



Fifth Sunday of the Year B, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am. Feast of St. Mun. Mass in St. Mun's primary school. All welcome.

Wednesday: 10.00am.

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:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 — Job's prayer is the prayer of one seriously ill. Many who have been in that state will recognise the sentiments of despair and desperation.

I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 — Paul talks about his own ministry as an apostle, and what motivated him.

Mark 1:29-39 — Jesus begins his busy ministry of healing, praying and preaching.

Still in Capernaum, Jesus enters the house where Peter's mother-in-law is seriously ill. With language, which is used by St. Paul to describe the resurrection, Mark says that Jesus 'raised up' the sick woman. A new element has been introduced at this early stage. Jesus comes to give the fullness of life to broken humanity, seen in the conclusion of today's gospel with a summary account of very many healings.

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.

St Mun's Singers rehearsals: The choir will be rehearsing in the lead up to Lent and Easter on the following dates:- 13th & 27th February, 12th and 26th March with the possibility of an extra one if needed. The rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish hall. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for a good sing, lovely company with the much appreciated and needed (after all the singing!) cuppa and blether.

'I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live.' Ps 103

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:

There's the lovely story about the grubs at the bottom of the pond. They wonder what happens to those of their fellows who climb up the stem of the lily and never come back. They agree among themselves that the next one who is called to the surface will come back. The next little grub that finds itself drawn to the surface by nature crawls up the stem and out on the surface on the lily leaf. It was really bright up there. It had been so dark and murky down below. They won't believe this. Suddenly something begins to happen. The grub begins to open out. The grub spreads out two huge beautiful coloured wings and becomes a beautiful dragonfly. It never imagined that this could have happened. It thought it would remain a grub forever. It flew back and forth across the pond. It could see the other grubs in the pond below but they couldn't see it. It realised there was no way it could get back and that they could not recognize such a beautiful creature as ever having been one of them.

Then he understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life.

(Story attributed to Walter Dudley Cavert)

