



24th September, 2023.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am.

Wednesday: 10am St. Vincent de Paul.

Thursday: 10am.

Friday: 10am. Feast of the archangels St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

Saturday 6pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9am. and 11am.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after Mass.

Rosary: After Thursday Eucharistic service in our Lady's chapel.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9 — Both the first reading and Gospel remind us that God's generosity exceeds our expectations. As high as the heavens are above the earth are God's ways different from ours, proclaims Isaiah.

Philippians 1:20-24, 27 — Paul tells us that Christ means everything to him.

Matthew 20:1-16 — Jesus uses a story to show that God makes individual arrangements with each of his servants.

The famous parable, about the vineyard of the Lord, tells of people engaged to work in the vineyard at different times of the day. The agreed wage: one denarius – the minimum wage of the time. Those who worked longer expected more, but the denarius is a symbol of what sustains life: God's gift, not something earned. What kind of owner would pay less than enough to live on? God gives life itself as gift, not as wage.

During the week, Fr. Roddy will be going to Melbourne, Australia for three weeks to visit **Sister Diane**, who will be eighty on 5th October. Sister Diane worked in our Diocese for a number of years before returning to Australia. Fr. Walter will be covering in the parish. In case of an emergency he can be contacted on Ph. 07404 961012.

There will be a **parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's hall on Friday, 17th November from 8.00p.m. until 11.00p.m. with Paula MacAskill from Fort William. Paula performed in our church hall last year and the evening was a great success. Paula is an award winning singer/musician of Scottish, country and Irish songs. Tickets cost £10 and will be available from the end of October.

Led By The Spirit: Phase Two concerns consultation on our Diocesan Resources. By visiting led-bythespirit.org.uk or through the Diocesan website rcdai.org.uk you can learn much about our Diocesan resources eg. Sunday Mass numbers and the financial status of every single parish in the Diocese over the past five years. It is a very transparent portrayal of our Diocesan resources.

There will be a service in the Church of Scotland **High Kirk** on Sunday, 1st October at 6.30 pm to mark the closure of the church and to reflect on the life and history of the Church. All welcome.

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.

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.

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."