



13th August, 2023.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.30am. Requiem Mass for Sandra Johnson.
7.00p.m. Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. Holyday of Obligation.
Wednesday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Isobel McRory.
Thursday: 10.00am.
Friday: 10.00am.
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.

The second collection last weekend for Fr. Philip's presentation raised £1000. Thank you to parishioners for your kindness. The social gathering in the church hall on Friday evening was a lovely celebration. Thanks to the parishioners who organised the celebration, to those who came along and to those who helped in any way. Your support was greatly appreciated. Fr. Philip extends his gratitude to parishioners for their kindness and generosity.

Our annual second Collection to help with the support of our **sick and retired priests** takes place next weekend, 20th August. Presently the diocese helps support six priests who ministered both in parishes throughout our diocese as well as serving the Church in national and world-wide roles. The budget for this year is £109 911 and we are grateful for last year's Collection which raised £7 234.25. We thank you for any donation you can give this year. Bishop Brian.

Fr. Roddy will undergo thyroid surgery tomorrow (Monday) in Gartnavel Hospital in Glasgow and will be off for a time thereafter to recover. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Walter Ezenwosu will cover in the parish.

Please pray for all our **teachers, school staff and pupils** as they return to school this week. May they be blessed in this new year.

The 2023 **National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair** will take place on Sunday, 17th September from 12.30pm – 6.00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. more details on the church noticeboard.

Parish walking Group: Saturday morning at 11am 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.

Pause for Thought:

"I had just spent an hour in the bank with my father, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist asking:

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" he replied.

"Because then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like that transfer.

You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about introducing him to the exciting world of online banking.

He thought for a minute, then answered "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes" I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered to your front door now, and how a certain company delivers everything!

His answer left me speechless.

He replied "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends. And I have chatted for a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know that I am alone. This is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have more than enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years ago I got sick. The shop owner, where I buy my fruit, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your mum fell down a few days ago during her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately brought his car to rush her home, as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me, forcing me to only interact with my computer?

I like to know the person I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds and relationships.

Technology isn't life. Spend time with people. Not with devices". (Author Unknown).