

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 17th MAY 2026

“AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THAT THEY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD,
AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT” (Jn 17:3).

SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA
28 GREENOCK ROAD, LARGS, KA30 8NE

&
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
COLLEGE STREET, MILLPORT, KA28 0BG
Registered Charity No. is SC010576

Tel: 01475 740019

Website: rclargsandmillport.com

YouTube: <https://www.rclargsandmillport.com/livestream>

Parishes' Emails: largs@rcdg.org.uk
millport@rcdg.org.uk

Parish Priest: Mgr. Peter Canon Magee
PP's email: peter.magee@rcdg.org.uk

Parishes' Secretary: Mrs. Luciana Stewart
Email: luciana.stewart@rcdg.org.uk

St. Mary's Parish Caretaker:
Mr. Edward Stewart, 07796 209986
Email: edwardastewart70@gmail.com

Our Lady's Parish Buildings & Grounds Caretaker:
Mr. Luigi Giorgetti, 07941 222303
Email: luigigiorgetti@yahoo.co.uk

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: Marjorie Sheridan, William Brown, Tony Felle, Pat Weedall, Margaret Ramaglioni. **Anniversary of Death:** Edna Walker, Ruth Parker, Kath Letham, James Boyle, Frank McCann. **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.

Sung Psalm Response: I believe I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of the living.

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	WEEKDAY, Year II
COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
17/5: Seventh Sunday of Easter – white.	Robert Stirling, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Hugh McDougall, D (12.15pm)
18/5: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 7, Mon The Kane Family, SI
19/5: Mass of Our Lady – blue	Easter Week 7, Tue Charles Bisland & John Pitt, A
20/5: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 7, Wed John Slavin, A
21/5: Easter Feria – white	NO MASS TODAY
22/5: Easter Feria – white	Easter Week 7, Fri Elizabeth Spalding, A
23/5: Easter Feria	---
24/5: Pentecost – red	Jane Donaghy, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Giovanna Marletta, A, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

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.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY 21st MAY: I regret that due to a clergy meeting, there will be no Mass on Thursday in St. Mary's.

NEXT SCHOOL MASS to be announced.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This last week in the “octave of weeks” which make up Eastertide is dominated in the Word of God by chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel. This entire chapter is one long prayer of Jesus to the Father. In it, Jesus expresses the deepest longing of His Heart that all who believe in Him may finally be one with the Trinity in eternal glory. Jesus Himself is facing heaven, and He prays that heaven will come about for us, too. The prayer also expresses the pastoral Heart of Jesus who intercedes for and protects all those whom the Father has drawn to Jesus. And what is the power that will actually bring about this final union and glory between the Trinity and redeemed humanity? It is the Holy Spirit. Jesus' prayer is thus a prayer of preparation for Pentecost. It would be good to try and take quiet time this week to meditate on Chapter 17 of the Gospel of St. John in preparation for Pentecost, entering into the mind and Heart of

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 17th MAY 2026

“AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THAT THEY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD,
AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT” (Jn 17:3).

Christ and asking to share in His deep longing for heaven and in heaven itself.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: This weekend, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications play an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church. The second collection today will support the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country. Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications and for all who encounter Christ through digital media

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!**

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

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. Marys 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!

YOUTH EVENING: Join Youth from across the cluster tonight (Sunday 17th May) as they gather for their monthly evening in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. They'll be reflecting on The Eucharist: Jesus' Body and Blood. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm after which they'll continue in the hall with games, activities, a short talk, and pizza. All young people in P5-S4 are welcome. If it's your first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

MESSAGE FROM SCIAF: “We continue to receive such generous donations from Catholics across Scotland for our Lenten Wee Box Appeal. You are all helping to make a better world possible – thank you for this. SCIAF exists to serve the world's most vulnerable and help them out of poverty, but we also aim to be a platform for Scotland's Catholics to live their faith. Get involved further with our work and put your faith into action by visiting www.sciaf.org.uk or e-mailing getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk to see how you can continue to make a difference in the world and in our community.”

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.

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 was 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 COLLECTION: 16/17 May for the Social Communications work of the Bishops.

“Let us be challenged, therefore, by the sublime model who is Mary, virgin and Mother, and let us ask Her to help us, through Her intercession, to respond to what is asked of us through Her example: do I live my participation of the Church with humble and active faith? Do I recognize in her the community of the covenant that God has given me to respond to His infinite love? Do I feel that I am a living part of the Church, in obedience to the pastors given by God? Do I look to Mary as a model, an outstanding member and Mother of the Church, and ask Her to help me be a faithful disciple of her Son?”

Sisters and brothers, may the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Mary and is invoked by us humbly and trustfully, grant us the grace to live these wonderful realities to the full.”

Pope Leo XIV, at the General Audience of 13th May 2026.