

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 8th MARCH 2026

“JESUS SAID TO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, ‘GIVE ME A DRINK’” (JOHN 4:7)

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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.

N.B. There may be occasional variations in Mass times, so please check the weekly bulletin to be sure.

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: 07301 021 644.

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@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832;

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

Recently Deceased: Brian Young, Doreen Hanretty. **Anniversary of Death:** Joseph Colvin, Hugh Murphy, Jim McGill, Nadia Maltby, Marie O'Donnell, Moira Johnston, Paola Theron. **Sick:** Sandra Hancock, James & Margaret Sherriff, the Dillon Family, Anne Comiskey, Linda Reynolds, Jimmy Sturman, Betty McLean, Michael McSorley, Sandi Bray, Margaret Kett, Alison Foran, Tom Maguire, Angela Fraser, Dale Cooper, Iain McBride, Caterina King, John Nicol, Frank Murray, Brian Murphy, Margaret Gallagher, Helen McShane, Colette McCafferty, Jessie Clements, 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.

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.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A COMMEMORATION	WEEKDAY, Year II READINGS & MASS INTENTION
8/3: Third Sunday of Lent – purple. FIRST SCRUTINY at the 10am Mass.	John Leith, RD (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Nancy & Ian Catterson, A (12.15pm)
9/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lenten Week 3, Mon May Holland, RD
10/3: Feast of St. John Ogilvie, Priest & Martyr (d. 1615) – red	Proper Edna T. Byrne, D
11/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lenten Week 3, Wed Anna Harrison, D
12/3: Lenten Feria – purple MASS IN MILLPORT	Lenten Week 3, Thu Hugh Murphy, A
13/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lenten Week 3, Fri RoseMarie Harvey, D
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15/3: Third Sunday of Lent – purple. SECOND SCRUTINY at the 10am Mass.	Librada “Levie” Suyat, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh Guy, Snr., A (12.15pm)

A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick; SI = Special Intention; RIP = Requiem Mass

NOTICES

MRS. MAUREEN (MARY ANNE) GREENAN, RIP (St. Mary's): I regret to inform parishioners of the death of Mrs. Greenan at Abbotsford Nursing Home in Ardrossan on 4th March. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and may He comfort her family and friends at this time. We offer them our condolences and prayers. Funeral details to follow.

MONDAY CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION: This coming Monday, 9th March, from 7-8pm. Remember that Lent is a wonderful opportunity to repent of sin and to adore the Lord.

THE SCRUTINIES: These are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent for our RCIA elect, although they also challenge all of us, no matter how long we have been baptized. They are “rites for self-searching and repentance” and “are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good.” The scrutinies are celebrated to “deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.” The rite of scrutiny will take place after the homily at the 10am Mass on the Sundays mentioned above. Please pray for our elect, Laurie and James, and also for our candidate for entrance into full communion, Moira. Let's use this opportunity to apply the scrutinies also to ourselves and so enhance our Lenten journey.

FROM BISHOP FRANK ON THE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DURING THIS YEAR OF PRAYER: “The next Mass of the Holy Spirit will be on Thursday 12th March in St Mary's, Irvine at 6pm.

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All are welcome and encouraged to continue asking the Spirit's help in using the gifts we have received to discern God's will for the Diocese. This month we will reflect on the gift of Fear of the Lord – This gift makes us aware of the greatness of God and makes us look to him with wonder and awe. It increases our desire to draw closer to God and turn away from sin.

Pope St Gregory the Great spoke of the gifts as moving from one to the other: "Through the fear of the Lord we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge we derive strength (fortitude), from strength counsel, with counsel we move towards understanding, and with understanding towards wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven".

LITURGY THIS WEEK: As the third week of Lent draws to a close on Saturday coming, we will find ourselves, timewise, in the middle of the Season. Be of good courage and keep going; if you've fallen by the wayside, reach for the Lord's wounded hand and get up again and forget what lies behind. Keep an eye on St. John Ogilvie, our canonised Scottish martyr, and let his courage in the face of suffering give you renewed impetus to fast, pray and give alms out of love for Jesus. If you can, come along to Mass on his feast day, this Tuesday 10th March, and ask his intercession to help you make this the most loving Lent ever.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (St. Mary's): Thursday 26th March at 2pm. There will be four priests to hear individual confessions. There will be extra confessions during Holy Week, on Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April, from 7-8pm in the evening.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Mary's): Every Friday at 7pm.

Date	Volunteers
13 March	Legion of Mary
20 March	Pro-Life Group
27 March	Fairlie Parishioners
3 April	Fr. Peter

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Our Lady's, Millport): Fridays of Lent at 3pm, except Good Friday.

RCIA - CALLING NEW CANDIDATES & VOLUNTEERS – JOIN US NEXT YEAR: We're fast approaching the end of another wonderful year for our RCIA program and we're delighted to share just how successful and life-giving it has become. Now in our second year, we are excited and ready to welcome a new cohort of candidates into the Church on Holy Saturday.

This programme has grown into a vibrant, supportive space of faith, learning, and community and we warmly invite anyone who feels a nudge in their heart to explore the Catholic faith, deepen their journey, or formally join the Church to get in touch. Whether you're young or young-at-heart, returning to faith or discovering it for the first time, you are very welcome to join us when we recommence in September.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us continue building on this momentum. We seek people with a variety of skills and experiences, from organisation and scheduling to group facilitation, hospitality, or even helping us take the programme to the next level. You don't need to be an expert. Just open, willing, and happy to support others on their faith journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to: + share your gifts and experience; + be part of something growing and meaningful; + walk with others as they meet Christ in the Church.

If you're interested in becoming a candidate or feel called to be a volunteer, please speak to Alana Reilly after Mass or get in touch via reilly.alana@outlook.com Let's continue to grow together as a parish community welcoming, supporting, and encouraging one another in faith.

FIVE WOUNDS OF CHRIST & FIVE WEEKS OF LENT: I invite parishioners to meditate on one of the five wounds of Christ for each of the five full weeks of Lent, bar Holy Week itself. For this third week of Lent, you will find a leaflet at the back of the church with some material in relation to the **Wounded Side of the Saviour**. May this Lent be a time for us all to experience deep healing through the wounds of our Saviour.

PARISH LENT COURSE - "Exploring our Faith & Sycamore" Lent Course. – continues this Wednesday (and every Wednesday evening until March 25th) – 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in the Church Hall. This week's theme is "Seven Rules of Prayer". All welcome. For more information, please contact Gordon McMillan: Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com.

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

Date	Pray	Fast	Alms
Mon 9/3	Dt 32:1-9	Worrying	Compliment
Tue 10/3	Psalms 32 (31)	Potatoes and pasta	Say hello to a stranger
Wed 11/3	Wis 15:1-3	Online News	Any act of kindness
Thu 12/3	Is 12:1-6	Facebook	Give time to someone ill
Fri 13/3	Bar 4:27-29	Feeling guilty or overconfident	Send flowers to the lonely
Sat 14/3	2 Cor 1:3-6	Music	Decide how much for SCIAF
Sun 15/3	1 Th 5:23-24	Alcohol	Tell someone you miss them

SACRED TRIDUUM LITURGIES IN BOTH PARISHES

Liturgy	Date	Place	Time
Holy Thursday, Divine Office	2/4	Largs	9am
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper	2/4	Millport Largs	6.15pm 7.30pm
Good Friday, Divine Office	3/4	Largs	9am
Good Friday, Liturgy of the Passion	3/4	Millport Largs	1.30pm 3pm
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross	3/4	Largs	7pm
Holy Saturday, Divine Office	4/4	Largs	9am
Holy Saturday, Preparatory Rites for the Elect	4/4	Largs	9.30am
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil	4/4	Largs	8.15pm
Easter Sunday, Mass of the Resurrection	5/4	Largs Millport	10am 12.15pm

SCIAF: The annual Lenten second collection for SCIAF will take place on 14-15 March at all Masses in both parishes.

CHANA: We have received a request for toiletries from the homeless hostel, especially shampoo, shower gel and deodorant. Box available in St. Mary's porch from Saturday 21st February until Sunday 8th March for any donations. Thank you.

Prayer for Humility

Let me have too deep a sense of humour to be proud.
 Let me know my absurdity before I act absurdly.
 Let me realize that when I am humble, I am most human,
 most truthful, and most worthy of your serious
 consideration.
 - Daniel A. Lord, SJ