FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 29th NOVEMBER 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: Robert Munro, Frances Ann Maly, Bernadette O'Brien, Bishop Peter Moran, Chris Jones. **Anniversary of Death:** Win Colclough, Tom Smith, Edmund Nears, Joyce Clarke, Danny Fitzpatrick, John Paul McKay, Kevin Grant. **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: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

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 B	**WEEKDAY, Year I**
COMMEMORATION	**READINGS & MASS INTENTION**
29/11: First Sunday of Advent (Year B) – purple	November Lists (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) November Lists (12.15pm)
30/11: Solemnity of Saint Andrew Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland – white	Proper November Lists
1/12: Requiem Mass of Mrs. Frances Ann Maly, RIP – purple. **MILLPORT, 12.30PM** **NO 10AM MASS IN LARGS.**	Proper Frances Ann Maly, RD
2/12: Advent Feria – purple	Advent Week 1, Wed John Hutchinson, A
3/12: St. Francis Xavier, Priest (d.1552) – white **Anointing of the Sick during Mass**	Advent Week 1, Thu Mary Harvey, A
4/12: Requiem Mass for Mr. Robert Munro, RIP – purple	Proper Robert Munro, RD
5/12: ---	----
6/12: Second Sunday of Advent - purple	Kevin Grant (6pm Vigil) All Parishioners (10am) Michael Conway, A (12.15pm)

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

NOTICES

THE RENEWED AND UPDATED PARISH WEBSITE has now been launched. The link to it has not been changed, so it remains the same as at the top of the bulletin.

MR. ROBERT MUNRO, RIP (St. Mary's, Largs): I am truly sorry to announce the recent death of Mr. Munro, of 89 years, on 14th November 2026 at Inverclyde Hospital, fortified by the Rites of the Church. We extend our deepest sympathies to his relatives and friends at this time as we pray for Robert's eternal repose in the Kingdom of Light. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 4th December 2026 at St. Mary's Church in Largs, and thereafter to the Clyde Coast Crematorium for 11.30am.

MRS. FRANCES ANN MALY, RIP (Millport): With real sadness, I inform parishioners of the recent death of Frances Maly on 14th November, aged 80 years, at Woodland View Hospital, Irvine, fortified by the Rites of the Church. May the Lord grant her rest from all her labours and the crown of everlasting happiness in the Kingdom. Let us pray also for all the loved ones she has left behind that the Lord will comfort and console them with the Holy Spirit. The Requiem Mass for Frances will be held in the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Millport, on Tuesday 1st December at 12.30pm, and thereafter to the Clyde Crematorium for 2.30pm. **There is no 10am Mass in Largs that morning.**

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANDREW, PATRON OF SCOTLAND: I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the 10am Mass on Monday 30th November in honour of St. Andrew. Let us pray for the Catholic Church in Scotland and for the whole of Scotland that the

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preaching of this great Apostle may still ring loud and clear in every ear and heart in our land.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: For our two deceased parishioners, the experience of Advent has already come. We commend their souls to our Saviour and merciful Judge. On Monday, we are given the grace to feel the roots of our faith once again in the person and preaching of St. Andrew. Let us ask this "fisher of men" boldly to prevail on the Lord to perform another miraculous draft of "fishes" in our land and in our time. St. Francis Xavier caught an enormous draft of fishes in his missionary preaching in the Far East five centuries ago. From heaven, may he do so again today. Wednesday is our only quiet Advent day. If you get ten minutes even, sit quietly with the Lord and tell Him simply that you long for His coming and His saving power!

ADVENT: As we all know, Advent gets swallowed up in the commercialization of Christmas. The sales pitch pushes out the true spiritual depth of both Advent and Christmas. Still, I encourage everyone, myself included, to try and consider at least the period up to 17th December (when the pre-Christmas octave begins) as a penitential period. That's what the Church teaches us. Hence the purple vestments, the absence of the Gloria and the call to fast and abstain. It's about focusing on Christ's return to judge the living and the dead and about preparing for that with a more intense prayer and sacramental life. Decide what penance you wish to make as you do in Lent. Reduce screen time, talk less, go to Mass more often, prepare to make a good confession before Christmas, do acts of charity, etc.. Let's "redeem" Advent for the Lord!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Given that this coming First Friday will be the Requiem Mass for Bob Munro, I will administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who wish at the 10am Mass on **Thursday 3rd December instead**.

AGAPE: I regret that there will be no Agape this first Thursday.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Next meeting this coming Tuesday, 1st December, from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. **Everyone** is welcome. We continue with volume 2, "My Catholic Worship" and delving into the Sacraments of the Church. This week it will be the Sacrament of Confirmation: *"What Scripture Reveals – Effects of Confirmation – Receiving the Sacrament – Signs and Symbols – The Bottom Line is the Upper Limit."*

ANSWERS TO THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST ON "MY CATHOLIC FAITH": 1-a; 2-b; 3-b; 4-a; 5-d; 6-c; 7-b; 8-c; 9-a; 10-d; 11-a; 12-b; 13-c; 14-a; 15-d; 16-c; 17-false; 18-false; 19-true; 20-false; 21-c; 22-b; 23-b.

ADVENT SYCAMORE COURSE (St. Mary's): "Exploring our Faith." Two Wednesday evenings, Dec. 9th and 16th, 7pm to 8.30pm, in the Church Hall. Why not take some time out during ADVENT to meet other parishioners and explore/reflect on aspects of our faith? Just turn up on the day or add your name to the list in the Porch. It's an open invitation and all are welcome. For any further information contact Gordon McMillan Tel. 07977-403462 gordonmcmillan7@gmail.com

INTRODUCING *THE ST MARY'S SPARK!* A Message from parishioner Alana Reilly: *"We're delighted to share the very first edition of The St Mary's Spark, our new quarterly newsletter for young people and families in our parish community! Our aim is to bring faith to life in a fun, colourful and accessible way, sharing news from our church and school, upcoming events, Scripture, activities and a little inspiration along the way. Our first edition celebrates Advent, with a special focus on Mary and how we can share hope, peace, joy and love this Christmas. We'd love you to get involved!*

This newsletter is for our young people, and we'd love them to help shape it! If you have ideas, questions, artwork, achievements or anything you'd like to see featured in a future edition, please get in touch through the parish. We hope The St Mary's Spark will help bring our church, school and families closer together, creating a community where everyone feels welcome and connected."

The new Newsletter can be found on the parish website and will be shared with the children and their families via safe social media. A limited number of copies is available at the back of the church **for parishioners without access to the internet**!

I want to thank Alana for taking this initiative on the back of our recent Largs PPC meeting. Outreach to the younger generations in both our communities is an act of mission and of evangelization. I wonder how many more potential such initiatives are in the minds and hearts of other parishioners in relation to other categories of persons and of need. One meaning of the Mass is "mission." We receive the Word and the Eucharist to go out and share their spiritual riches. Let's pray for the Spirit of courage and boldness to do this more extensively in our parishes.

STELLA MARIS CAROL CONCERT & BUFFET (St. Mary's): This will be held on Thursday 17th December. The concert begins at 6pm and the buffet (in the hall) at approximately 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to the concert **but, if you wish to attend the buffet, you must sign your name on the list prepared at the back of the church**. Please use a different line for each person and avoid bunching couples or groups in one line! This will ensure we get a clear idea of the numbers. There is a limited number of spaces, so please sign up soon if you wish to participate in the buffet.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY NATIVITY PLAY: I am delighted that St. Mary's parish can once again host the children and community of St. Mary's Primary for their Nativity Play on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. I warmly invite parishioners to come along and celebrate this beautiful event. It's a lovely way to honour the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady which recurs precisely on the 8th December.

BENEDICTINE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS FAYRE: This annual event will take place on Saturday 28 November in the monastery tearoom from 1.15pm to 4pm. Entrance fee £3, children free. Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon, with Raffle, Tombola, Fancy Goods, Knitwear, Baking, and Jewellery stalls. Donation of Prizes and Bottles would be appreciated. Meeting for Helpers will be held on Monday 23 at 3pm. Please come along and support the Mothers in the Monastery.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date & Time	*Occasion*	*Location*
3/12, 7pm	Wm Tyre Memorial Service	BEC
3/12, 10am	Anointing of the Sick	Church
8/12, 7pm	School Nativity Play	Church
9/12, 7pm	Advent Sycamore	Hall
16/12, 7pm	Advent Sycamore	Hall
17/12, 2pm	Advent Penitential Service	Church
17/12, 6pm	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

'The Apostolic Tradition is a reality that indicates the very heart of the Church's identity and mission. The Second Vatican Council teaches, in fact, that "the Church, in her teaching, life and worship, perpetuates and hands on to all generations all that she herself is, all that she believes" (Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum, 8).

Drawing inspiration from these words, Pope Benedict XVI incisively affirmed that "Tradition is the permanent presence of the Saviour who comes to meet us, to redeem us and to sanctify us in the Spirit, through the ministry of His Church, to the glory of the Father" (Catechesis, 26 April 2006). Yes, proclaiming and bearing witness to the living presence of the Lord Jesus at all times and in all places, passing it on with fidelity and integrity from generation to generation: this is the indispensable good for the Church.'

Words of Pope Leo XIV, 25.11.26