

PALM SUNDAY, 29th MARCH 2026

“HE EMPTIED HIMSELF” (PHILIPPIANS 2:7).

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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: Danny Bruce, Paul Gilmartin, Laura McBride.
Anniversary of Death: Margaret Anderson, Anne Gaffney, Michael MacLean, Catherine O'Connor, Jim Welsh, Michael Leahy, James Murray Robertson, Gino Leonardi. **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: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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
29/3: Palm Sunday – red.	Jim Welsh, A (Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Kathleen McMenemy, A (12.15pm)
30/3: Monday, Holy Week – purple. MASS IN SCHOOL, 9.10am	Proper Special Intention (RK)
31/3: Tuesday, Holy Week – purple.	Proper Ian Allison, D
1/4: Wednesday, Holy Week – purple. MASS AT 10am	Proper Special Intention (MMcB)
2/4: Holy Thursday. No morning Mass. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Millport – 6.15pm, white. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Largs – 7.30pm, white.	Proper Intention of Celebrant All Parishioners
3/4: Good Friday. No Mass. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Millport – 1.30pm, red. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Largs – 3pm, red.	Proper
4/4: Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil, Largs only – 8.15pm, white.	Proper For Laurie Gilchrist, James Sweeney & Moira Dalgetty. For the return of the lapsed to the Sacraments. For more conversions to Christ in His Holy Catholic Church.
5/4: Easter Sunday – white	All Parishioners (10am) David McGill, D (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

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NOTICES

FR. BILL RUSSELL: I want to welcome back and thank Fr. Bill who will preside at the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies in Millport. His assistance is greatly appreciated.

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. **Bus will leave from St. Mary’s Church at 5.45pm sharp.**

EXTRA CONFESSIONS & EXPOSITION (St. Mary’s): Intended especially for workers, but not exclusively. **7-8pm on Monday 30th March and on Wednesday 1st April.** Don’t miss your chance: The Crucified One awaits to shower you with mercy, joy and peace. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during both hours of confessions. Even if you are not confessing, this offers an opportunity for some silent adoration to be with the Lord, to remember His Love for you and for all.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The Word of God this week takes us by the hand to help us enter into the love and suffering of Jesus for our sakes. All the powers of evil home in on Him and crush Him. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Gospel shows the gradual crumbling of even those closest to Him: Peter’s cowardice and denials; Judas’ betrayal and despair. But the Word also shows us the unflinching fidelity of Jesus to the Father and to us. His light shines through the darkness, His self-sacrifice overwhelms human selfishness. We see Him on His knees at the apostles’ feet, we see His hands raised in blessing to the Father to institute the Eucharist. We see them bound at the arrest, scarred by the carrying of the Cross and then nailed to it. His body provides an open field day for the sadists and the haters to unleash their hellish fury: He seems no longer human. Even in death, He is pierced and manhandled. A bundle of macerated flesh, blood, sweat and tears. All seems lost.

AND THEN HE RISES.

ADORATION (Millport): Sundays, 1.30-2.30pm & **Wednesdays from 5-6pm.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Mary’s): Good Friday, 3rd April (Fr. Peter), 7pm, with the opportunity to venerate the Cross.

THE PLENARY INDULGENCE OF HOLY WEEK: At the back of both churches, a limited number of leaflets explains the plenary indulgence for Holy Week and spells out how it can be obtained.

LENTEN EXERCISE SUGGESTIONS

Date	Pray	Fast	Alms
Mon 30/3	Is 52:13-15	Dairy	Hug family members
Tue 31/3	Is 53:1-3	Shops	Money
Wed 1/4	Is 53:4-7	Phone	Reach out to a lonely person
Thu 2/4	Is 53: 8-9	Rise at 3am and watch with Jesus for 20 mins	Write a kind letter
Fri 3/4	Is 53: 10-11	One meal, no meat	Encourage
Sat 4/4	Is 52: 12	TV	Share your dreams

THE PARISH SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Any parishioner who is chronically housebound due to sickness or disability is more than

welcome to ask for Holy Communion to be brought to them on a weekly basis, or less regularly if they prefer. Please contact me (Fr. Peter) directly (by phone or email) so that this can be arranged or, if you prefer, ask a friend to speak with me on your behalf. Also, should anyone in the same situation wish a visit from me, please let me know and I will be very happy to oblige. You may want confession and/or the sacrament of the sick, or you may just want to talk. Again, if you prefer to ask someone else to contact me on your behalf, that’s fine, too. I encourage all parishioners to keep an eye on those who are housebound due to illness or disability and to encourage them to ask for Holy Communion to be brought to them or, if needed, to ask for a visit from myself. I pray daily and fervently for all our sick and housebound, and also for those who are lapsed, lost, lonely or otherwise challenged spiritually, morally or psychologically. We are all human and can suffer from these things, so let’s do what we can through prayer and action to support one another.

My ongoing and sincerest gratitude to all our Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to those at home and to the great work of the Legion of Mary and of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who visit the sick and poor on our behalf.

ECUMENICAL SONGS OF PRAISE: Sunday 29th March, Largs Parish Church (Clark Memorial), 5pm. Tea afterwards.

WALK OF WITNESS: The annual Walk of Witness with the Cross will take place on Good Friday morning, beginning at 10am from St. Columba’s Scottish Episcopal Church.

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.

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’.

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!

CHANA: Many thanks to all who responded to our request for toiletries. Your continual support is very much appreciated. God bless you all.

“The passion of Christ is sufficient to completely form our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly need do nothing other than despise what Christ despised on the cross and desire what Christ desired. There is no virtue of which the cross is not an example.”

St. Thomas Aquinas