

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19th APRIL 2026

"IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE HELD BY DEATH" (Acts 2:24)

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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

- Andrew Gallagher on 07789 229842.

Crosshouse Hospital chaplain: Fr. Stephen McGrattan at

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or 01655 882145.

Recently Deceased: John Walsh, Marie Reilly, Francis Moulds. **Anniversary of Death:** Ian Brotherhood, Anthony Patrick Speirs. **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: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

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
19/4: Third Sunday of Easter – white	Nathan Sweeney, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Ian Cardno, D (12.15pm)
20/4: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 3, Mon Tony Jaconelli, D
21/4: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 3, Tue Alexander MacNeil, D
22/4: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 3, Wed Mgr. Charles Kavanagh, D
23/4: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 3, Thu Angela Hudson, D
24/4: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 3, Fri Michael Feeny, D
25/4: St. Mark, Evangelist	---
26/4: Fourth Sunday of Easter – white. Good Shepherd & Vocations Sunday.	Anna Harrison, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Mary Boyce, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

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

VOCATIONS MASS: On the back of Good Shepherd Sunday, 26th April, our deanery will again celebrate a Vocations Mass. It will be in St. Mary's, Saltcoats, on Thursday 30th April at 7pm. I encourage as wide a participation as possible!

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The Gospel each day this week is taken from John, chapter 6, which tells the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and then relates the astoundingly beautiful, and powerful, discourse of Jesus on the Bread of Life, the Holy Eucharist. I encourage as many as possible to attend Mass this week to hear the full chapter in its various instalments, and to allow the Lord to re-evangelize and re-catechize your heart and mind to believe and love more completely the gift of the Holy Eucharist. There is no more effective context in which to receive the truth and grace of the Word's own words on this Sacrament of sacraments, the Risen and Real and Substantial Presence of Our Lord, Our Life and Our Love.

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

RCIA CATECHESIS POST-EASTER: 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.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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

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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.

RCIA - CALLING NEW CANDIDATES & VOLUNTEERS – JOIN US

NEXT YEAR: Now that Easter proper has passed, it is time to think and act in relation to **next** Easter. The Holy Spirit never stops leading and calling those He desires to become one with Christ in His Church. But He needs our voices and words to sow the seed, to extend the invitation, to those standing on the sidelines who may simply be waiting to be asked. I invite all parishioners to summon the boldness of the Spirit you received in Confirmation and to have the courage to reach out to others and, over the coming weeks and months, to ask them gently and lovingly if they would like to join the RCIA programme. Invite them even just to come along and see if it works for them, and you come with them to support them.

We will begin on Tuesday 1st September from 7-8pm in St. Mary’s Hall. There is no cost. They don’t need to bring anything but themselves.

Please remember, too, that the programme is not just for non-Catholics but for any parishioner who would like a refresher in the basic knowledge of their faith.

If you’re interested in becoming a candidate or feel called to be a volunteer, or just want to refresh your understanding of the faith, 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. To repeat: **Many people are often just waiting on someone asking them: Would you like to become a Catholic? So, everyone, please ask!**

CENACLE ADORATION AND MEETING: Tuesday 12th May, beginning at 4pm in St. Mary’s church with exposition. We will repair to the hall in time for a business meeting at about 5pm.

CONSULTATION PAPER FROM THE BISHOPS ON THE NUMBER OF DIOCESES IN SCOTLAND: As announced on a previous occasion, the Bishops have now produced a consultation paper on this important matter. We have been asked to undertake as parishes a synodal-style session of prayer and reflection using the material provided. I will try to simplify the paperwork received before we have our parish discernments, in both St. Mary’s and Our Lady’s, and make it available to you a couple of weeks in advance of the meeting. I propose that we aim for **Sunday 17th May** at 4pm in St. Marys and after the 12.15pm Mass in Our Lady’s. Please save the date!

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). **Secondly**, 'going deeper' for people new to the catholic faith (RCIA) - 1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin.

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY: Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg

Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The ‘Youth Ministry Internship’ scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE (St. Mary’s): Tuesday 5th May, 7-8pm, in the hall.

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

SPUC'S ANNUAL EDINBURGH PRO-LIFE CHAIN will take place on Saturday 25th April from 11am to 1pm, on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. In 58 years of legal abortion in the UK, almost 11 million unborn children have been killed. This is a staggering loss of life, and with the House of Lords recently voting for legislation that decriminalises abortion up to birth, this figure only looks likely to grow. But we cannot stay silent. Join other likeminded pro-lifers in Edinburgh on the 25th as we stand up for Life and redouble our efforts to make abortion unthinkable.

LOURDES: Some time ago, someone gave me a gift to finance a trip to Lourdes, so, as a post-Easter break, I will be going from Monday 27th April until Friday 1st May. I would like to invite you to give me any prayer intentions you would like me to take to Our Lady. Just pop them into the silver box entitled, “prayer intentions for Fr. Peter”, and I will gladly take them with me. I will pray for all parishioners in both parishes, especially for the lapsed, the sick and our children and their families.

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.

MARCH INCOME

Description	Largs (Ch)	Largs (H)	Millport
Loose Plate	£ 3,189.16	---	£ 780.32
Bank Income	£ 3,393.00	£ 15.00	---
Contactless (C)	£ 83.64	---	£118.08
C-SSVP	£ 1.96	---	---
C-Building Fund	---	---	£ 5.88
Rentals	---	£ 370.00	---
Sunday Teas	---	£ 165.00	---
Country Dancing	---	£ 140.00	---
Chrism Mass Bus	£ 150.00	---	---
Electr. Contr.	---	---	£ 120.00
NAC Credit	---	---	£ 350.00
Club donation	---	---	£ 70.00
Easter Flowers	£ 173.40	---	£ 1.00
SSVP	---	---	£10.40
SCIAF	£ 1,515.54	---	£ 133.02
Shrine	£ 3,000.00	---	---