

TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2026

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (Philippians 4:13)

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

Psalm Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

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: Ron Bisset, Sharon Fleming, Esme Heaton-Biggs, Canon John McGorrry. **Anniversary of Death:** Jim Bonnar, Don Donnelly, Mgr. Peter Smith. **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
11/10: Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Sunday – green.	Luigi Fulgoni, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Vincent Reid, RD (12.15pm)
12/10: St. Carlo Acutis, Layman (d. 2006) – white	Ordinary Week 28, Mon Don Donnelly, A
FROM 13-15 OCTOBER INCLUSIVE	NO MASS IN ST. MARY'S
16/10: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin (d.1690) – white	Ordinary Week 28, Fri Rosina Vacca, D
17/10: St. Ignatius of Antioch	---
18/10: Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday – green.	Arthur S. Arnavutian, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Nora Sellar, D (12.15pm)

A = Anniversary of Death; RD = Recently Deceased; D = Deceased; S = Sick;

SI = Special Intention; RIP = Requiem Mass

NOTICES

Mr. RONALD BISSET, RIP (St. Mary's): Very sorry to announce the death of Ron at Crosshouse Hospital this morning, 5th October. Duly fortified by the Rites of the Church, may he now rest in peace. May the Lord sustain with His merciful love the entire family and all his many friends in Largs and beyond. Funeral details to follow.

MRS. SHARON FLEMING, RIP (St. Mary's): I regret to announce the death of Mrs. Fleming who passed away at home on 22 September. May she rest in peace. May the Lord comfort and strengthen her husband Stuart and all the immediate family and their friends. The Requiem Mass was on Friday 9th October at 10am in St. Mary's Church and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium.

MASS THIS WEEK: Please note that there will be no morning Mass in St. Mary's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this coming week. Remember that there is Mass at the Benedictine Monastery at 12 Noon on those days.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: Two of the twelve saints we have chosen to pray with us for a Eucharistic revival of our parishes are celebrated this week: St. Carlo Acutis (Mon), a child apostle of the Eucharist as the "highway to heaven" and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Fri) who had her visions of the Sacred Heart directly in front of the Eucharist and linked these two devotions. A third such saint is also on the calendar this week: St. Ignatius of Antioch (Sat) who longed for martyrdom so that the lions would grind him into pure wheat to become a Eucharistic sacrifice for Christ. The faith and devotion of these, and so many other, saints in relation to the Eucharist challenge us to at least desire a deeper and fuller "grasp" of the Eucharist in mind and heart. After all, it is especially through the Eucharist that Christ seeks to grasp us for Himself. As the Prayer after Communion said at last Sunday's Mass: "Grant us, almighty God, that we may be

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refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, **so as to be transformed into what we consume.**"

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.

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: There is no meeting this coming Tuesday, 13th October, in view of the school October break.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION IN OUR DIOCESE: Since no one has been able to step forward to lead the adult formation programme in our parishes which Bishop Frank is asking us to follow in preparation for 2033, I will try and adapt it for your personal and individual use. I will do this by producing a leaflet now and again taking you through the programme. This doesn't mean people can't do it together as families, married couples, etc.. That would actually be better. You will find copies of the first leaflet at the back of the church. I encourage you to take one home and do what you can to join spiritually with the rest of the Diocese in this way of preparing for the Great Jubilee of 2033 under the Bishop's inspired guidance.

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.

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.

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.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD: Sunday, October 25th at 5.00 p.m. in St. Mary Star of the Sea. Organized by the LDCT Justice and Peace Group. Tea in the hall after the service.

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 - COUNTDOWN: A New Online Home for Our Parishes. We are now looking forward to the launch of our new parishes' website later this month. We hope it will become a valuable resource for parishioners, visitors and anyone wishing to find out more about our parish communities and the Catholic faith. Thank you to everyone who has provided information and supported this exciting project. If your parish group has not yet submitted its details, please do so as soon as possible so that it can be included.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Mission Sunday, 17-18 October.

Words of Pope Leo (Wednesday, 7th October)

The first mission of the Church is to help people be attentive to the profound questions of life: those concerning our origin and our destiny, as well as those concerning the meaning of love and suffering. The logic of profit at all costs and the manipulation of information risk exerting undue pressure on people to conform to a lifestyle centred on the consumption of material goods, but our hearts are made to look upwards.

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To fulfil the Gospel mission effectively, it is necessary for every baptized person to commit to cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that their faith may be living and expressed in consistent behaviour. Indeed, as the Council Fathers (of Vatican II) reiterate, the discrepancy between professed faith and daily life "deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age"