

LAETARE SUNDAY [2nd SCRUTINY], 15th MARCH 2026

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" (JOHN 9:5)

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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

SVPD 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: Doreen Hanretty, Maureen Greenan, John Roarty, Margaret Hogan, Brian Devlin, Jennifer Badger. **Anniversary of Death:** Thomas Rutherford, Thomas Lamming, Hugh Murphy, Librada "Levie" Santos Suyat, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Paul Eustace, Harry Ward. **Sick:** 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: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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	WEEKDAY, Year II
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
15/3: Laetare Sunday – rose. SECOND SCRUTINY at the 10am Mass.	Librada "Levie" Suyat, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh Guy, Snr., A (12.15pm)
16/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lent Week 4, Mon Agatha McAllister, RD
17/3: Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop & Missionary (d. 461) – white	Proper Tom Rutherford, A
18/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lent Week 4, Wed Jennifer Badger, RD
19/3: Solemnity of St. Joseph – white	Lent Week 4, Thu James Murphy, D
20/3: Lenten Feria – purple	Lent Week 4, Fri Martin Rolland, D
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22/3: Fifth Sunday of Lent – purple. THIRD SCRUTINY at the 10am Mass.	Isabel McCall, D (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh Murphy, A (12.15pm)

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

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

NOTICES

MRS. MAUREEN (MARY ANNE) GREENAN, RIP (St. Mary's): We continue to pray for Maureen and her family at this challenging time. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 24th March at 10am, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

FESTIVE MOOD: On Tuesday and Thursday the Church celebrates respectively SS. Patrick and Joseph. I encourage everyone who is able to come along to these lovely celebrations of two saints who are, each in his own way, a father in the faith to us all.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Laetare ("rejoice!") Sunday sets the festive mood for this central week of Lent in which we also celebrate SS. Patrick and Joseph. We are in some way already anticipating the joy of Easter. Just the same, we are not there yet, so let's renew our resolve to observe our Lenten penances.

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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.

ADORATION (Millport): Beginning this Sunday, the time is changed to 1.30-2.30pm.

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

Date	Volunteers
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.

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. 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 fourth week of Lent, you will find a leaflet at the back of the church with some material in relation to the **Wounded Shoulder 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 “Silent Prayer and the Presence of God”. All welcome. For more information, please contact Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com

ASSISTED DYING BILL IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: A bank of campaign materials is now available at the link at the end of this insert. The folder contains interviews, graphics, reels and story content that can be used on social media, parish websites, and other digital platforms. All materials are ready to download and use. Also included is a spreadsheet which provides an overview of all the available content, along with suggested captions and blurbs for social media. These can be used as provided, adapted for your local context. These materials can help to maximise visibility and ensure that

accurate information about the concerns surrounding this Bill is widely shared in the days ahead. Please feel free to use and distribute the materials as widely as possible. If you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QPSAPEUOHpMCawex3Y67oJQjlegY5AL?usp=sharing>

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

Date	Pray	Fast	Alms
Mon 16/3	Judith 9:11-12	Caffeine	Hug for no reason
Tues 17/3	Psalm 5	Mobile Phone	Letter to encourage
Wed 18/3	Psalm 15	All drink except water	Item of clothing you like
Thu 19/3	Proverbs 2	Salt	Give a helping hand
Fri 20/3	Is 12:1-6	Unnecessary talking	Give a gift
Sat 21/3	Matt 11:25-30	Breakfast	Money
Sun 22/3	John 17:24-26	Email	Be patient

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary’s): The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March from 7-8pm. The main item on the agenda will be to consider the results of the last Deanery Pastoral Council. The aim is to provide feedback to the DPC and to consider how those results might be implemented at parish level. The proposal of other agenda items is always welcome.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (Our Lady’s, Millport): I am pleased to announce the formation of a new PFC for our parish in Millport. I want to thank Luigi Giorgetti, Donnie McGilveray, John McHenry and Elizabeth Murphy for accepting to be part of this important consultative body.

FESTCOM26 (St. Mary’s): The next meeting of the Parish Festival Committee for 2026 is on Friday 20th March after the 10am Mass. I ask parishioners to inform the Chair of the Committee, Celia Lewis, of any ideas you may have.

SCIAF: The annual Lenten second collection for SCIAF will take place at all Masses this weekend.

MARY’S MEALS COLLECTION: Heartfelt thanks to all St. Mary’s parishioners for the marvellous total of £1,534.50 which was collected on the weekend of 1st March. God reward you!

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION (Millport): An early St Patrick’s Day celebration was held in Millport Town Hall on Saturday 7th March 2026. It was a joint venture with Millport Town Hall and was a huge success enjoyed by all. As a result of this fundraising event the profits were split equally between Millport town hall and our parish. A wonderful donation of £1112.93 has been received to be used towards the upkeep of the church and the grounds. Many thanks to the Millport community for their generous support!

MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they can join with you in giving their own “Fiat.” May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to sacrificial love, the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. Amen.