

FOURTH AND FIFTH SUNDAYS OF EASTER, 26th APRIL & 3rd MAY 2026

“SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE” (PSALM 22:5)

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

Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Sung Psalm Response: (4th Sunday) - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

(5th Sunday) - May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

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.

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: Patricia McNamara, Rosemary Craig, John Beaton.
Anniversary of Death: Isobel McCall, Roderick Galbraith, William Norquay, Murdina Norquay, Margaret Galbraith, Mgr. Charles Kavanagh, Canon Joseph Dow, Gerry McGinty, Elizabeth Anderson-Parke, Betty Lincoln, Anne Greig, Ian Cardno. **Sick:** Canon Patrick McSorley, May Fulton, 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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A	WEEKDAY, Year II
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
26/4: Fourth Sunday of Easter - white. Good Shepherd & Vocations Sunday.	Anna Harrison, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Mary Boyce, D (12.15pm)
FROM MONDAY 27/4 UNTIL FRIDAY 1/5 INCLUSIVE	NO WEEKDAY MASS IN ST. MARY'S. DAILY MASS AVAILABLE AT 12 Noon AT THE BENEDICTINE MONASTERY
3/5: Fifth Sunday of Easter - white.	Isabel McCall, A (6pm Vigil) Murdina Norquay, A (10am) All Parishioners (12.15pm)
4/5: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 5, Mon Special Intention (GMB)
5/5: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 5, Tue Ian Brotherhood, A
6/5: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 5, Wed May Holland, RD
7/5: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 5, Thu Kevin Jamieson, RD
8/5: Easter Feria - white	Easter Week 5, Fri Margaret Galbraith, A
9/5: Easter Feria	---
10/5: Sixth Sunday of Easter - white. First Holy Communions at the 10am Mass in Largs.	Joe McMullen, RD (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Patrick McElroy, 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.

FIRST COMMUNICANT PRAYER PARTNERS: It's only natural that prayer partners for our First Holy Communion children would like to meet the children and their parents at some point. To that end, prayer partners and parents are invited to attend, if they wish/can, the 10am Mass on Thursday 7th May and to meet one another and the children in the church after the Mass for a short period prior to the children's full rehearsal for the Sunday Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS (St. Mary's): This week, there will be **no weekday Mass** at St. Mary's. I invite those who can, to attend instead the 12 Noon Mass which is celebrated daily at the Benedictine Monastery. Weekday Mass will return to St. Mary's on Monday 4th May.

VOCATIONS MASS: On the back of Good Shepherd Sunday, 26th April, our deanery will again celebrate a Vocations Mass. It will

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be in St. Mary's, Saltcoats, on Thursday 30th April at 7pm. I encourage as wide a participation as possible!

FIRST MONDAY CONFESSIONS & ADORATION: Monday, 4th May from 7-8pm.

LITURGY THESE NEXT TWO WEEKS: With the exception of Wednesday 29th April, the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, the weekday Gospel readings these next two weeks start to take us through the very deep and sublime words of Jesus in St. John's Gospel. After a few excerpts from chapter 10 (the Good Shepherd), we are led through the beautiful words of Jesus at the last Supper, as recorded in chapters 13-17 of St. John. Although pronounced before His passion, the teaching and prayer of Jesus in these chapters seem to come as if from the Risen Christ. One central theme of them is the obvious longing in Jesus' Heart that we all be one in Him and, through Him, with the Father and one another. They come across almost as love poems or even songs. If we dwell on them with open heart and mind, we absorb the very sentiments and thoughts of God.

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

AGAPE: Thursday 7th May, from 6.30-8pm. 1) Evening Prayer of the Church, 6.30-6.45pm; 2) Silent prayer, 6.45-7pm; 3) Eucharistic testimony of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), 7-7.20pm; 4) Silent prayer, 7.20-7.30pm; 5) Rosary for Peace, 7.30-7.50pm; 6) Simple Benediction & Veneration of the Relic of St. Carlo Acutis, 7.50-8pm.

RCIA CATECHESIS POST-EASTER: 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: 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!**

DIOCESAN SYNODALITY DAY – Saturday, 16th May - St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. Bishop Brian McGee will join us and lead workshops on Conversations in the Spirit. The Bishop asks that each parish send at least two people who will learn how to lead in this area. **Please sign the sheet at the back of our churches if you are willing to assume this leadership role.**

Further details of the meeting are to follow. The Bishop has asked that the question at the heart of the day be: “How the Holy Spirit wants us to proclaim the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ in 2033.”

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SYNODALITY – Saturday 6 June 2026. We invite YOU to the National Festival of Synodality at Glasgow Caledonian University, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be “witnesses to synodality.” The Festival will focus on Conversation in the Spirit, a simple and powerful way of communal discernment rooted in listening, conversion and mission. The day will celebrate the fruits already flourishing in the Church in Scotland and include input from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience Conversation in the Spirit first hand. Lunch is included. All are welcome, especially those involved in parish and diocesan life, pastoral councils, schools and faith organisations. Tickets: £45. The parish will pay two thirds of the ticket cost for the first ten volunteers. Tickets available: bit.ly/synodality26

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 4-5.30pm in St. Marys and after the 12.15pm Mass in Our Lady's. Please save the date!

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.

HALL LIGHTS: I appeal to all hall users kindly to remember to turn all lights off before leaving the hall!

LEGION OF MARY, CARFIN THANKSGIVING MASS on Sunday, 24th May 2026 at 3pm. Our Lady of Compassion Praesidium has organised a bus leaving Irvine Cross at 11.45, Dalry Road Kilwinning at 12 and St Brigid's Kilbirnie at 12.15. To book a seat please contact Gerry Quirk on 556680 or 07795 632889.

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30) EVENING: The next evening takes place on Sunday 3rd May when Fr Philip Kitchen will be joining the group for the second in our series of evenings on “The History of the Church” as he speaks on the Middle Ages. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 6.00 pm, or join from 6.30 pm in person or online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on ‘Young Adults’.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 1) 9/10 May for Seminarians; 2) 16/17 May for the Social Communications work of the Bishops.

Remember to pray the prayer for the Diocese of Galloway during this year of prayer! Plenty of prayer cards available!