

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025

“BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS WITHIN US, GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU” (2 Tim 1:14).

**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:** O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’

**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.  
10am Mass on Mon, Tue, Thu (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays) & Fri.  
8am Mass on Wednesdays.  
**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.  
First Mondays of the Month: 7-8pm.  
**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).

**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  
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;

**Ayr Hospital chaplain:** Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at  
[ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01635 882145.

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Maguire, Rachel McGunn, Johnny Barrett,  
Margaret Devenney. **Anniversary of Death:** Don Donnelly, Mary Docherty,  
James McGinty, William Spence Greig, Rena Valerio, Peter Leitch,  
Catherine Revell. **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, Elizabeth Robertson, Barry  
Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Betty O’Donnell, Linda  
Scott, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson,  
Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine  
Montgomery.

## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year C	WEEKDAY, Year I
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
5/10: <b>Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday – green</b>	John Docherty, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Barbara McGregor, A (12.15pm)
6/10: Harvest Mass – green <b>School Mass at 9.10am</b>	Week 27, Mon Mary MacNeil, D
7/10: Our Lady of the Rosary – blue. Special Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land.	Week 27, Tue Robert Culmer, D
8/10: Jubilee Mass – white	Week 27, Wed Charles M. Bisland, D
9/10: <b>Requiem Mass for Mrs. Margaret Maguire, RIP – purple. [12 Noon, Millport]</b>	Proper Margaret Maguire, RD
10/10: Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart – white <b>Assisi Pilgrimage Opening Mass, St. Mary’s, 2.30pm</b>	Week 27, Fri Anne Conaty, D
11/10: ---	---
12/10: <b>Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Sunday – green</b>	Barbara McGregor, A (Vigil) Nigel Denham, A (10am) Celebrant’s Intention (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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport Cemetery.

**NEXT SCHOOL MASS:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am. Harvest themes. Parishioners are allowed to attend. Please gather at the main entrance to Largs Academy for **9.05am** and you will be escorted to the main hall for the Mass.

**ASSISI PILGRIMAGE OPENING MASS:** Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in St. Mary’s Church. Bus leaves at 3.30pm for Prestwick Airport.

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PLEASE NOTE THE VARIATIONS IN TIMES AND PLACES FOR MASS THIS WEEK: There is **only one** Mass on each day.

Day	Place	Time
Monday	St. M's School	9.10am
Tuesday	St. M's Church	10am
Wednesday	St. M's Church	8am
Thursday	Millport	12 Noon
Friday	St. M's Church	2.30pm

**LITURGY THIS WEEK:** We begin with a Harvest Mass in St. Mary's Primary on Monday morning, a blessing for the whole school campus. On Tuesday, the commemoration of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on the second anniversary of the beginning of the war in the Holy Land. Let's unite ourselves to this providential occasion to invoke Our Lady's powerful intercession for peace. A Jubilee Mass on Wednesday reinforces our hope in Christ, a theme repeated at the Requiem Mass for Margaret Maguire on Thursday. Finally, on Friday, we ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be the protection of our 20 pilgrims on their way to Assisi with its now **three** saints and with profuse prayer for all the intentions of parishioners.

**POPE LEO XIV INVITES** all members of the Church to pray the Holy Rosary during the month of October for peace in the world. Please offer a personal rosary for this intention every day of October. Rosary prior to morning weekday Mass will be offered collectively for the Pope's intention of peace.

**MILLPORT ADORATION:** Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, from 4-5pm.

**THIRD THURSDAY ADORATION** in St. Mary's, Largs, from 7.30-8.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Tuesday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm, St. Mary's Hall. Please pray daily for our catechumens, James and Laurie.

**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. The second encounter for both parishes is this **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. In Largs, the meeting is at 5pm; in Millport, 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 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**SIGNS OF HOPE:** The theme for the month of October is taken from the document which the late Pope Francis called, “Hope does not disappoint”, written in preparation for this Jubilee Year. The theme is the need of signs of hope for the billions of poor on our planet. You will find the leaflet corresponding to this theme in the church porch. After quoting the words of Pope Francis, the leaflet offers some reflections. It then gives some short Scripture quotes regarding God's care for the poor followed by a short bio of saints who spent themselves for the poor. Some words of Pope St. John XXIII on the poor are then given. The leaflet concludes with a prayer.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH SHRINE IN HONOUR OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS, SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI:** As of 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**STATEMENT & ACCOUNT OF RECENT WORKS ON PARISH PROPERTY (St. Mary's):** Using parish money invested in the Parochial Investment Fund administered by the Diocese of Galloway, all of the planned works have now been completed. The total cost of the prior quotations was £115,095.20. The real costs actually came to £107,326.78. Given the surplus, I authorized extra work on the flat roofs on the north side of the church at a cost of £5,600, bringing us to a total of £112,926.78 and thus leaving us with £2,168.42.

In view of the high quality of the job done on the church floor, I have asked the same company to instal two wooden handrails on the sanctuary steps parallel to the width of the altar platform. We will use the remaining £2,168.42 towards the cost of that. Some work also needs done on the main doors between the church porch and the body of the church itself.

Our Stations of the Cross (in stone) have been thoroughly cleaned and given two coats of paint. A parishioner from Millport has done this work free of charge, apart from the cost of materials. Huge thanks to Pauline Gallagher, ably assisted by her husband Andy, for doing this fine piece of work.

Repair work must still be done to the ceiling inside the confessional used for storing flower accoutrements. Once done, it will be repainted, as will the ceiling inside the shop in the church porch. This work will be financed from ordinary parish funds.

For your information, here is the detailed breakdown of the costs for the works done: Hall kitchen and toilet floor, £12,177.71; Hall emergency door & church sanctuary window repair, £693.60; Church, targeted outside painting (more to be done in the future), £12,776.20; House, porch screen, £1,812.01; Perimeter fence, £2,800; Church, targeted roof repairs plus House porch roof repair, £14,600; Church, front canopy, soffit and window sealing, £3,828; Sacristy cloakroom, £4,570.81; Church, inside painting, £39,000; Church floor, £12,768.45; Perimeter wall, £2,800; Church, new gutter system, £5,100.

No asbestos testing was required since an extensive asbestos report was done on the buildings a few years ago.

In the next year or two, the outside painting of the church walls will also need to be done, as well as the interior painting of the parish house.

I am pleased to inform parishioners that your Gift Aid contributions for the past year have come in at a total of £11,970.72. Thank you! I encourage any tax-paying parishioner to consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It brings extra money into the parish at no cost to yourselves. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to sign up.

Last but not least, the late Mrs. Jane Dell has bequeathed to the parish the sum of just over £52,000 (still to be accredited). May God reward her incredible generosity! I will offer three Masses for her eternal repose in the near future.