

TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 2026

“LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD” (Philippians 4:7)

McGrath, Linda Scott, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander.

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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.

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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 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: Claire Rossiter. **Anniversary of Death:** James McGinty, Rachel McGurn, Rina Crawford, William Spence Greig, David Casey, Agnes McLure-McGonigal, Rena Valerio, Peter Leitch, Catherine Revell, Mary Docherty. **Sick:** Sandra Maclean, James McBride, John McKenna, 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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Year A COMMEMORATION	WEEKDAY, Year II READINGS & MASS INTENTION
4/10: Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday – green. 5 th Sunday in the Season of Creation.	Mr & Mrs J Logan (SI) (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) In Thanksgiving (TC) (12.15pm)
5/10: Harvest Mass in St. Mary's Primary at 9.10am – green	Proper Jose Luis Freitas, SI
6/10: St. Bruno, Priest (d. 1101) – white	Ordinary Week 27, Tue Rachel McGurn, A
7/10: Our Lady of the Rosary – white	Ordinary Week 27, Wed Anne Conaty, D
8/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist – white Mass in Millport	Ordinary Week 27, Thu Norah Holmes, D
9/10: St. John Henry Newman – Priest & Doctor (d. 1890)	Proper Jim Murphy, D
10/10: Feria	---
11/10: Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Sunday – green.	Luigi Fulgoni, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Vincent Reid, RD (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

MASS THIS WEEK: Please note that Mass on **Monday** morning will be in St. Mary's Primary at 9.10am. Parishioners are welcome and are invited please to wait outside the main entrance to Largs Academy between 8.55am and 9.05am to be escorted to the assembly hall.

Mass on **Thursday** morning will be in Millport at 10am, preceded by exposition at 9am, rosary at 9.30am and followed by confessions.

FIRST MONDAY CONFESSIONS & ADORATION (St. Mary's): 7-8pm on Monday 5th October.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: The variety of gifts and graces distributed by the Holy Spirit across time and space is in splendid show in this week's Liturgy. At the heart of the week is Our Lady of the Rosary: She is "the full grace", and the Rosary itself is a unique grace inviting us into that fullness through the Mysteries of Christ. We honour two very special men saints this week: St. Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order which combines the hermit lifestyle and living in community; and St. John Cardinal Henry Newman, the Anglican convert whose penetrating thinking and writing opened up Catholicism to 19th century England and beyond, and who was canonized by Pope Francis in 2019 and made a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo in 2025. On Monday, we celebrate the Harvest Mass of thanksgiving in St. Mary's Primary. Wheat harvested from the earth becomes our Eucharist which we will again celebrate in a votive Mass on Thursday.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (Millport): 4 days a week - Sundays after Mass 1:30-2:30; Mondays 3-4 pm; Wednesdays 5-6pm; Thursdays 3-4pm. All are welcome!

OCTOBER ROSARY INTENTION: Pope Leo has asked us to dedicate our individual and collective recitation of the Rosary during October for peace in the world and for an end to all of the current armed conflicts across the globe.

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT: Copies are available at the back of our churches and on the website.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth: Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: margaret.clarke@griegtogracesuk.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm in St. Mary's parish hall. I ask all parishioners to pray daily for all our candidates! Any parishioner is welcome to join in. The discussion themes for this week are:

1 – **God Suffers Death**. Jesus Makes Some Enemies – Who is Responsible for His Crucifixion? – The Havoc Caused by Disobedience – Free and Perfect Obedience Untangles Disobedience – A More Philosophical Explanation – The New and Perfect Sacrifice – Jesus is Buried – He Descended into Where? Reading material here: <https://mycatholic.life/the-my-catholic-life-series/my-catholic-faith/god-suffers-death/>

2 – **Death has No Victory!** A Real Historical Event – Resurrection or Brought Back to Life? – A Work of the Trinity – The Veil is Lifted – The Ascension – At the Father's Right Hand – His Return in Glory...and Grace – A Time of Judgment – Will Cremated Bodies Also Rise?

Reading material here: <https://mycatholic.life/the-my-catholic-life-series/my-catholic-faith/death-has-no-victory-the-resurrection/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION IN OUR DIOCESE: Recently, a launch message from Bishop Frank was posted on Facebook regarding a new initiative in adult faith formation. A resource document for small group in-person or online adult faith formation has been uploaded onto the diocesan website. I encourage its use within our two parishes. You can find it here: <https://rcdg.org.uk/the-gift-of-scripture/>

The Diocesan Adult Faith Formation team is willing to offer any support that may be required by an individual and/or a parish wishing to offer the programme. Just get in touch with Fr. William McFadden and he can set up lines of communication. His email is: william.mcfadden@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

The handout is offered as a resource to suit the needs of different parishes seeking to engage with adult faith formation. As such there is a flexibility in its presentation.

To access a summary of the handout, click on this link: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:1371fa4d-6bdb-4798-9721-191f85982229>

Does any parishioner wish to take the lead on this?

“BIBLEBUDDIES” YOUTUBE CHANNEL has been created by parishioner Reg Phipps with some short Narrative Videos for the Bible study group. He coined the name for them as “BibleBuddies.” The channel is called “LargsBibleBuddies.” The Bible videos contain short one-minute famous stories that teach

core moral and spiritual lessons. You can check this out at <https://www.youtube.com/@largsbiblebuddies>

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026, SATURDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2026, UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE: 'Sacred Spaces - Safer Places: a call to action' is the theme of the SCSSA's 2026 National Safeguarding Conference taking place in Glasgow on Saturday 7th November 2026.

FAMILY CONFERENCE: The Agency for Marriage, Family and Life of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland have organised a Conference. Married couples and families are invited to a day at Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge on the 24th of October 2026. Come along for family adoration, Mass with Bishop John Keenan, formative talks, children's catechesis and so much more. Please book your place at <https://bcos.org.uk/NFC26>

WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE: The Committee for Interreligious Dialogue of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland invites you to a one-day conference exploring why the Catholic Church engages in interreligious dialogue and how this can be lived out in our parishes and communities. Saturday 31 October 2026, from 9.30am at the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge. Speakers include Fr John Gannon, Fr Jim Lawlor and Joe Sikora. The conference is free, and a light lunch will be provided. Register at: bit.ly/interreligious-conference All are very welcome.

SPUC EVENT: Thursday 29th October 2026. Rosary at the Mercat Building Glasgow Cross at 6:30pm. Candlelight Procession 7pm. Mass in St Andrews Cathedral at 7:30pm

RELAUNCHED WEBSITE - KEEPING OUR WEBSITE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE: Safeguarding and privacy are central to the development of our new website. In keeping with our parish website business plan, appropriate care will be taken when publishing photographs, personal information and contact details, particularly where children, young people and vulnerable adults are concerned. The necessary permissions and safeguards will be in place before information is published.

BIBLICAL QUIZ ANSWERS: First, the number of the question and then the answer: 1-b; 2-d; 3-Exodus; 4-false (Jesse was not a king); 5-c; 6-a; 7-4; 8-b; 9-d; 10-c; 11-James, John, Peter, Jude; 12-c; 13-Luke; 14-Mark; 15-Romans, Ephesians, Colossians; 16-false (Stephen was stoned); 17-“for ever”; 18-none; 19-true; 20-Christ.

SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK - NOVEMBER GATHERING: The Scottish Laity Network has organised a Gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the fruits of their shared journey and to discern what comes next. The event is on Saturday 7th November at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge either in person or online. Please check the SLN website for further information. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>

COULD YOU BE A VOICE FOR THE SUFFERING CHURCH? Aid to the Church in Need is looking for Parish Appealers—passionate Catholics who can speak in parishes on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world. This is a self-employed, remunerated role with full training and support. To learn more, contact Peter Diamond at peter.diamond@acnuk.org or 07706194811 or visit acnuk.org/jobs.

THANKS FROM ST. MARY'S PRIMARY: The coffee morning the school hosted for Fairtrade on Sunday 20th September raised £220. Sincere thanks to parishioners from the School!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Mission Sunday, 17-18 October.