never forget the deeds of the 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
14/9: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and 2 nd Sunday of the Season of Creation – red	Ian Burt, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Wain Jon Headley, A (12.15pm)
15/9: Our Lady of Sorrows – blue	Proper Philomena Cunningham, RD
16/9: Feast of Saint Ninian, Bishop (d. 432) – white. Mass at 9.10am in St. Mary's Primary School	Proper Fr. John Callaghan, D
Deanery Vocations Mass, St. Mary's, 7pm	Briege Colville, A
17/9: St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor (d. 1179) Mass at 8am	Week 24, Wed Ivan Cikadw, D
18/9: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white	Week 24, Thu Special Intention
19/9: Requiem Mass of James Findlay, RIP - purple	Proper James Findlay, RD
20/9: Korean Martyrs	---
21/9: Twenty-Fifth Sunday & Third Sunday of the Season of Creation – green	Janie McDonald, D (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Ronnie Galloway, 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)*
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. *To be announced from week to week

NOTICES

MRS MARGARET MAGUIRE, RIP (Our Lady's, Millport): I am truly sorry to inform parishioners of the death of Mrs. Margaret Maguire, latterly of Millport, then of Hutton Park care home, who died on 6th September at Inverclyde Hospital, at the age of 99 years, fortified by the rites of the Church. May she receive from the Lord the crown of victory for her faithful witness to Him. Sincerest condolences to her son Kevin and all the rest of her extended family. May the Lord be close to them at this difficult time. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 9th October at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport Cemetery.

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MR. JAMES FINDLAY, RIP (St. Mary's): I regretfully announce the death of Mr. Findlay on 4th September at Crosshouse Hospital at the age of 87 years. May the Lord welcome him into the Kingdom of light and peace. We express our deepest condolences to his daughters, Maryrose, Alison and Bernadette, and all other family members, and ask the Lord and His Mother to comfort them at this time. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 19th September at 10am and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MR WILLIAM MCDONALD, RIP (St. Mary's): Mr. McDonald passed some days ago and his funeral details will be announced in due course. May the Lord be merciful to him and be close to his spouse, Mary, and to all the family. Although not baptized, permission to hold his funeral in St. Mary's was kindly granted by Bishop Dougan. There will be a Mass with the coffin present on Friday 26th September at 10am, and thereafter to Haylie Bray Cemetery.

MASS THIS WEEK: With the enthusiastic agreement of Mrs. Stephanie Fisher, head teacher of St. Mary's Primary, I have planned for there to be a Mass in the school once per month during term time. The time will be **9.10am**. On these days, there will be **no 10am Mass in St. Mary's Church**. The first such school Mass will be this coming Tuesday, 16th September, the Feast of St. Ninian.

Exceptionally, there will also be Mass in St. Mary's Church on that evening at 7pm for Vocations, please see below.

DEANERY MASS FOR VOCATIONS (St. Mary's): On Tuesday 16th September, the Feast of Saint Ninian, 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. There will be tea in the hall after the Mass. **14-21 September is “Vocations Awareness Week”, so please intensify your prayers for priestly vocations for our Diocese during this coming week.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The week is dominated by our very own St. Ninian (Tue): why not read up on who he was? On Monday, after the memory of the Cross on Sunday, our eyes turn to Our Lady of Sorrows, who also knows and shares in our sorrows, too. St. Hildegard of Bingen (Wed) was a formidable woman in the middle ages: mystic, composer, abbess, advisor of Popes, scientist, etc.. Who will be the next Hildegard?! On Thursday once again, with the constancy of the lighthouse, we will honour the Holy Eucharist, and on Friday perform the work of charity which is the Requiem Mass for Mr. James Findlay.

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Millport): Sunday, 14th September, 4pm - 5pm.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm, St. Mary's Hall.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's): Meeting on Thursday 25th September, 7-8pm, to prepare the Synodal Consultation on Confirmation.

SYNODAL CONSULTATION ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The Bishop has asked our parishes to undertake “conversations in the Spirit” regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Galloway. I will prepare for next weekend, 20/21 September, a leaflet explaining what these conversations are. The leaflet will also explain that there will be two encounters for these conversations, on the afternoon of Sunday 28th September and on Sunday 5th October. The results of the encounters (i.e. what

people have said under the influence of the Spirit and in response to the Word) will be sent to the Bishop for 10th October. I will speak to all this at Masses on 20/21 September.

ST. MARY'S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: The fund currently stands at **£13,537.00**. Sincerest thanks to every single person who has contributed. May God reward you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI (10-17 OCTOBER 2025): We will soon have a meeting for the pilgrims, once I have managed to finalize the programme for the pilgrimage week.

JUBILEE YEAR SIGNS OF HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS: The seventh area in which signs of hope are needed and deserved today is, in the words of the late Pope Francis, “the elderly who frequently feel lonely and abandoned [including] grandparents who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation” (*Spes Non Confundit*, n.14). You will find a leaflet at the back of the Church on this theme with reflections, questions and prayers.

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.

MALFRISCAN PRAYER MEETING on Sunday 28th September in St Joseph's church, Greenock, at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Tim Bray on braytim@outlook.com.

THE PRO-LIFE GROUP is holding a Silent Auction on Friday 3rd October in St. Mary's Church Hall. Doors open at 7pm. There will be prizes of luxury hampers in our raffle. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Tickets cost £3 each and will be available to buy after Masses this weekend and next weekend.

A Silent Auction is a charity fundraising event. The items for sale are displayed for attendees to browse. If they are interested in placing a bid on a certain item they will write their bid on a paper bid sheet using a bidding number which will be supplied. They can increase their bid to counter the offer of another consumer for the same item. The auctioneer will announce the highest bidders at the end of a designated closing time and the highest bidders win the items!

We are looking for donations of new and pre-loved items (in good condition): toys, paintings, unwanted gifts, knitting, craft goods, new electrical goods etc. Boxes have been placed at the back of the Churches in both Largs and Millport for any donations. For uplift of items please phone Nancy: 01475 672869 after 6pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Retired Priests of the Diocese at all Masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes available.