TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY SUNDAY, 30th 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 crosshousehospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832;*
Ayr Hospital chaplain: *Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at ayrhospital@rcdg.org.uk or 01655 882145.*

Recently Deceased: Hugh Guy. **Anniversary of Death:** Irene Millar, Maria Kelly (Millport), Louise Smith, James Findlay, Arthur Devine, John Catterson, Margaret Murphy, Patrick & Christina Friel, Cathie Docherty. **Sick:** John McKenna, Alison Doherty, 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 Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Psalm Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.*

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
30/8: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday – green	Rachel McGunn, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) May Docherty, RD (12.15pm)
31/8: Mass of Our Lady – blue	Ordinary Week 22. Mon Hugh Guy, RD
1/9: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – green	Proper Kathleen Docherty, RD
2/9: Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples - green	Ordinary Week 21, Wed Clare Hughes, A
3/9: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor – white	Ordinary Week 21, Thu Philomena Cunningham, A
4/9: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood – red **FIRST FRIDAY**	Ordinary Week 21, Fri Anna di Paola, D
5/9: *Feria*	---
6/9: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday – green. 1st Sunday in the Season of Creation.	Special Intention (MMcB) (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Pamela Docherty, RD (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

MR. HUGH GUY, RIP (Millport): Deeply sorry to announce the death of Mr. Hugh Guy, 86, who passed away on 22nd August in the Lady Margaret Hospital, Cumbrae, duly fortified by the Rites of the Church. May the Lord welcome him into the company of the just and grant His consolation to the whole family and to all close friends and relatives. The coffin will be brought to Our Lady's church on Thursday 10th September at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will follow on Friday 11th September at 12 Noon, and thereafter to Millport cemetery.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: The worldwide Ecumenical Season of Creation is celebrated this year from Tuesday 1st September to Sunday 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Tuesday coming, therefore, we will join spiritually all those who mark this season by offering a special Mass on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme this year is: "Living Water" & "Immersion in Living Water" based on the Biblical Text, Ezekiel 47:1–12 (God's life-giving water flowing from the temple to restore ecosystems). Perhaps during this season, we can consider how we use/abuse God's gift of water which, for so many across the world and in our own country, has been in such short supply in recent times.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We commemorate one of the greatest luminaries of the Church on Thursday, a man and a bishop who also happened to be Pope, Gregory the Great. Very few in history have merited that appellative and, indeed, very few can compare with him. The other Votive Masses of the week speak for themselves and, on Tuesday and Wednesday in particular, the

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themes reflect the readings of the day. Remember to let all these celebrations carry your days and weeks forward. Let's be awash with the mysteries of grace and faith with which the love of God gifts and adorns us!

VOCATIONS MASS: During Vocations Awareness Week, there will be a Mass for Vocations at 7pm in St. Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan, on Thursday 17th September. Everyone is welcome.

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

NO AGAPE on Thursday 3rd September since there will be a full Eucharistic Day during the Parish Festival (Thursday 24th September).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The first meeting of this year's RCIA community takes place on Tuesday evening, 1st September, at 7pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. I will be very pleased to welcome at least six candidates to the programme and pilgrimage of faith. "At least": both because I don't know if others will just turn up on the night and because YOU might still be the person whose amiable approach might lead someone to come along even at this eleventh hour!

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are a new or relatively recent arrival in either Largs or Millport, may I encourage you to fill out and return one of the parish census forms, which can be found at the back of the church? Thank you!

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.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for over 25 years. They sing at diocesan events in the Cathedral at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. There is a particular need for men to sing tenor and bass. While being able to read music is an advantage, it is not a requirement – most members do not read music. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 9th September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information, please contact David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM (Both Parishes): Meets on Thursday 3rd September in St. Mary's Hall from 7-8pm.

PARISH FESTIVAL PROGRAMME: The full programme for this year's St. Mary's Parish Festival is now available at the back of our churches. Please take one home and begin to plan which events you will attend!

We have decided to assign a theme to each festival and have chosen the theme of **Peace** for this year's. I don't think any explanation is needed as to why. A Festival Prayer Card is now available at the back of the church, inviting everyone to pray for peace. The children of St. Mary's Primary composed a beautiful prayer for peace which also appears on the prayer card.

THE PARISH FESTIVAL GARDEN FETE: I appeal to parishioners to donate bottles for the bottle stall at the Fete as well as raffle prizes. **Please hand them to the parish caretaker, Robert Bell** who will now be available on **Mon & Tues, from 10am-1.30pm and Thurs & Fri from 12 Noon-3.30pm**.

PARISH FESTIVAL TICKETS: Tickets on sale from this weekend, either at the back of the church after Masses, or by calling Celia Lewis on 077930 81044.

Dinner-Dance - Cost: £20 per ticket. Only 60 tickets available. Music by Ebb & Flow. Saturday 19th September from 7-11pm in St. Mary's Hall.

Tea-Dance - Cost: £5 per ticket. Only 50 tickets available. Music by DJ Matt. Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm, St. Mary's Hall.

Wine & Chocolate Tasting - Cost: £10 per ticket. Only 30 tickets available. Wednesday 23rd Sept. at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Hall.

PARISH FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE: Sunday, 20th Sept. at 5pm in St. Mary's Church. Tea and coffee in the hall and a **Biblical Quiz**! Please vote for your favourite three hymns on the voting slips at the back of the church and pop it into the box provided!

VOLUNTEERS: We need more volunteers for the role of pass keeper and "welcome ministry." Please contact Fr. Peter if interested. It's good for visitors, and also parishioners, to see a friendly face welcome them to the church and to answer any practical questions they have as they enter.

ECUMENICAL SONGS OF PRAISE: This event, scheduled for Sunday evening 30th August, has now been **cancelled**.

URGENT: STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - postcards available. The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September. Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Weekend 12/13 September for Retired Priests.

INCOME, JULY

Description	Largs (Ch)	Largs (H)	Millport
Loose Plate	2,747.87	-	866.75
Bank Income	3,250.50	15.00	-
Contactless (C)	51.17	-	132.84
C-Xaverians	9.84	-	19.68
C-Peter's Pence	4.92	-	24.60
C-Stella Maris	9.84	-	24.60
C-Building Fund	-	-	4.90
NAC Credit	-	-	350.00
Flowers	-	-	11.50
SSVP	-	-	36.23
Sunday Teas	-	250.00	-
Chat n Do	-	108.00	-
Rosary/Book Club	-	115.00	-
Candle Income	275.69	-	-
Xaverians	1,279.19	-	335.51
Stella Maris	929.97	-	150.92
Gift Aid Rebate	-	-	1,194.50