

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF CREATION

“TAKE HOLD OF THE ETERNAL LIFE TO WHICH YOU WERE CALLED” (1 Tim 6:12).

Sung Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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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.

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.

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).

Parishes' Pro-Life Group: First Fridays after 10am Mass, except
for the months of January, July and August.

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
398929; 2) Millport - Andrew Gallagher on 07789 229842.

Crosshouse Hospital chaplain: Fr. Stephen McGrattan at
crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832;

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Recently Deceased: Margaret Maguire, Fr. Michael Keaveny. **Anniversary of Death:** Margaret Sutherland, Michael Nagle, Margaret McCarthy, Ronnie & Anna Jo Galloway, David Casey, Agnes McLure-McGonigal, Maureen Rutherford, Bridie Rutherford. **Sick:** Michelle Righetti, 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, Frank Murray, Brian Murphy, 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, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Kristine Wallace, Claire McGee, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

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
28/9: Twenty-Sixth Sunday and Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation - green	John Angus Galbraith, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Janet Guy, A (12.15pm)
29/9: Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels - white	Proper Anthon Slinger, RD
30/9: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor (d.420) - white	Week 26, Tue In Thanksgiving (TC)
1/10: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (d. 1897) - white	Week 26, Wed Mary McGuigan, D
2/10: Holy Guardian Angels - white	Proper Ian Brotherhood, D
3/10: St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) (anticipated) - white First Friday	Proper George Knight, A
4/10: ---	---
5/10: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday - green	John Docherty, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Barbara McGregor, 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): We continue to pray for Margaret's eternal rest and for the consolation of her family. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 9th October at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport Cemetery.

NEXT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MASS: Monday 6th October at 9.10am. Harvest themes. Parishioners are allowed to attend. Details on how to get in will be given in time for the Mass.

AGAPE: Thursday, 2nd October. 1) Silent exposition, 6.30-7pm. 2) Eucharistic Testimony of St. Peter Julian Eymard, 7-7.30pm. 3) Mysteries of Light and St. Carlo Acutis with simple benediction, 7.30-8pm. 4) Veneration of the Relic of St. Carlo.

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LITURGY THIS WEEK: This is a truly festive week, beginning with the feast of the three principal Archangels of God (Mon), followed shortly by the memorial of the Guardian Angels (Thu). They are all great gifts of God's providential care for those who seek Him. Three "giants" of saints pack the rest of the week: St. Jerome, the saintly biblical scholar who translated the whole bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin (Tue); St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions and Doctor of the Church (Wed); and the magnificent St. Francis of Assisi, the "second Christ" whose poverty and love have inspired millions (Fri). His feast is actually on Saturday, but we will anticipate it on Friday.

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Millport): There will be no Adoration this Sunday.

MILLPORT ROSARY AND ADORATION for an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood will now be held on Thursdays at 3pm beginning on 2nd October 2025.

POPE LEO XIV INVITES all members of the Church to pray the Holy Rosary during the coming month of October for peace in the world. Please offer a personal rosary for this intention every day of October. Get the family together and/or your friends, too, and pray the rosary for peace.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Tuesday evenings from 6.30-7.30, St. Mary's Hall.

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. A leaflet briefly and simply explaining what these conversations are is in the church porch. There will be two encounters for these conversations in both parishes, **the first on Sunday 28th September and the second on Sunday 5th October. Both meetings in Millport will be at 1.15pm, after the 12.15pm Mass.** 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: As of 31st August, the fund currently stands at **£13,616.77**. Sincerest thanks to every single person who has contributed. May God reward you. An anonymous donor has contributed out of the blue a huge gift of US \$10,000 towards the shrine. It will appear in the total for September. St. Carlo has been working hard!

THE 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 reports on work undertaken), takes place on Wednesdays at 10.15a.m. in the small meeting room (entry via back door of the church), and lasts no longer than 1hr 30mins. Our main work undertaken in twos, is visiting the sick and housebound, at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. We also visit St Mary's Primary to pray the Rosary with the children. You are very welcome to come and see.

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 both Churches for any donations. For uplift of items contact Nancy: 01475 672869 after 6pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: On the weekend of 18/19 October, the whole Church celebrates Mission Sunday. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes will be available, and other literature will be placed in the church porch on the first weekend of October.

This past Wednesday, the Holy Father again gave a very moving reflection on the theme of Holy Saturday, but this time concentrating on the meaning of the "descent into hell" of the Lord Jesus: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2025/documents/20250924-udienza-generale.html>

"This event ... represents the most profound and radical gesture of God's love for humanity. Indeed, it is not enough to say or to believe that Jesus died for us: it is necessary to recognize that the fidelity of his love sought us out where we ourselves were lost, where only the power of a light capable of penetrating the realm of darkness can reach...."

"The underworld, in the biblical conception, is not so much a place as an existential condition: that condition in which life is depleted, and pain, solitude, guilt and separation from God and others reign. Christ reaches us even in this abyss, passing through the gates of this realm of darkness. ... It is the humility of a God who does not stop in front of our sin, who is not afraid when faced with the human being's extreme rejection...."

"Dear friends, this descent of Christ does not relate only to the past but touches the life of every one of us. The underworld is not only the condition of the dead, but also of those who live death as a result of evil and sin. It is also the daily hell of loneliness, shame, abandonment, and the struggle of life. Christ enters into all these dark realities to bear witness to the love of the Father. Not to judge, but to set free. Not to blame, but to save. He does so quietly, on tiptoe, like one who enters a hospital room to offer comfort and help..."

"Holy Saturday, then, is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter. And if Christ was able to descend all the way down there, nothing can be excluded from his redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy."