

# TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

## FIRST SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL 2026

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**SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA**  
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**&**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays) & Fri.  
 8am Mass on Wednesdays.  
 Holidays of Obligation: Vigil, 7pm; Day Mass at 10am only.  
Millport: Sunday, 12.15pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:crosshousehospital@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832;

**Ayr Hospital chaplain:** Fr. Benjamin Mkeri at [ayrhospital@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:ayrhospital@rcdg.org.uk)  
 or 01635 882145.

**Recently Deceased:** Maurice Prendergast, Jarma Nurmivaara. **Anniversary of Death:** Anthony Francis Currie, Ellen Rattigan, James McManus, Briege Colville, Helen Keane. **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 Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander, Catherine Montgomery.

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**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                                                                        |
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| COMMEMORATION                                                                                                                                                                                        | READINGS & MASS INTENTION                                                               |
| <b>20/9: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday – green.</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the Season of Creation.</b>                                                                                        | Frances Birt, D (6pm Vigil)<br>All Parishioners (10am)<br>Joseph Barrett, D (12.15pm)   |
| <b>21/9: Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist – red.</b><br><i>Festival Theme: "The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."</i>                                                         | Proper<br>Ian Burt, A                                                                   |
| <b>22/9: Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit – red</b><br><i>Festival Theme: Renewal of baptismal promises and confirmation graces</i><br><b>MASS AT 7.30AM</b>                                           | Ordinary Week 25, Tue<br>Special Intention (GF)                                         |
| <b>23/9: St. Padre Pio, Priest (d.1968) – white</b><br><i>Festival Theme: Mass of Healing for the Sick with Sacrament of Anointing</i><br><b>MASS AT 2PM</b>                                         | Ordinary Week 25, Wed<br>Jarma Nurmivaara, RD                                           |
| <b>24/9: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white</b><br><i>Festival Theme: For the Eucharistic Revival of the Parish.</i>                                                                          | Ordinary Week 25, Thu<br>Billy Cameron, D                                               |
| <b>25/9: Votive Mass of Divine Mercy – white</b><br><i>Festival Theme: For those who are hurting or grieving, whatever the reason.</i>                                                               | Ordinary Week 25, Fri<br>Danny Fitzpatrick, D                                           |
| <b>26/9: Feria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | ---                                                                                     |
| <b>27/9: Solemnity of St. Mary, Star of the Sea – white/blue. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Creation.</b><br><i>Festival Theme: Peace in Marriage and Family. Renewal of Marriage Vows.</i> | Helen Keane, A (6pm Vigil)<br>All Parishioners (10am)<br>In Thanksgiving (TC) (12.15pm) |

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

### NOTICES

**LITURGY THIS WEEK:** The Festival Masses at St. Mary's will seek to celebrate the different graces of (most of) the Sacraments of the Church. Parish life and renewal are the work of grace, first, and of graces **we already have** but which often lie dormant in our hearts. The aim is to "give them an airing" and to bring them to the fore of our awareness. Our overall Festival theme is peace. Biblically, though, peace is the sum total of all the graces we receive from God. We can't achieve that peace on our own. In the end, no other peace will do. So, let's rejoice and celebrate together fully the immense goodness of the Lord towards us! May Our Blessed Mother intercede powerfully for us all that, despite our pains and sorrows, we can look beyond them to the wonders we have both received and are yet to receive!

Please note that Mass on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is at **7.30am** and is for our workers especially. Mass on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> for the

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sick is at **2pm**. St. Mary's Primary school children will attend the 10am Mass on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**FESTIVAL CONFESSIONS:** 6.30-7.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the church. Cleanse your heart and soul for the final Festival Mass on 27<sup>th</sup> September! She is Immaculate!

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10am MASS, ST. MARY'S:** As noted in the Festival programme, the 10am Mass this Sunday will welcome the "Schola Cantorum of St. Aloysius' College" who will lead the singing. 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! **After Mass, the children of St. Mary's Primary School will provide Fair Trade tea and coffee in the hall.**

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10am MASS:** This is the culminating point of the entire Parish Festival. There will be hymns to Our Lady being sung from 9.45am, so please come early and sing Her praises! I invite parents with primary age children to gather at the hall for 10am sharp. We will then process with the newly restored statue of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, from the hall and into the church. At the foot of the sanctuary, I will then bless the restored statue and invite two children to crown Mother and Child before the statue is taken to the Lady Altar and enthroned in its place.

**FESTIVAL EUCHARISTIC DAY:** As part of this day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 11am until 5pm, when there will be Simple Benediction and the opportunity to venerate the first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis. There will also be three short talks during the day before the Blessed Sacrament. **At 12 Noon**, Mrs. Mary Pender will speak about the Old Testament preparations for the Eucharist. **At 2pm**, Mr. Tommy Catterson will speak about some of the Eucharistic Miracles documented by St. Carlo Acutis. **At 4pm**, Fr. Peter will give a talk on the Eucharistic theme of the new Shrine dedicated to the Saints of Assisi, and which we hope will be inaugurated in April or May of 2027. The whole day will be livestreamed.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's):** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 7-8pm in the parish hall.

**THE BOOK CLUB** on Thursday the 24 September is cancelled due to Adoration and the talks being given as part of the Parish festival.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The next meeting is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St. Mary's parish hall. There is no meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. I ask all parishioners to pray daily for all our candidates! Any parishioner is welcome to join in.

**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. 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.

**PARISH FESTIVAL MASS FOR THE SICK:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, by 5pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. 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 this weekend, either at the back of the church after Masses, or by calling Celia Lewis on 077930 81044. The only tickets now on sale are for the **Tea-Dance** - Cost: £5 per ticket. Only 50 tickets available. Music by DJ Matt. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2pm, St. Mary's Hall.

**PARISH FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE:** Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 5pm in St. Mary's Church. Tea and coffee in the hall and a **Biblical Quiz!**

**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.

**RELAUNCHED WEBSITE - HELP US SHOWCASE OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:** Our relaunched website will feature the many groups, ministries and organisations that contribute to the parish life of both parishes. If you are involved in a parish group, please provide the name of the group, a brief description, meeting details, contact information and forthcoming activities or events so that we can include them on the new website. **Email to Fr. Peter at his personal email** (cf. above).

**FESTIVAL SECULAR PATRONS:** Sincere thanks to: Morrisons, Tesco, M&S, Les Ward, The Pound Basket, Allegria, Nardini at the Moorings, The Candy Box and Riviera for providing many items for various events of our Festival!

### INCOME, AUGUST 2026

| Description               | Largs (Ch) | Largs (H) | Millport |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Loose Plate               | 3762.76    |           | 1173.90  |
| Bank Income               | 3133.00    | 15.00     |          |
| Contactless (C)           | 118.08     |           | 78.72    |
| C-Venezuela               | 49.20      |           | 19.68    |
| Hall Donations            |            | 230.00    |          |
| C-Building Fund           |            |           | 8.84     |
| Flowers                   |            |           | 11.27    |
| Building Funds            |            |           | 100.00   |
| SSVP                      |            |           | 46.55    |
| Sunday Teas               |            | 145.00    |          |
| Candles                   | 247.58     |           |          |
| Venezuela                 | 1526.85    |           | 126.04   |
| Garden Party Donations    |            |           | 2129.69  |
| Aid to the church in need | 1622.02    |           | 196.40   |

