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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am. Feast of St. James.

Wednesday: 10.00am. St. Joachim and St. Anne

Thursday: 10.00am. Communion Service.

Friday: 10.00am. Communion Service.

Saturday 6.00pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00am. and 11.00am.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after Mass.

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

One of the **Mill Hill missionaries** will be in the parish next weekend to make a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Please support the appeal as best you can. Fr. Roddy will be away next weekend to celebrate a niece's wedding down south.

A **parish social night** will be held on Friday, 11th August at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Fr. Philip has been invited along and he will be given a presentation during the evening. A special collection for Fr. Philip will be taken on the weekend of 5th/6th August. For any Parishioners that may wish to attend or donate any foods (i.e. Savouries, Desserts, Sandwiches etc.) for Fr. Philip's evening in August, sheets are now in the Church Porch for such. **Margaret Revie** will be available after **6pm Vigil Masses** to take details from Parishioners, as will **Jessica MacGillivray** after **9am Masses** and **Ruth McManus** after **11am Masses** in the run-up to the event. Please be aware that the **allowable attendance** will be around about the eighty **figure**.

The event is also a BYOB evening and there will be music and entertainment throughout.

Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

There will be a **National Pilgrimage to Carfin** on Sunday, 3rd September at 3.00p.m. Please see the poster 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.

More helpers are required for **Sunday teas** after Mass. Please consider lending a hand.

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

For Reflection: Liam McArthur MSP is expected to introduce a bill later this year to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. The bill will be debated and scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament and will eventually be voted on by MSPs. In the meantime, there is an opportunity for the general public to make a big impact on this issue, through engagement with family, friends and parish communities.

Some people mistakenly think that "assisted dying", which is the term used by proponents of assisted suicide, is part of end-of-life care and is the same as the care provided by hospices. Popular TV portrays "assisted dying" as a merciful act, which supporters say will be strictly applied and only affect a small group of people.

On her visit to Scotland this year, Professor Leonie Herx described the effect of legalised assisted suicide and euthanasia in her homeland, Canada, as follows: "Administering death is cheaper and easier than providing care,

and it will quickly become the solution for any forms of human suffering, as we have seen in Canada.” She also repeated many times “Do not be deceived”.

Despite the lack of a bill, we need to act now if we are to successfully resist efforts to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. The campaign group Against Assisted Suicide has developed and trialed a Networking Pack for parishes. This pack can be used to help form networks to inform friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues and others about this important issue. It provides practical support for those who wish to share their concerns with the eight MSPs who represent them and who will ultimately vote on whether assisted suicide becomes legal.

You can also find more information, including key arguments against assisted suicide, on our own Catholic Parliamentary Office website and by visiting Care Not Killing Scotland – promoting palliative care – opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide.