



Fourth 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. John Bosco

Thursday: 10.00am. School children attending Mass.

Friday: 10.00am. Presentation of the Lord.

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:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 — A prophet is promised to the people, to speak in God's name. Christians see this prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' preaching.

I Corinthians 7:32-35 — Paul seems to be downplaying marriage, but his passion is for the Kingdom. He wants his followers in Corinth to give undivided attention to the Lord, before all else.

Mark 1:21-28 — Jesus teaching makes a deep impression on people when he takes on the forces of evil.

St. Marks's account of **Jesus' first miracle** is the casting out of an unclean spirit in the synagogue, interestingly described as new teaching – not new action. Before this action, people were amazed at Jesus' words, not related by Mark, but impressive enough for the congregation to recognise words of authority, unlike those of their own scribes. Jesus teaches in words and actions which are totally consistent with each other.

A warm welcome into the church to baby **Aoife Joan O'Loughlin**, daughter of Liam and Lauren O'Loughlin, who was baptised last Sunday. May God continue to bless the wee one and her parents.

On the **St. Mun's Primary school noticeboard** at the back of the church, there are a list of dates showing forthcoming events.

There will be a **meeting for parents** whose children are due to receive the Sacraments of The Eucharist (Primary 4) and Confirmation (Primary 7) this year. The meeting for Confirmations will be in the church hall on Wednesday, 21st February at 6.30pm. The meeting for First Holy Communions will be in the church hall on Wednesday, 28th February at 6.30pm.

A **car key** was found on the parish grounds. If you have lost a car key, or know someone who has, please get in touch with Fr. Roddy.

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:

“Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds. When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen. Their words carry enormous weight. They have real authority. The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact that they are not preceded, or accompanied, or even followed by words. At the root of innumerable wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed. It is the weakness of Churches, parties and individuals. It gives people and institutions split personalities. Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practise with our lives.” (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).

