

SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 26th JULY 2026

“THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.” (Matthew 13:45)

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

Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Psalm Response: O Lord, how I love your law!

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
26/7: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday – green. World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly.	Briege Colville, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) James McKay, D (12.15pm)
27/7: Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice – green	Ordinary Week 17, Mon Peter Igoe, A
28/7: Votive Mass of Our Lady – blue	Ordinary Week 17, Tue Sharon Kavanagh, A
29/7: SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus – white	Proper Margaret Higgins, A
30/7: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood – red	Ordinary Week 17, Thu Sheila Gardner, A
31/7: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (d. 1556) – white	Ordinary Week 17, Fri Special Intention
1/8: St. Alphonsus Liguori	---
2/8: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday – green.	James McKay, D (6pm Vigil) Joan Downie, D (10am) All Parishioners, D (11am)

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

NOTICES

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 crosshousehospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832;

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

Recently Deceased: Patricia Keegan, Michelle MacLennan, Freya MacLean, Dorothy Johnstone. **Anniversary of Death:** Grace Smillie, Janette Crisp, Maria Righetti, Doreen Strachan, Winifred Boyce, James Fitzpatrick, Kenneth Manners. **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, Barry Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William McGrath, Linda Scott, Jordan McGee, Sheila

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We remember on Wednesday the family of Bethany who befriended Jesus and whom he loved deeply. On Friday we remember his devoted and zealous companion, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and master of spiritual discernment. On Thursday, which is the last one in July, our hearts go to the Upper Room and to Calvary as we honour the Precious Blood of the Saviour. On Tuesday, we turn our gaze to Mary, His Mother, Disciple and Exegete or Interpreter. On Monday, let's pray for the preservation of peace and justice in our chaotic world and, most especially, in our own hearts.

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.

ADORATION (Millport): Sundays, 1.30-2.30pm.

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 ask 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!

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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!

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: This lovely recurrence is this weekend. Let's all try to show some concrete sign of love, gratitude and celebration of our cherished grandparents and elderly in the parish!

Moreover, everyone is warmly invited to Carfin Grotto on Sunday 26 July 2026. Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Holy Mass at 3:00pm to mark the occasion. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2026: The annual Pilgrimage for Life will take place at Carfin Grotto on Saturday 1 August 2026. Led by Bishop John Keenan, the day offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and witness to the dignity and sanctity of every human life. The programme includes: 12:00 noon – Holy Mass; 2:00pm – Eucharistic Adoration; 2:15pm – Stations of the Cross; 2:45pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:30pm – Holy Rosary. Families are especially encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

LAUREN EDWARDS MP HAS PUBLISHED HER ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL. To oppose this, you can go to the [RIGHT TO LIFE WEBSITE](#) and use its updated “Support Not Suicide” campaign email tool. The email that your MP will receive as a result includes important new information that MPs need to see. Assisted suicide pressure group “Dignity in Dying” is carrying out a major push this week to get their supporters to email MPs. Your MP urgently needs to hear from you too.

THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE CARE OF CREATION OFFICE invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on Saturday, 5th September 2026, 10am – 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops on how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register here: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

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.

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 on Sunday 2nd August. That Sunday, Mass will be at 11am and the celebrations will begin afterwards.

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

THE BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday 30 July at 2.15pm in St. Mary's hall. New members always welcome! Books will also be available to borrow during the coffee hour after the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 2 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."

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.

INCOME JUNE 2026: Please note that the figures for Millport are not yet available.

Description	Largs (ch)	Largs (h)
Loose Plate	£2,959.15	
Bank income	£3,208.00	£15.00
Contactless	£218.45	
C-Day for Life	£4.92	---
C-Building Fund	---	---
C-Hall	£0.98	---
C-SSVP	£4.92	
Rentals		£300.00
Electr. Contr.	---	---
NAC Credit		
Flowers	---	---
Building Fund	---	---
SSVP	---	---
Day for Life	£1,059.67	---
Peter's Pence	£678.69	---

"Holy Mass, holy me!" – St. Carlo Acutis