



Seventh Sunday of Easter B, 2024

12th May, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00a.m. St. Matthias.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m. Mass in St. Mun's primary school.

Friday: 10.00a.m.

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.

Please pray for the fourteen young people from our parish who will be **Confirmed** by Bishop Brian during today's 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass. May it be a time of blessing for them, their parents and the whole parish family. Special thanks to Mrs. Edgar for all the work she has done to prepare the candidates for their Confirmation.

Led by the Spirit

Phase 3 will begin during June. Phase 3 will discern 'How can we fulfil our mission with the reality of our situation today?' Our Diocese has lost three priests in a matter of weeks. Fr. Roddy Johnstone has gone to God. Fr. Walter has been recalled to Nigeria and Fr. Emmanuel has left the Priesthood. We pray for them all. We have nobody training for the Priesthood for our Diocese. With the sudden reduction in the amount of clergy our discernment is even more crucial – how is God guiding us through this present situation? The collation of the reports submitted from across the diocese for Phase 2 of "Led by the Spirit" is now available at ledbythespirit.rcdai.co.uk. Copies are also available from the church porch. Phase 2's Consultation was focussed on the resources we presently have as a Diocese. This will help us discern how to best live out our mission, the focus of Phase 3.

Please return your SCIAF "**Wee Boxes**" by next weekend so that the money can be counted and forwarded to SCIAF.

Today is **World Communications Day**. A special collection will be taken up for the apostolate of communications next weekend.

Shaping our country: Holding political candidates to account: An Argyll & the Isles Diocese Pre-Election Special.

Please join us for an online event designed to help us seek a just and nonviolent world by reflecting on the questions we should put to the candidates standing in the forthcoming general election.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltd-2srj4qGtQ9tQEgc3jCza0aRVUcTr-5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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.

A message from **Neil Smith**, owner of “Ginger” Neil’s beloved Hearing Dog, who “went to sleep” on Tuesday:

“Ginger has been a well known member of our community in St. Mun’s church and indeed in the whole of Dunoon and beyond. Dogs are generally known as man’s best friend but “Assistance dogs” are a special gift from God. They are born to help people with disabilities. Deafness is a hidden disability which can make deaf people feel lonely and isolated and excluded from other people even in family situations. Some deaf people can become withdrawn and unable to take part in things and some deaf people even feel suicidal.

Hearing Dogs are trained to alert their deaf partners to different sounds in the home and outdoors. Sounds that most people take for granted such as the alarm clock, the doorbell or someone knocking on the door, the telephone, and the cooker timer or a baby alarm. Some dogs are trained to alert when their partner is needing help. Most importantly, all hearing Dogs are trained in a special way to alert when a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm goes off.

Ginger has given me confidence to give talks in schools, businesses and a variety of groups to raise awareness of the difficulties of Deafness and how trained dogs can help a deaf person. Ginger also made it possible for my wife to confidently go out knowing Ginger would keep me safe. Ginger changed my life completely and although he has gone back to God he will be ever at my side”.

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

Reflection:

The Jesuit priest, Fr. Mark Link, tells the following story:

“A seven year old girl was eating her cereal as her father rushed by. She grabbed his arm, gave him a kiss, and said..... You didn’t say good morning! He apologised, gave her a hug, and said, “Sorry dear, I was pre-occupied, thinking about my problems at work”. She said, “Did you say your prayers this morning Dad?” “No”, he confessed.

“Come with me”, she said, this will only take one minute. She took him by the hand, closed her eyes, and she said in a soft voice: “Jesus said, ‘Don’t be afraid. I am with you always’..... Then she added, “Just think about that dad, and you’ll feel much better”.

Think about that episode for a moment. What might it be saying to you?