

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10th MAY 2026

“I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU” (JOHN 14:18)

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: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

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: Canon Patrick McSorley, Lena O'Hare. **Anniversary of Death:** James Breen, John McGowan, Benet Brodie, snr., Agnes Fritscher, Huguette Da Silva, Shawn Kirwan. **Sick:** Leah Todd, 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 Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A

WEEKDAY, Year II

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
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)
11/5: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 6, Mon Canon Patrick McSorley, RD
12/5: Mass of Our Lady – blue	Easter Week 6, Tue Annie Walker McDiarmid, SI
13/5: The Ascension of the Lord – white. Vigil Mass, 7pm. [NO 8AM MORNING MASS]	Proper Sarah Kelly, D
14/5: The Ascension of the Lord – white. 10am Mass – Largs 12.15pm Mass - Millport	Proper All Parishioners Sarah Bisland & Anne Conaty, A
15/5: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 6, Fri George McGurn, D
16/5: Easter Feria	---
17/5: Seventh Sunday of Easter – white.	Robert Stirling, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh McDougall, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday 14th May and Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday 13th May at 7pm in Largs; 10am morning Mass in Largs on Thursday 14th May with school children present; 12.15pm Mass in Millport on Thursday 14th May.

Please note that there is no 8am Mass in St. Mary's on Wednesday morning, 13th May.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children of the parish who this Sunday receive their First Holy Communion! As for St. Carlo Acutis, may this immense grace be for them the beginning of a new resolution “always to live united with Jesus.” May it also be a new beginning for their families to build their lives around the worship of God in Sunday Mass. Give first place in the week to the Lord and everything else will work out well!

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS, ST. MARGARET'S, AYR: On Saturday 23rd May, at 6pm, Bishop Frank will celebrate Mass with all those who were baptized or received into the Church through the RCIA programme carried out throughout the Diocese. His idea is to celebrate the conclusion of their journey at diocesan level just as he celebrated the beginning of it with them on the first Sunday of Lent in the rite of election. The Vigil Mass will be longer than usual since, as happens at the Easter Vigil, there will be a number of readings from the Old Testament which speak to the Promise of the Spirit who would be poured out through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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NEXT SCHOOL MASS will be in St. Mary's Primary on Monday 18th May at 9.10am. Parishioners who wish to attend should gather at the entrance to Largs Academy from 8.50am, but not before.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: With Ascension Thursday, we begin the "countdown" to the end of Easter and to the beginning of the Time of the Holy Spirit, i.e. Pentecost. Eastertide is made up of an octave of weeks, but the eighth "week" is actually the entire season of the Holy Spirit which lasts until Advent. The white of Easter gives way to the red of the fire of the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday which then immediately morphs into green, the symbol of the Spirit's vitality and fertility in the baptised and confirmed and "wherever He blows." For now, though, we stay with the Risen Christ appearing in glory and love as He reaches the end of His "quarantine" on earth (forty days) among the first cell of the Church. His Ascension does not withdraw His presence from us but only His visibility. He remains at the heart of the Church and Cosmos in the Holy Eucharist. His Ascension is an ongoing event which draws all things and all people irresistibly into God. He does not return to the Father without us or without creation!

PENTECOST NOVENA: Copies available at the back of both churches. Remember that the Apostles and the Mother of Jesus gathered in constant prayer in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, and prayed intensely before the Holy Spirit came down on them. The grace of Pentecost won't "just happen" to us: we must prepare for it avidly, longingly, so that the Spirit finds in us hearts that are open and ready to work with the gifts and fruits He brings.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Wednesday 13th May marks this memorial of Our Lady, right in the heart of May. Mass that day will be in the evening, but I encourage everyone to pray the rosary that day for peace in our war-torn world.

ADORATION (Millport): Sundays, 1.30-2.30pm & Wednesdays from 5-6pm; Mondays and Thursdays, 3-4pm.

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, beginning at 12 Noon with soup and sandwich lunch and ending with the Sunday Vigil Mass at 6pm. 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.** 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." There will be four sessions with Bishop Brian and Catriona Fletcher. Deadline for signing up: after the 10am Mass on Monday 11th May.

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: I have made available at the back of both churches the consultation paper produced by the Bishops of Scotland on this important matter. It will guide our parish synodal meeting on **Sunday 17th May** at 4-5.30pm in St. Mary's and after the 12.15pm Mass in Our Lady's. I have made available also a sheet for you to sign your name so that we have an idea of how many people will be present. I do encourage everyone to take part. We won't be able to say that we did not get a chance to participate in a decision which will be of huge significance to the future of the Church in Scotland, and therefore to the future of the life of faith of your own children and grandchildren!

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.

PAX CHRISTI: Some copies of the latest newsletter are available at the back of the church.

COFFEE AND A CHAT: Organised by Dementia Friendly Largs, you are invited along on the 2nd Monday of the month from 1-3pm at the A.D. Cameron Centre, 17-19 Lade Street, Largs.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CARETAKER: This job will be advertised as of **Monday 11th May** on <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job> It will encompass some of the current hall keeper role but also include a wider role of caretaking for all three parish buildings and grounds.

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