THIRTIETH ORDINARY SUNDAY, 25TH 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, Largs).*
Eucharistic Adoration (Millport)*: Sundays after Mass 1:30-2:30; Mondays 3-4 pm; Wednesdays 5-6pm; Thursdays 3-4pm.*
Legion of Mary (Largs): *Wed. 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, Joan McConville. **Anniversary of Death:** Mervin Bath, Eleanor Robertson, Frank McGarvie, Roseann Elliott, Josephine MacLean, Alice Gilbert, Jean Cooper, Janet McCamley. **Sick:** Sandra Maclean, 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: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

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
25/10: Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday - green	Esme Heaton-Biggs, RD (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Stephen Christie, D (12.15pm)
26/10: Mass For an End to Storms - green	Ordinary Week 30, Mon Canon John McGrorry, RD
27/10: Mass of Our Lady - blue	Ordinary Week 30, Tue Roseann Elliott, A
28/10: Feast of SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles - red	Proper Christine Campbell, A
29/10: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist - white	Ordinary Week 30, Thu Helen Goodfellow, A
30/10: Votive Mass of Divine Mercy - white	Ordinary Week 30 Mervin Bath, A
31/10: Feria	---
1/11: All Saints	Mary Harvey, A (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) All Souls (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): 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.

NOVEMBER LISTS: November Lists are a Catholic tradition where the names of deceased family members and friends are submitted to a parish so that daily Masses can be offered for them throughout the month of November, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Lists and envelopes can now be found at the back of the church. Place your list with any donation for the priest into the envelope and pop the envelope into the box provided.

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: The oft coupled saints and apostles, Simon and Jude, are celebrated on Wednesday. The former is known as the "zealot" and the latter wrote a letter included in the New Testament. By association with his homonymous (same-named) and erstwhile fellow apostle, Judas Iscariot, he is venerated as the patron saint of lost and desperate causes. On Monday, a Mass with prayers for an end to storms will be celebrated. On Tuesday, we again venerate our parish Patroness, while on Thursday and Friday we will offer Mass in honour respectively of the Holy Eucharist and the Divine Mercy. Next weekend brings us into the commemoration of All Saints and the start of November when all Masses (bar funerals and Sunday Mass for all parishioners) will be offered for the names of the Holy Souls on our November Lists.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (St. Mary's): 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, 27th October, from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. **Everyone** is welcome. This week, the reading and discussion is on the Church. Here are the headings: *Some Initial Distinctions - Symbols of the Church - A Bit of Historical Perspective - The Mystery of the Church - Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic - The Hierarchy and the Pope - The Threefold Office to Preach, Shepherd and Sanctify - The Laity - Consecrated Life.*

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.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings continue on Sunday 25th October from 5.00 – 7.00 pm! Join them in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan for an evening of games, activities, lots of pizza and sweets, a short talk on the theme of Scripture – and LOTS of time with friends, and the chance to make new friends as well! The evening begins at 5.00 pm with a short prayer service Interested? Just come along! There's no charge and anyone in P5-S4 is welcome, but if your child is coming for the first time, please complete a consent form on our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Youth Events Registration'.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING: The next Young Adults evening takes place from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Sunday 1st November. This month, Fr Philip Kitchen will be continuing his series on "The History of the Church". Any young adults welcome to come along and take part. Can't join in person? Follow online! Register for online participation on the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk

CHANA (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) is teaming up again with the Night Before Christmas Charity (NB4CC) to provide a Christmas present for those who are homeless & being supported by North Ayrshire Council. Last Christmas, Liz Brown of North Ayrshire Council's Homeless Unit wrote "Through your year-round help and generous donation to The Night Before Christmas we are able to make life easier and bring a little bit of joy to the lives of those who need it most in our communities." If you can help, please put a cash donation in an envelope marked NB4C & put it in the usual collection bag or donate online at nbcc.scot

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date & Time	*Occasion*	*Location*
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

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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
17/12, 7pm	Stella Maris Carol Service Buffet	Church Hall
24/12, 4.30pm	Christmas Carols and Vigil Christmas Mass	Millport
24/12, 7.30pm	Christmas Carols and Midnight Mass	Church
25/12, 10am	Christmas Day Mass	Church

Why not try and make friends once a week (or more frequently) with a new saint? They will be your companions for eternity and, more importantly, they can help you get there! Use the network of the internet to explore the network, the communion, of saints!