

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 12th APRIL 2026

“ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE” (1 Peter 1:3)

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
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&
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
COLLEGE STREET, MILLPORT, KA28 0BG
Registered Charity No. is SC010576

Sung Psalm Response: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

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 2nd Thursdays) & Fri.
8am Mass on Wednesdays.

Holidays of Obligation: Vigil, 7pm; Day Mass at 10am only.

Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; 2nd Thursdays, 10am.

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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
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crosshousehospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832;

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Recently Deceased: Kevan Jamieson. **Anniversary of Death:** Mary Devine, Sophie Wylie, Alexander Greig, Elizabeth Tierney, Mary Chalmers, Gerry McHugh, Canon John McElroy, Michael Hughes, Ella Hughes. **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.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A COMMEMORATION	WEEKDAY, Year II READINGS & MASS INTENTION
12/4: Divine Mercy Sunday - white	Michael MacLean, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Kathleen McMenemy, A (12.15pm)
13/4: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 2, Mon Fr. Alan McGinty, A
14/4: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 2, Tue Kevan Jamieson, RD
15/4: Easter Feria - white Mass at 8am	Easter Week 2, Wed Mary Askew, A
16/4: Easter Feria - white Mass in Millport, 10am	Easter Week 2, Thu Michael McGlynn, SI
17/4: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 2 Catherine Taylor, D
18/4: Nuptial Mass of Alexandra Brogan & Digby Walker - white [1.30pm]	Proper For the Bridal Couple
19/4: Third Sunday of Easter - white	Nathan Sweeney, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Ian Cardno, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

MR. KEVAN JAMIESON, RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Jamieson and offer deep condolences and prayers to his mother, Anne Welsh, and to all his family and friends. The funeral will be a short service at the Clyde Crematorium on Tuesday 14th April at 12 Noon. I will offer Mass for him that morning at 10am in St. Mary's (not a requiem Mass).

WEDDING (St. Mary's): I am delighted to announce the Nuptial Mass, in St. Mary's on Saturday 18th April at 1.30pm, of Alexandra Brogan and Digby Walker. Our heartfelt and prayerful congratulations to them both in "tying the knot" by celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the sign of Christ's undying love for His Bride, the Church. We wish them many long and happy years together in the ways, joy and love of God.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (St. Mary's): On this special Sunday, our Divine Mercy devotion group will hold a holy hour of adoration from 2.30-3.30pm, with the recitation of the Chaplet at 3pm. All are welcome.

MASS THIS WEEK: Masses this week return to 10am, except for Wednesday when it will be at 8am. Please note that Mass on Thursday morning will be in Millport at 10am.

PRAYING FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST & ELSEWHERE: The Holy Father has planned a prayer service for peace in the Middle East in St. Peter's Square this Saturday, 11th April, at 6pm. I encourage those who can to join the occasion by livestream via, for example, the "Vatican News" website. To echo that, I would like to us to pray for that same intention in a

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special way at Mass on Monday 13th April at 10am. Please make a special effort to attend Mass that day if you are able.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (St. Mary's): Sunday 10th May at the 10am Mass.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The bright Light of Easter continues to shine through Christ's Eucharistic Presence among us this week, both in times of sorrow (Funeral of Kevan Jamieson on Tuesday) and in gladness (wedding of Alexandra and Digby on Saturday). The splendour of His Light is His love which conquers all things and ennobles all things. With St. Carlo Acutis, let us stand before the radiance of the Eucharist and discover how the Lord sanctifies us with His love.

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

RCIA CATECHESIS POST-EASTER: The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) also provides that the newly baptized (known as “neophytes”, meaning those who are “brand new” in the Christian life) should receive some deeper instruction on the mysteries of faith after Easter. This period of instruction is known as “mystagogy” (which means “leading through the mysteries”). It is a chance not only for the newly baptized but also for anyone else in the community who is baptized to reflect on their sacramental experience and deepen their understanding of the faith. The RCIA explains “This is a time for the community and the neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the eucharist, and doing the works of charity” (n.234). The parish community, especially godparents and the priest, should give them thoughtful and friendly help.

To this end, in agreement with our neophytes, I have arranged for three moments of deeper catechesis on the following dates and themes: **1) Tuesday 21st April from 7-8pm in the hall, on Baptism; 2) Tuesday 19th May in the hall, on Confirmation; and 3) Tuesday 16th June, on the Eucharist.** These evenings are open to all parishioners.

RCIA - CALLING NEW CANDIDATES & VOLUNTEERS – JOIN US NEXT YEAR: At the Easter Vigil, as everyone knows, we welcomed a new cohort of RCIA candidates into the Church.

The RCIA 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, to be part of something growing and meaningful and 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 Fr. Peter or fill in one of the RCIA forms available at the back of St. Mary's church. Let's continue to grow together as a parish community welcoming, supporting, and encouraging one another in faith. **Many people are often just waiting on someone asking them: Would you like to become a Catholic? So, everyone, please ask!**

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.

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE IN GLASGOW is running several residential retreats in Scotland this year. Details on their website: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk>

Firstly, a retreat weekend for people thinking about what is next in life: 'Navigating the way forward' - 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs). Take time out with God for reflection, input and community as we consider how to discern where we are and where we might be invited to next steps. For those facing choices in life or wondering if there are changes which would lead to greater growth.

Secondly, 'going deeper' for people new to the catholic faith (RCIA) - 1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin. Take time to pause and reflect on your faith journey in the beautiful surroundings of Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery. Arrivals from 5pm on Friday 1st May and leaving after 12:00 noon lunch on Sunday 3 May. This residential retreat is designed for those who have been through RCIA (a programme which prepares people to become Roman Catholic). The weekend will include opportunities to try different ways of praying, exploring some of the Ignatian (Jesuit) and Benedictine traditions, and sharing with others on living a reflective life.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Recommences Thursday 16th April.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (FESTCOM26) next meets in the hall on Friday 17th April after the 10am Mass.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE (St. Mary's): Tuesday 21st April, 7-8pm, in the hall.

HALL FUNDRAISING (St. Mary's): If you have any “bright ideas” you would like to share for this, please email largs@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or pop a note with your idea into the parish house.

ANONYMOUS DONATION TO THE ST. CARLO ACUTIS SHRINE: I recently received a further anonymous, and very generous, donation of £3,000 towards the shrine which we are currently in the process of planning in honour of SS. Carlo Acutis, Francis and Clare of Assisi. This brings the total amount to just over £25,500. Our young Saint clearly wants something beautiful – for God!

ST MARY'S GIFT AID SCHEME: Gift Aid envelopes for the fiscal year 2026/27 (first Sunday is 7 April 2026) are now available on the table in the church porch. Parishioners who donate under the Gift Aid Scheme using weekly envelopes are asked to collect only their OWN envelopes. If anyone expects to collect a set of envelopes but there is no box for them, please contact Louise Devine (07818496654). *The problem with taking someone else's envelopes is that we don't then know who is contributing under a particular number, which HMRC needs to know especially if there was to be an audit.* Parishioners who pay by standing order do not require envelopes. If anyone would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Louise at the above number. My sincere thanks are extended to all donors, whether under the Gift Aid Scheme or not, for your regular and sustained financial support.