



21st May, 2023.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Monday: 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Maimie Rees.

Tuesday: 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Elizabeth McMahon.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

Friday: 10.00a.m. Communion service.

Saturday 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after Mass.

Rosary: After Thursday morning Mass in our Lady's chapel.

The Pastoral Council will resume again with a meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, 31st May at 7.00p.m. The present members of the Parish Council are: Margaret Reilly Wood, Ruth McManus, Isabel Goodfellow, Jim Maclean, Helen Carty, Phil Breslin. The primary purpose and responsibility of the Council is to guide and determine the direction of the parish by providing leadership, leading pastoral planning, initiating and directing policies which flow out of the parish's mission. Council members care about parish life in other communities of the Diocese, share in the concerns of the Church universal, and strive to bring the Gospel message to all people and places within the parish. Furthermore, to work co-operatively with the Parish Priest and parishioners in all areas of parish life to assist the entire parish community to achieve the mission of the Church in the local community. The Council is accountable to the parish community for its work and will give high priority to ensuring regular communication with the parish via the parish bulletin.

Today is **World Communications Day**. A special collection will be taken up for the apostolate of communications.

For those parishioners who would like to help out with the organisation of a **parish social night**, possibly a curry night, there will be a meeting in the church hall on Wednesday, 14th June at 7.00p.m. The social night would provide an occasion to invite Fr. Philip back to the parish and give him a presentation.

If anyone has not yet handed in their "**SCIAF wee box**", please hand it in by next weekend so that the money can be sent to SCIAF. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to help with the **church stall** which is located in the church porch. All this would require is fifteen minutes of your time once every month. Please write your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church if you would like to help or Phone Helen on 704143 or text 07546753814.

As part of **St. Mun's Primary School** Laudato Si programme, the children are going to make a mural of caring for our planet. They will use recycled bottle tops to make the mural. Please hand in any bottle tops to the collection point in the school reception.

Journeying with Mary – Prayer Service in Preparation for the Synod: Carfin Grotto - Feast of the Visitation Wednesday 31st May 2023 7pm. At the invitation of Pope Francis the Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an hour of prayer at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, for the success of the Synod. All are most welcome. Personal reflections will be shared on four aspects of Mary's life interspersed with silence, hymns and the Rosary

while pilgrims journey between various Marian stations. Tea etc will be available at 8pm. The Prayer Service will be livestreamed on beingCatholic.com

A request has come in for assistance with **baby clothes and a cot**. If any parishioner is able to help in this regard, please contact Fr. Roddy.

The Craft and Chest, Heart, Stroke groups are hosting a Car Boot Sale in our car park on Saturday, 27th May, from 10-12 noon. A good opportunity for a profitable spring clean or a chance to find a few treasures!

Rev. David Railton, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, has organised a prayer walk and he has extended an invitation to all parishioners. The walk will start outside the Grammar school on Tuesday, 23rd May at 10.30am and end up at the Boat house. Please see the posters on the church noticeboard for more details.

Parish walking Group: Saturday morning at 11.00a.m. meeting in the church car-park. All welcome to come along and meet fellow parishioners and have tea/coffee/cake after the walk.

There will be **Tea/Coffee** in the Church hall after 11a.m. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

A Reflection:

As we look forward to the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday, we ask the Spirit to come to us anew. What are the things that strengthen and nourish the spirit? What is it that enables the spirit to soar, and what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.
Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.
Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

The Holy Spirit breathes new life into our spirits. So, as we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, we might make our own the prayer: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.