

Fifth Sunday of Easter B, 2024

28th April, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m. St. Athanasius.

Friday: 10.00a.m. St. Philip and St. James.

Saturday 6.00p.m. Vigil.

Sunday: 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after morning Mass.

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Acts 9:26-31 — Saul, a former persecutor of Christians, preaches at Jerusalem for the first time after his conversion.

1 John 3:18-24 — Living God's way involves not just words, but genuine love...

John 15:1-8 — Without a life-giving connection to Christ, our faith will wither and fade. Christ invigorates us.

The Scottish Bishops have written a pastoral letter on **Assisted Suicide, "Called to care, not to kill"**. Please pick up a copy of the pastoral letter from the back of the church.

For the parishioners who have signed up for the **Parish Retreat** in the Schoenstatt Centre, a meeting will be held in the church hall at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday, 8th May to discuss arrangements.

Please pray for the young people from our parish who will be **Confirmed** by Bishop Brian during the 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11th May. May it be a time of blessing for them, their parents and the whole parish family. There will be a meeting and rehearsal for the candidates and their parents in the church on Wednesday of this week, 1st May at 6.30p.m.

There will be a pop-up **Songs of Praise** at Glendaruel Village Hall on Saturday 18th May, 2pm - 4pm, with refreshments. All welcome.

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:

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight, at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the bathroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter.

Dedicated to all my senior friends ~ it's time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.

(Author Unknown).

This weekend will be the last chance to sign up for the **Lourdes pilgrimage** before the pilgrimage is opened up to parishioners from other parishes within the Diocese. Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to go.

Draft Itinerary for Proposed Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Wednesday, 7th May – Wednesday, 14th May, 2025. Dunoon, Skye and Dornie parishes.

Wednesday 7th May 2025

- Make own travel arrangements to Edinburgh airport
- Depart Edinburgh 0720h Arrive Bordeaux 1035h
- Coach transfer from Bordeaux Airport to our hotel in Lourdes (Approx. 3 hours, 30 minutes journey time)

Tuesday, 13th May 2025

- Coach transfer from Lourdes to Bordeaux hotel

Wednesday 14th May 2025

- Coach transfer from Bordeaux hotel to Bordeaux airport
- Depart Bordeaux 0545h Arrive Edinburgh 0655h
- Make own travel arrangements from Edinburgh airport

***Luggage Allowance** - Small hand luggage which must fit under the seat in front and 20kg hold luggage.

Accommodation

- 6 nights FULL BOARD accommodation at 4* hotel in Lourdes which comprises of dinner, lunch, bed and breakfast.
- 1 night HALF BOARD in Hotel near Bordeaux airport on return journey.
(Final night in Bordeaux due to next day early flight departure.)

***Flight prices not yet known but total cost of pilgrimage likely to be in region of £1200.00 - £1300.00.
To book a place or for further information, please sign your name on the sheet in the church porch.**