

NINETEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 9th AUGUST 2026

“AND IN THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT HE CAME TO THEM, WALKING ON THE SEA” (Matthew 14:25)

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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.

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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
crosshousehospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832;

Ayr Hospital chaplain: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at ayrhospital@rcdg.org.uk
or 01655 882145.

Recently Deceased: Vytis Baltrunas, Alfred Ziegłowski, Marcus McGovern.
Anniversary of Death: Margaret Parker, Anna Martin, John Kelly, Tommy Connick, Isabella Phillips, Joan Downie, Canon Leo Glancy. **Sick:** Alison Doherty, Angela McNulty, Leah Todd, May Fulton, James & Margaret Sherrieff, 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 Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Psalm Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

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
9/8: Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday – green.	Special Intention (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Mary Hughes, RD (12.15pm)
10/8: Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (d. 258) – red	Proper Peter Cunningham, RIP
11/8: St. Clare, Virgin (d. 1253) – white	Ordinary Week 19, Tue Thomas Taylor, A
12/8: Mass of Our Lady – blue	Ordinary Week 19, Wed Frank McBryne, RIP
13/8: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white MASS IN MILLPORT	Ordinary Week 19 Johnny Barrett, D
14/8: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr (d. 1941) – red	Ordinary Week 19, Fri Marcus McGovern, RD
15/8: Feria	---
16/8: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – white	Dorothy Johnstone, RD (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Raymond O'Donnell, RD (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The Liturgical calendar of any given week doesn't just list names and commemorations: it invites and challenges us, alone or with others, to reflect, pray and act on significant matters such as martyrdom (what am I actually willing to sacrifice for Christ?), virginity (do I live my sexuality with Christian integrity whether married or celibate?), faith and devotion to the Eucharist (is it truly the centre of my life and the source of my spiritual energy?) and perfect discipleship of Christ (as shown most especially by Mary of Nazareth). The daily feasts shed a ray of light into life and stir a longing for eternity, to order life here and now with a view to living with God. Is that not our hope and our destiny? To let these daily opportunities pass without receiving the grace they offer is to lose the new hope they give.

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 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!

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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!

THE LEGION OF MARY: St Mary's Praesidium invites parishioners (over the age of 18) to join us in our Lay Apostolate. Our prayerful meeting (Rosary, Legion prayers, Spiritual reading, short talk by our Spiritual Director and reports on work undertaken), takes place on Wednesdays at 10.15a.m. in the small meeting room (entry via back door of the church), and lasts no longer than 1hr 30mins. Our main work undertaken in twos, is visiting the sick and housebound, at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. We also visit St Mary's Primary to pray the Rosary with the children. You are very welcome to come and see.

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 next meets on Friday 28th 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.

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. A little training will be required before being admitted to these roles.

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.

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE is a Jesuit work based in Glasgow (website here: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk>). Please check it out as there is too much to mention here. By way of example, they offer courses, spiritual accompaniment, retreats, days of prayer and reflection etc as well as outreach into parishes / groups of parishes. Coming up this year: GPRL (Growth in prayer and reflective living) is for people who want to deepen their faith, explore Ignatian Spirituality, learn how to listen better to others and God. **It is ideal also as a follow on for those who had been through RCIA.** It can be done in person (6 Saturdays throughout the year) or online (3x 6 week evening blocks). There is a poster in the church porch.

The ISC is a tremendous resource for the Catholic Church in Scotland. In light of the parish consultations undertaken a few months ago, it would be an idea to consider working with the ISC in the development of various aspects of parish life. This is something for our Parish Pastoral Councils to study.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend, for the victims of the recent earthquake in Venezuela.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: There will be a second collection for Aid to the Church in Need, who are a Pontifical Foundation of the Church, on August 22nd & 23rd in both parishes. ACN has over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world. Peter Diamond, ACN Scotland, will speak at the end of all Masses and share information about Persecuted Christians around the world, who face all kinds of terrible hardships, just for believing in Jesus.

“CREEDO” (yes, that's two “e”s): This is a new faith app which makes Church teaching more accessible and easier to digest. It was invented by Caleb Burbach, a Catholic campus missionary in the US. It's modelled on the daily “Duolingo” lessons of an app which teaches languages in a simple and fun way. It “gamifies” Catholic Church teaching! I have downloaded the Creedo app myself and it looks very promising. It would be good for your teenage children and grandchildren and maybe even for yourself! There's no cost as far as I can see, although I imagine there will be optional in-app purchases. Have a go!

HALL FUNDRAISING (St. Mary's): I just want to alert parishioners that parish hall funds need boosting. I am of course very grateful to all the groups who contribute faithfully. However, expenditure outmatches income. Moreover, there are a few important expenses that will be required in the coming months. I encourage fundraisers (coffee mornings, whist drives, bingo, etc.) and would invite you, but **only if you are able**, to consider donating any extra you can towards the hall. Donation envelopes are in the church porch, and hall donations can also be made via the contactless terminals in the church.