

TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

"GOD WAS IN CHRIST RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF" (2 Cor 5:19)

Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

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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, Annie McCardie. **Anniversary of Death:** John Hebditch, May Hennessy, Marie Caughey, Lawrence Devine, Margaret Maguire, Canon John O'Dwyer. **Sick:** John McKenna, 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

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
6/9: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday – green. 1 st Sunday in the Season of Creation.	Special Intention (MMcB) (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Pamela Docherty, RD (12.15pm)
7/9: Mass for the Grace of Chastity – green	Ordinary Week 23, Mon Karis Maxwell, D
8/9: NO MASS IN ST. MARY'S TODAY.	---
9/9: Mass for the Grace of Charity – green	Ordinary Week 23, Wed Margaret Maguire, A
10/9: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white MASS IS IN ST. MARY'S	Ordinary Week 23, Thu Special Intention (MMcB)
11/9: Requiem Mass for Mr. Hugh Guy, RIP 12 Noon in Millport	Proper Hugh Guy, RD
12/9: Feria	---
13/9: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday – green. 2 nd Sunday in the Season of Creation.	Mark David Tarbet, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Alex McGeoch, D (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): Hugh's 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.

NO TUESDAY MASS IN LARGS this coming week due to a meeting I must attend out of town.

NO THURSDAY MASS IN MILLPORT this coming week due to the Requiem Mass there on Friday. Mass is in Largs that morning.

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. 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: Due to the readings at weekday Mass on Monday and Wednesday, the prayers of the Mass will be those provided in the Missal respectively for the moral virtue of Chastity and for the theological virtue of Charity. These are both virtues which embrace the whole of the human person, body and soul, and lead us to the self-sacrificing mind and heart of Christ. The Eucharist (Thursday), as Christ's Body surrendered in selfless love, literally embodies the full meaning of both virtues. On Friday, we perform that act of charity, which is to pray for and

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bury the dead, in this case Mr. Hugh Guy, RIP, of Our Lady's parish in Millport.

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 FIRST MONDAY CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION in St. Mary's on Monday 7th September due to another commitment I have to attend to that evening.

VIKING FESTIVAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE: On Sunday 6th September at 5.30pm at the open trailer near the RNLI building.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The formal acceptance into the RCIA programme of the candidates who have come forward will take place after the homily at both the Saturday Vigil Mass of 12th September and the Sunday morning Mass of 13th September. Each candidate will choose which Mass he/she can attend. This short rite will also introduce the candidates to the parish and will hopefully inspire everyone to remember to pray for them from now until Easter on their RCIA journey. Please make a point of welcoming them personally!

WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH and apply it to your daily life? An Opus Dei member will help lead Gospel reflection, prayer and spiritual discussion, and a Priest will be available for Confession. WHEN: normally the second Tuesday of every month. TIME: 7 pm. WHERE: Knock Castle, Largs KA30 8SE. INITIALLY: for men only. CONTACT: Bruce Walker. 07792390876 or bruce.dj.walker@hotmail.com or just turn up.

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!

BISHOP FRANK NEEDS A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD: Is your child in P5-S4? Help Bishop Frank get ready for Christmas by designing his Christmas Card! Draw your favourite Christmas-themed design and send it along with your child's name and year to christmas@rcdg.org.uk – the winning design will be Bishop Frank's Christmas Card for 2026 and available to buy from the Youth Office store, with the winner receiving printed cards, their design on a set of Christmas Baubles, and a certificate from Bishop Frank! Closing date for entries Friday 9th October, with the winner announced in mid-October.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC). This September, SPUC will be holding a Day Conference in Glasgow. The conference is on Saturday 19th September, and more details can be found at <https://spuc.org.uk/event/glasgow-one-day-conference-2026/>

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.

PARISH FESTIVAL MASS FOR THE SICK: Wednesday 23rd September at 2pm, with sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

All the sick of the parish who are able and who wish are most welcome to come to this Mass. If you are in need of transport to and from the church, please contact Monica Bennett on 07846 067436. There will be a cup of tea in the hall after the Mass organised by the parish pro-life group. The sick are most especially welcome to stay for that.

THE PARISH FESTIVAL GARDEN FETE: Bottles needed 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 Wed & Fri from 12 Noon-3.30pm**, or bring them to the sacristy before or after Mass.

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 GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday 25th September at 10am, Rutenburn Club. As many of you will know, this course provides stunning views and a reasonable golfing challenge. Arrive 9.30 and tee off at 10.15. Various competition prizes! Please phone Brian Teaz on 07803 740064 for any other information (15-20 places).

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!

ORGAN RECITAL: Steven McIntyre (Director of Music, Dunblane Cathedral) will perform an organ recital in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, on Friday 11th September at 7 pm. All are welcome. Free entry with retiral collection.

YOUNG ADULTS (\$5-30) EVENING: The new series of Young Adults Evenings launches on Sunday 13th September when Fr Kevin Rennie will be speaking on "Life and Death: What do we believe?" – looking at Church teaching on life issues and some of the challenges faced today. The talk takes place in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) from 6.30 – 8.00 pm and is open to all Young Adults. If you don't live in East Ayrshire you can join online, go to youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Young Adults – Online Participation' to register. There is Adoration in the Church from 6.00 pm for those who wish.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Save the date! Our Diocesan Youth Evenings for P5-S4 start back on Sunday 27th September from 5.00 – 7.00 pm in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan.

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.

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

*Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, The Highest, he bears the likeness.*

St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Sun