TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2026

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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, Mary McBride, Kathleen Boyle, Esme Heaton-Biggs. **Anniversary of Death:** Helen Goodfellow, Sadie Burrows, Kenneth McComish, Margaret Greer, Josephine MacLean, Mary Theresa Balmer, Arthur Arnavutian. **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 McGrath, Linda Scott, Jordan McGee, Sheila Ferguson, Michelle Rall Stephenson, Catherine Dawson, Karen Bohme, John Alexander.

Psalm Response: *Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.*

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

COMMEMORATION	READINGS & MASS INTENTION
18/10: Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday - green	Arthur S. Arnavutian, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Nora Sellar, D (12.15pm)
19/10: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (d. 1775) - white	Ordinary Week 29, Mon Margaret Fitzpatrick, S
20/10: Mass of Our Lady - blue	Ordinary Week 29, Tue Agnes Devine, D
21/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit - red	Ordinary Week 29, Wed Kathleen McComish, D
22/10: Pope St. John Paul II (d. 2005) - white	Ordinary Week 29, Thu Pat Finnegan, D
23/10: Requiem Mass for Mrs. Mary McBride, RIP - purple	Proper Mary McBride, RIP
24/10: Feria	---
25/10: Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday - green	Christine Campbell, D (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Stephen Christie, D (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

MRS. MARY McBRIDE, RIP (St. Mary's): I regret to announce the death of Mrs. McBride, 84, who passed away at Hutton Park Care Home on 6th October. May she rest in peace. May the Lord comfort and strengthen her daughter Connie and her two brothers at this time, as well as all other family and friends. The Funeral will be on Friday 23rd October at 10am in St. Mary's Church and thereafter to the Haylie Brae Cemetery.

MR. RONALD BISSET, RIP (St. Mary's): We continue to pray for Ron and his family at this very sad time. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 5th November at 10am in St. Mary's Church, and thereafter to the Brisbane Glen Cemetery.

FIRST FRIDAYS & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please note that, from now on, I will administer the Sacrament of the Sick during morning Mass on First Fridays, unless there is a funeral. Sickness takes many forms and is not always visible. It is not a sacrament to be taken

without proper preparation and consideration. Am I truly ill in mind or in body? Has my condition deteriorated in recent days or weeks to the point of danger to my life? Am I ready to go to the Sacrament of Confession for true spiritual healing? Only baptized Catholics can receive the Sacrament of the Sick. According to the law of the Church: "The anointing of the sick is not to be conferred upon those who persevere obstinately in manifest grave sin" (canon 1007).

LITURGY THIS WEEK: This Thursday we commemorate the beloved Pope, St. John Paul II, whom we remember fondly for his visit to Scotland in 1982. Many parishioners will have been at Bellahouston for the huge Mass he celebrated there. His legacy across the Church and the world remains an incredible grace from God. We ask his intercession for Pope Leo. On Monday, we recall St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Fathers, a man of radical self-denial and of endless apostolic energy. On Tuesday, we honour Our Lady, remembering especially the Rosary in this month of October to pray for peace in the world. It is good from time to time to offer a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit in order to ask Him to refresh and renew us in the life of grace and in the face of life's challenges and burdens. We will do this on Wednesday. Finally, on Friday, we perform the funeral rites for Mrs. Mary McBride, commending her soul to the just and merciful Judge of us all.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's): I regret that, due to the accumulation of other commitments, I need to postpone this meeting from Thursday 22nd October until **Thursday 5th November**, from 7-8pm in the parish hall.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL OPEN MEETING: There will be an Open Meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council of the North Ayrshire Parishes ("St Mary's Deanery") on Monday 26th Oct at St John's Church Hall, Stevenston, KA20 4DE. Bishop Frank will lead the meeting and give us all an update on how he sees us moving forward as Parishes, as Deanery and across the Diocese in the years ahead. All parish representatives on the DPC are encouraged do their best to be there, but the meeting is also open to any parishioners who wish to attend. The evening begins with an (optional) period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30pm with the formal meeting starting at 7pm.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Next meeting this coming Tuesday, 20th October, from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. **Everyone** is welcome. This week, the reading and discussion is on the Holy Spirit. Here are the headings: *What is the Holy Spirit? - Where Do We Meet the Holy Spirit? - Images of the Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit's Activity in Salvation History*.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION IN OUR DIOCESE: Copies of the first leaflet, which adapts the programme for personal use, are at the back of the church. Please take one home and do what you can to join spiritually with the rest of the Diocese to prepare for the Great Jubilee of 2033 under the Bishop's inspired guidance.

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 respective parish will pay the expenses of the respective parish safeguarding coordinators who wish to attend.

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 afterwards.

CALLED AND SENT - LEADERSHIP FORMATION FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: The journey into a synodal way of being Church together, begun by Pope Francis and continued by Pope Leo, is one where we will require a new passion for equipping, and using the gifts of, leaders. Responding to this call and to what people have asked for, the Bishops' Conference are excited to offer **Called and Sent**, formation for Christian leaders. This course will equip people with skills and tools that, while necessary in the Church today, will be even more so in the Church going into the future, where clergy, lay and religious are called to be co-responsible for the 'the being and action of the Church'. (Pope Benedict). The course will be conducted in a spirit of prayerfulness and entail one full day's formation and four follow up online formation sessions.

We are looking for people who are prayerful, faith-filled and already involved in the life of the Church in their parish, diocese or organisation. Please consider if you might be the right person for this course. The first formation day will take place on 23 January 2027 at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow, followed by four online evening sessions between February and May. For more information, and to apply for Called and Sent, go to: https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/called-and-sent

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.

COP31 CLIMATE SUMMIT – MASS AND LIVESTREAM PRESENTATION: Come together to pray for all those taking part the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) and for the care of our common home. Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan to pray for the success of the COP31 climate summit in Türkiye. After Mass, join us for refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from CAFOD who will be reporting to us live from COP31. All are welcome. Date: Thursday 12th November 2026. Time: Mass - 1:00pm Livestream & Refreshments - 2:00pm. Location: St Andrew's Cathedral & Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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26/10, (6.30) for 7pm	Deanery Pastoral Council open meeting	Stevenston Parish Hall
31/10, 6pm 1/11, 10am	All Saints	Church
2/11, 10am	All Souls	Church
2/11, 7-8pm	First Monday confessions & adoration	Church
6/11, 10am	First Friday Anointing	Church
8/11	Remembrance Sunday	
9/11, 9.10am	Mass, all Deceased of St. Mary's Primary	School
27/11, 7pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Parish Volunteers; Cheese and Wine	Church then Hall
28/11, 10am	Mass for Parishioners who have died since 1st December 2025	Church then Hall
3/12, 6.30pm	Agape	Church
4/12, 10am	First Friday Anointing	Church
7/12, 7-8pm	First Monday confessions & adoration	Church
8/12, 7pm	School Nativity Play	Church
17/12, 2pm	Advent Penitential Service	Church
24/12, 5pm	Vigil Christmas Mass	Millport
24/12, 7.30pm	Christmas Carols and Midnight Mass	Church
25/12, 10am	Christmas Day Mass	Church