

FIFTH (PASSION) SUNDAY OF LENT [3rd SCRUTINY], 22nd MARCH 2026

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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

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

Recently Deceased: Maureen Greenan, Gerry McCulloch. **Anniversary of Death:** Vincent Rutherford, Robert Traynor, Veronica Stevenson, George Galbraith, Dan Rutherford, Charlie Rutherford, Joe Rutherford, John Cleary, Canon Roddy Johnston, Frank Doherty. **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: With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

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 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22/3: Fifth (Passion) Sunday of Lent – purple. THIRD SCRUTINY at the 10am Mass. | Isabel McCall, D (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh Murphy, A (12.15pm) |
| 23/3: Lenten Feria – purple | Lent Week 5, Mon Gerry McCulloch, RD |
| 24/3: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Mary Anne (Maureen) Greenan, RIP – purple. | Proper Maureen Greenan, RD |
| 25/3: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord o white. MASS AT 10am | Proper George Galbraith, A |
| 26/3: Lenten Feria – purple | Lent Week 5, Thu Doreen Hanretty, RD |
| 27/3: Lenten Feria – purple | Lent Week 5, Fri Paul & Carla Magee, SI |
| 28/3: --- | --- |
| 29/3: Palm Sunday – red. | Jim Welsh, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Kathleen McMenemy, 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 is this Tuesday 24th March at 10am, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION: This is not a holyday of obligation but is clearly a major event in the history of salvation. To be able to celebrate the Solemnity with due honour, Mass this Wednesday, 25th March, will therefore be at **10am**, not 8am. I encourage everyone to come along and honour the Mother of God and Her newly conceived Son.

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CHRISM MASS: St. Margaret’s Cathedral, Ayr, at 7pm on Tuesday 31st March. A list is available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to go. Due to the high cost of the bus hire (£320), I ask parishioners wishing to attend to contribute £10 per person towards the cost. The bus can take 18 people, so first come, first served.

SCHOOL MASS: The next Mass in St. Mary’s Primary school will be on **Monday, 30th March**, Monday of Holy Week, at 9.10am. Parishioners who wish to attend may gather from 8.50am, not before, at the entrance to Largs Academy, waiting until a member of staff invites you in and escorts you to the hall where Mass is due to take place.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE (St. Mary’s) will be on Thursday 26th March at 2pm in St. Mary’s Church, with four priests. I will also hear extra confessions on Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April from 7-8pm especially for workers. There will also be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help those who wish to spend more time in prayer to prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery during the Triduum. **I encourage wide participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in prayerful adoration of the Eucharist!**

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We worship the Father through the Son in the Spirit during this fifth week of Lent with an ever-greater intensity of love and hope, as the Gospel readings highlight more the hostile opposition Jesus receives from the world. Mid-week, we are given a reprieve with the glorious solemnity of the Annunciation. The funeral rites for Maureen Greenan on Tuesday remind us that the whole point of Christ’s passion is to save us from death: “even though we die, yet shall we live!”

ADORATION (Millport): Sundays, 1.30-2.30pm.

FIVE WOUNDS OF CHRIST & FIVE WEEKS OF LENT: I have been inviting 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 fifth week of Lent, you will find a leaflet at the back of the church with some material in relation to the **Wound of the Crown of Thorns**. May this Lent be a time for us all to experience deep healing through the wounds of our Saviour.

SHORT TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION. We offer to the Lord all our intentions for peace and ask Him for His Love and guidance as we continue in our Pax Christi work for peace. 25 March 2026 on Zoom, 6pm. Register in advance: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/joining/register/YDqVizkIQQCdu6ktUoWvA> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Mary’s): 27th March (Fairlie Parishioners); 3rd April (Fr. Peter).

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

THE ST MARY’S BOOK CLUB scheduled for Thursday the 26th March has been cancelled as has the Bible Study Group during the first two weeks of April. The Bible Study will recommence on Thursday 16th April.

PARISH LENT COURSE - “Exploring our Faith & Sycamore” Lent Course. This Wednesday is our last LENT evening meeting – 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in the Church Hall. The theme is “How to Offer Up Your Sufferings to God”. All welcome. For more information, please contact Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462, email gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary’s): The next meeting is 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 consider how those results might be implemented at parish level and provide feedback to the DPC. Other agenda items are always welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS’ (S5-30) EVENING: The next evening takes place on Sunday 29th March when Bishop Frank will be joining the group for “An Evening with Bishop Frank” as he speaks on and discusses a range of different topics. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph’s Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 5.30 pm, or join from 6.30 pm online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on ‘Young Adults’.

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

| Date | Pray | Fast | Alms |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Mon 23/3 | Wis 11:21-26 | Bread | Be first to say hi |
| Tue 24/3 | Prov 8:32-36 | Rise 20 mins. earlier | Any good deed |
| Wed 25/3 | Psalms 130 | All screen viewing | Wash someone’s windows |
| Thu 26/3 | Luke 1:46-55 | Self-concern | Rosary for an enemy |
| Fri 27/3 | Is 42:1-9 | Dairy | Smile |
| Sat 28/3 | Rev 15:3-4 | Soft seats | Money |
| Sun 29/3 | Jer 31:2-3 | Carbohydrates | Compassion |

HARRY CHRISTOPHERS AND THE SIXTEEN will make music history by giving the first-ever world premiere of a concert work in the Sistine Chapel. The concert is being presented by the Genesis Foundation with the grateful permission of the Vatican. James MacMillan’s *Angels Unawares*, his eighth Genesis Foundation commission and first to a text by Robert Willis, is premiered in the most breathtaking of settings: amidst frescoes that present a mesmerising vision of divine creation, human frailty, and the hope of salvation. The concert will be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio 3, on 29 March at 6.30pm.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you are able, please make a donation towards flowers for the sanctuary at Easter. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Pop your donation into the collection bag at the Offertory.

HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION, GOOD FRIDAY: The annual collection to support the Catholic community in the Holy Land will be taken up during the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. Gift Aid cannot be used since the money is being sent abroad. Thank you for your generosity!

INCOME FEBRUARY 2026

| Description | Largs (Ch) | Largs (H) | Millport |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Loose Plate | £2,642.80 | --- | £ 629.92 |
| Bank Income | £2,913.00 | £ 10.00 | --- |
| Contactless (C) | £ 196.80 | £ 24.60 | £78.72 |
| C-SSVP | --- | --- | £ 4.92 |
| C-Crib | £24.60 | --- | --- |
| C-Building Fund | --- | --- | £ 33.44 |
| Rentals | --- | £ 380.00 | --- |
| Sunday Teas | --- | £ 160.00 | --- |
| Chat’n’Do | --- | £ 102.50 | --- |
| Hall Funds | --- | £ 25.00 | --- |
| Electr. Contr. | --- | --- | £ 240.00 |
| NAC Credit | --- | --- | £ 350.00 |
| Flowers | --- | --- | £ 1.80 |
| Candles | £ 244.23 | --- | £ 2.00 |
| SSVP | --- | --- | £15.50 |