



Second Sunday of the Year B, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am.
Wednesday: 10.00am. St. Anthony
Thursday: 10.00am.
Friday: 10.00am.
Saturday: 6pm. Vigil Mass.
Sunday: 9am. and 11am.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after Mass.

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

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 — God's call is described in the first reading and Gospel today: in this reading, Samuel learns how to answer God's call.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15 — For the next five Sundays, readings are taken from Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth, which includes guidelines for a young Christian community. In this Sunday's excerpt, Paul gives explicit teaching on sexual morality. He reminds the baptised that their bodies are part of the body of Christ and therefore not meant for fornication.

John 1:35-42 — The Gospel describes the first few who decided to follow Jesus, as St John records it.

Christmas is over and the Ordinary Sundays for Year B begin. The Gospel for this year is Mark, but on this Sunday each year, it is from the early chapters of John. Two things happen in today's text. First, John the Baptist points out Jesus as the "lamb of God". Jews chose lambs from their flock for sacrifice: Jesus will be God's sacrifice. second, two disciples accept Jesus invitation to share his life: "Come and see".

The special collection for the work of the **Justice and Peace Commission** will be taken up this weekend. For more issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice and Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

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.

Teas/Coffee are available in the Church hall after 11am. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Reflection

"God's call is mysterious; it comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it.....and yet nothing is surer or stronger; nothing is so decisive and overpowering, as that call. This call is uninterrupted: God is always calling us." (Carlo Carretto).