

10th September, 2023. Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, A. Vocations Awareness Week

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am. Eucharistic service. Wednesday: 10am Eucharistic service Thursday: 10am. Eucharistic service.

Friday: 10am.

Saturday 6pm. Vigil Mass. Sunday: 9am. and 11am.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after Mass.

Rosary: After ThursdayEucharistic service in our Lady's chapel.

This Sunday, we begin our celebration of **Vocations Awareness Week** in Scotland. It is a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. A letter from Bishop John Keenan has been prepared for Vocations Sunday and copies are available frmo the church porch.

This weekend should be our annual Collection for **Ecclesiastical Students**, who are seminarians. Unfortunately, our Diocese presently has no one studying for the priesthood. However, the diocese has recently ordained or brought on loan several priests. Over twelve months the Diocese will spend about £20,000 settling these new priests, but this has been well worth it, as their presence has been supportive to both our clergy and the eight parishes that will be served. Therefore, since we have no students, this year's Second Collection will help with the costs incurred in ensuring every parish in the diocese is served by a priest.

During the week, from Tuesday until Thursday, all the clergy of the Diocese will meet in Oban for the annual **clergy assembly.** There will be Eucharistic services in the parish on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Murton extends her thanks and prayers for the love expressed on the occasion of her 90th birthday last Saturday. £730-65 was raised for Mary's Meals, which should feed thirty children for a year!

Help is required with the teas/coffees in the Parish Hall after Sunday, 11am Masses. If any Parishioner would like to volunteer to help, on a rota basis, please contact either Harry or Margaret Revie.

If any Parishioner is able to help at **11am Sunday Mass** to welcome people, help give out the Bulletin and from time to time, help with the Collection, please contact Jim MacLean.

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 are on the church notice board.

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Day will be held on Saturday 16th September from 11am -1pm.

If you still haven't registered but wish to, the link to do so is below.

Please note, the last section of the day is an Open Forum for Parish Priests and PSCs to discuss anything and everything safeguarding related. You are invited to a Zoom meeting. Sep 16, 2023 at 11:00am. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuGhrTwvGNTtX4F0UjIrDlhzZrlg5RfD

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to "live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again."