



18th September, 2022.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year, C.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am. Memorial of the Korean martyrs.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m. Feast of St. Matthew.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

Friday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Sadie Cullen.

Saturday: 6.00pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am.

Confessions: Saturday before Vigil Mass and on request.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday morning after Mass.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings :

Amos 8: 4-7 A warning to treat others justly.

1 Timothy 2: 1-8 Paul reminds us to offer prayers for everyone.

Luke 16, 1-13 We cannot be slaves both of God and money.

Fr. James Flynn of the **Spiritans Fathers** made a Mission Appeal last weekend and the special collection raised £595 for the work of their Order. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to **Joe and Alice Blain** who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today (Saturday). May God continue to bless them and their family.

Synod news: Copies of the final synthesis of the synodal process in Scotland submitted to Rome by the Bishops Conference are available from the church porch. The report is also available online at **rcdai**. Also available in the porch are copies of a shortened version of the report from the Scottish catholic magazine.

The parish is looking to get a few parishioners together who would be eligible to drive a council minibus for **parish outings**. According to the Argyll and Bute Council website, a driver who has a D1 entitlement on their licence has to complete a council minibus assessment, and thereafter they would be eligible to drive a council minibus. Are you eligible? Would you consider being one of the parish minibus drivers? Please get in touch with Fr. Roddy if you are interested.

Fr. Philip is working on a new parish website and a parish Facebook page which will be up and running in the near future.

The **St. Mun's Craft Group** is planning a Fundraising Auction on Saturday 15 October, starting at 2.00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Mary's Meals. More details will follow at the beginning of October.

Carfin Grotto Centenary and Relics of St Bernadette:

The Grotto at Carfin was opened one hundred years ago in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is fitting that the relics of St Bernadette will be in Carfin from Saturday 24th September to Saturday 1st October. Lourdes has a special place in many of our hearts, as does St Bernadette, and we can visit the Grotto throughout that week. Two particular days are of special attention: Sunday, 25th September is the National Pilgrimage when the Bishops will declare Carfin as the National Marian Shrine for Scotland. On Friday, 30th September, a Pilgrimage Day has been allocated for our Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, which we will share with Motherwell. The Church opens for private prayer at 8am and closes at 10pm. However, since our parishes are at some distance perhaps those travelling may prefer to concentrate on the afternoon with Mass at 1pm followed by veneration of the relics and the Liturgy of Water at 3pm. There is also a torchlight procession at 8pm.

If any parishioner has a wheelbarrow which is surplus to requirement, the **parish gardening group** could make good use of it. Please see Fr. Roddy or any of the gardening group if you are able to help out.

Season of Creation prayer: Creator of Life, at Your word, the earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life.

The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time, the earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your wisdom, you granted a Sabbath, a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production.

But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world.

The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the earth is struggling to be renewed.

We ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. Send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

There will be **Teas/Coffee** in the Church hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.