

EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 2nd AUGUST 2026

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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).

Legion of Mary: Wednesdays at 10.30am, sacristy meeting room.

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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Ayr Hospital chaplain: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at ayrhospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01635 882145.

Recently Deceased: Peter Cunningham, Frank McBryne, Mary Hughes, Raymond O'Donnell, May Docherty, Pamela Docherty. **Anniversary of Death:** Tom McGowan, Elizabeth Bisset, Patrick Rall, Peter Grant. **Sick:** Angela McNulty, 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, Barry Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Linda Scott, Jordan McGee, Sheila

Psalm Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, 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.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A COMMEMORATION	WEEKDAY, Year II READINGS & MASS INTENTION
2/8: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday – green.	James McKay, D (6pm Vigil) Joan Downie, D (10am) All Parishioners, D (11am)
3/8: Mass for Fine Weather – green	Ordinary Week 18, Mon Mary Askew, D
4/8: St. John Mary Vianney, Priest (d. 1859) – white	Ordinary Week 18, Tue Romano Sambucci, RD
5/8: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major – white	Ordinary Week 18, Wed Louise Smith, D
6/8: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – white	Proper Philomena Cunningham, D
7/8: St. Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Foundress (d. 1909) – white	Ordinary Week 18, Fri Special Intention (MMcB) [First Friday]
8/8: St. Dominic	---
9/8: Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday – green.	Special Intention (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Mary Hughes, RD (12.15pm)

A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick;

SI = Special Intention; RIP = Requiem Mass

NOTICES

WELCOME BACK: and sincerest thanks to Canon John McGee who will be celebrating the 10am Mass in Largs this Sunday while I go to Millport for the exceptional 11am Mass there.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: Thursday 6th August. Although not a holy day of obligation, I encourage parishioners to attend this important Feast of the Lord which foreshadows our own hope of receiving the risen glory of Christ in our flesh. We are being prepared for that wonderful day most especially by participating with faith and devotion in the Holy Eucharist.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: As well as Thursday's feast of the Transfiguration, we celebrate the Mother of God on Wednesday morning with the Mass of the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, where the late Pope Francis is buried. Please pray for your parish priest and for all pastors on Tuesday to St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars. On Friday, which is First Friday, we celebrate St. Mary MacKillop, the first Australian saint. On Monday, let's pray for fine weather, not only in our own area, but across the whole world.

MILLPORT SUNDAY MASS: Please note that on Sunday 2nd August, **Mass in Millport will be at 11am, not 12.15pm**, due to the Garden Party.

FIRST MONDAY CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION (St. Mary's): from 7-8pm on Monday 3rd August.

ADORATION (Millport): Sundays, 1.30-2.30pm, but **not this Sunday** due to the Garden party.

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NO AGAPE on Thursday 6th August.

LADY STATUE, ST. MARY'S: I want to express publicly my sincerest thanks to Mrs. Pauline Gallagher of Millport for the great work she did in refreshing and renewing the statute of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in St. Mary's. We thank her, and God, for her tremendous talent and for completing the work using her own time and treasure. May the Lord and the Lady reward her richly for such generosity.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The time is drawing near (**Tuesday 1st September at 7pm in St. Mary's Hall**), when we will recommence our RCIA programme for anyone over 18 within our parishes' boundaries who wishes to be baptized into the Catholic Church or enter into full communion with the Church from another Christian denomination. **I invite ALL parishioners to consider carefully and prayerfully whom you might invite to consider becoming Catholic.** This is part of our own baptismal and confirmation vocation that we would speak of our faith with love and intelligence so that others may be drawn to the fullness of faith and sacramental life which Christ desires for all people. It is their God-given right!

Forms for anyone wishing to participate in the course are available at the back of our churches. One form is for those wishing to become Catholic. *A second form is for any parishioner who would like to volunteer to come along and share their faith with the new candidates or would like to be a sponsor or offer to pray for the candidates.*

Please also remember to reach out to lapsed Catholics in your own family or neighbourhood. If they have not abandoned their faith then, they, too, may just be waiting to be asked and would be glad to join the RCIA course to renew and refresh their faith and membership of the Church.

We are not Catholics for ourselves but to share God's gifts and open them up to others! True faith means eternal life!

NEW PARISHES' SECRETARY: I am pleased to inform everyone that Ruth Gillen, of St. Mary's parish, is the new secretary for both our parishes. Ruth will begin her new job on Monday 10th August. We had a good group of applicants for the job, and I want to thank them all most sincerely for their applications.

PARISH FESTIVAL DATES: St. Mary's Parish Festival begins on Thursday 18th September and ends on Sunday 27th September. The full programme will be issued in early August. **The FestCom26 meets on Friday 7th August after the 10m Mass.**

DO YOU WANT A TABLE AT THE PARISH FESTIVAL GARDEN FETE? Please contact Celia Lewis directly on cecilylewislarges17@gmail.com Also, I appeal to parishioners to donate bottles for the bottle stall at the Fete as well as raffle prizes. It's time enough to hand these in for mid-August. **Please hand them to the parish caretaker, Robert Bell** who will be available on Mon, Tues, Wed and Fridays from 10 to 1.30.

MILLPORT GARDEN PARTY: Our Lady's parish in Millport will be hosting a Garden Party this Sunday 2nd August. Please see notice in church porch to find out what is involved!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB DATES: Largs Parish Church - Family Drop-in Time: Dunn Memorial Hall: 27th – 31st July. Brisbane Evangelical Church – 10th - 14th August.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN: The annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 30th August. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Dougan on the beach near St Ninian's Cave at 4 pm, and at the church in Whithorn at 4.45 pm for those unable to reach the shore. A well-established footpath about one mile long takes you through the glen to the

shore, and to be in place for Mass at 4 pm it is recommended to begin the walk by 3 pm. More information at <https://rcdg.org.uk/whithorn-pilgrimage-sunday-30th-august-2026/>

If at least 20 people sign up for it, a bus to Whithorn will be organised for Sunday 30th, leaving from outside St. Mary's at 10.30am. Due to increased costs, there will be a charge of £15 per person. The list is available for signing in the church porch.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 6th September with Mass at 3.00 pm. At the Pilgrimage Mass, the faithful will join the Universal Church in marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHOIR: The Parish Choir restarts practices on Sunday, 2nd August 2026 after the 10 am Mass. It's an earlier start than usual in order to rehearse for the Parish Festival. New members will be most welcome, especially men; please contact Anne Timmons (673053) or Louise Devine (01781 849 6654) if you have any questions about the choir."

VOLUNTEERS at St. Mary's needed for the role of **Reader** at Mass and for the role of **Cantor** of the Psalm on the weekends. Any volunteer will need to go through a little training before being admitted to these roles.

STELLA MARIS HELP WANTED: Another Stella Maris volunteer required. This involves liaising with the Scotland Office of Stella Maris about fundraising, special collections such as knitted goods for seafarers and fisher folk and helping to organise other events. Stella Maris provides spiritual and temporal support for seafarers and fisher folk. Please contact Fr Peter, or Fiona Phipps if interested.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 1) 8/9 August, for the victims of the recent earthquake in Venezuela; 2) Aid to the Church in Need. There will be an appeal on the weekend of 22/23 August.

ST. MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: For various reasons, the membership has now dwindled to only 6 members. A total of 12 seems a good number, 6 men and 6 women. We currently have 5 women and 1 man, so I will be approaching parishioners in the coming weeks to ask for your help. Please be willing to serve the parish in this way. There are only 3-4 meetings per annum.

EMAIL HACKING: Please be aware and on your guard against any email purporting to come from me from any email address other than the two given at the top of the bulletin. I will **never** ask for money in any shape or form from anyone.

REPORT FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE, ST. MARY'S, LARGS: The Treasurer has kindly responded to my request to provide parishioners with a report on income and expenditure. The report covers the financial year 2025-26.

INCOME: £5,292.37 (boxes) plus £211.24 (secret bag) plus £244.78 (Millport & other).

EXPENDITURE: £4,380 (relief); £604 (dues); £240 (twinning); £1,650 (special projects); £18.80 (expenses).

The difference between income and expenditure is due to the surplus held at the beginning of the financial year.

Among relief are donations to Largs Foodbank and to the Breakfast Club at St Mary's Primary School. Among Special Projects are Ozanam Centre Glasgow, University student scholarship project (low-income students via parishes) run by the SSVPD National office, and Middle East and Palestine relief also run from the National office.