

TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

"IF WE LIVE, WE LIVE TO THE LORD, AND IF WE DIE, WE DIE TO THE LORD" (Rom 14:8)

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

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

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.

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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: Margaret Manningham. **Anniversary of Death:** Ellen Rattigan. Daniel McCrudden, Deceased Members of the Connelly Family. **Sick:** Sandra Maclean, James McBride, 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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A COMMEMORATION	WEEKDAY, Year II READINGS & MASS INTENTION
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)
14/9: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – red	Proper Wain Jon Headley, A
15/9: Our Lady of Sorrows – white	Proper Special Intention (Sick Person)
16/9: Feast of Saint Ninian, Bishop (d. 432) – white	Proper James McBride, S
17/9: St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor (d. 1179) – white	Ordinary Week 24, Thu Jack Cullis, D
18/9: Opening Mass of Parish Festival. A Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for all the Deceased of the Parish – blue	Proper John Devine, D
19/9: Feria	---
20/9: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday – green. 3 rd Sunday in the Season of Creation.	Frances Birt, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Joseph Barrett, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

LITURGY THIS WEEK: We celebrate two greater feasts and two lesser ones this week: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Mon) and Saint Ninian (Wed), and Our Lady of Sorrows (Tue) and St. Hildegard (Thu). I encourage parishioners especially to come out on Monday to praise and thank Jesus Christ for the Mystery of the Cross in which His love revealed the Heart of God towards us beyond measure. On Friday, the opening Mass of this year's Parish Festival will be a Mass in honour of Our Lady. It seems right both to begin and end the Festival in Her honour with Masses which reflect something of Her mission of love for all those redeemed by Her Son. It also seems right that, during this first Mass, we remember all who have gone before us in St. Mary's Parish and who now, we pray, are with Her in glory.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 10am MASS, ST. MARY'S: As noted in the Festival programme, the 10am Mass next Sunday will welcome the "Schola Cantorum of St. Aloysius' College" who will lead the singing. It will be a wonderful gift to honour St. Mary, Star of the Sea, and a memorable experience for all in attendance. The choir will be conducted by Ms. Ann Archibald, Director of Choral Music at St. Aloysius College, and the organ will be played by Mr. Jonathan Smith, the College's organist. I want to thank Sir James MacMillan for organizing this special occasion to help us celebrate our Great Mother and Patroness!

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CONGRATULATIONS to our parish secretary, Ruth Gillen, who will be joined in holy matrimony on Monday 14th September to Jamie Logan at 1pm at St. Joseph and St. Patrick's church in Wemyss Bay. May they have many long and very happy years together and be greatly enriched with the blessings of God.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm in St. Mary's parish hall. All candidates and others are encouraged to prepare the reading material for a good discussion and a deeper growth in faith. I ask all parishioners to pray daily for all our candidates!

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.

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/>

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH FESTIVAL (St. Mary's): In consultation with the Parish Safeguarding Team and the members of FestCom26, a policy statement has been developed to raise the awareness of all participants in, and attendees at, the Festival events about our safeguarding commitments. Essentially, the Festival will operate on the basis that responsibility for children and vulnerable adults remains with parents, carers, guardians or existing support providers. The Parish's role is to provide a safe and welcoming environment while promoting the safeguarding principles which the Bishops of Scotland have promulgated in the volume called, "In God's Image, version 2" throughout all festival activities. A full copy of the statement is on the safeguarding notice board in the church porch and also on the notice board at the door of the parish hall. A limited number of copies of the full statement is also available in the church porch for those who are interested.

FESTIVAL WALK FOR PEACE: Begins at 11am on the promenade across from St. Mary's Church and ends at The Pencil where refreshments will be provided. Please come along and bring a friend or two!

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! Please pray daily the prayers on the Festival Prayer Card available at the back of the church.

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, Routenburn 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!

PRO-LIFE GROUP: requests donations for their Baking Stall at the Parish Festival Fete on Saturday 26th September in the Church Hall. Donations should be dropped off at the hall at 12 o'clock.

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.

YOUNG CARITAS SCOTLAND: SCIAF is launching Young Caritas Scotland, a new movement for young adults who want to put their faith into action, meet likeminded people from the global church, and help build a better world. This movement is about making a real difference – about solidarity and community. A space to connect with young people across in Scotland and across the world and turn frustration into something hopeful. More information and details of how to join our movement can be found at www.sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas

GOOD NEWS – OUR PARISH WEBSITE RELAUNCH IS COMING! We are pleased to announce that work is progressing on the upgrading of our parish website, which we hope to launch in mid-October 2026. The new website will provide a modern, accessible and informative online presence for our parish communities, making it easier for parishioners, visitors and those seeking information about the Catholic faith to find Mass times, parish news, bulletins, events, parish groups, contact information and other important resources in one place. The website will also provide a valuable way of showcasing the many different groups, ministries and activities that contribute to the life of our parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend 12/13 September for Retired Priests.