



Solemnity of Pentecost B, 2024

19th May, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00a.m.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m. Communion Service.

Thursday: 10.00a.m. Communion Service.

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.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11 — Pentecost is described. People from different nations hear the same Good News, as the Spirit brings unity.

Galatians 5:16-25 — The effects of self-indulgence are compared with what the Spirit brings. [The sequence, which may be read after the Second Reading, is a poetic prayer addressed to the Holy Spirit.]

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15 — The Spirit who will lead believers to complete truth is promised by Jesus.

Fr. Roddy and a group of parishioners will go on retreat during the week to **Schoenstatt Retreat Centre** near Milton of Campsie. May it be a time of grace and reflection for participants.

In a recent correspondence, Bishop Brian informed the clergy that sadly, the Chapel of Ease at Glenuig, St Agnes, has been recently violated. The church will be closed until a Penitential Rite has been celebrated. Vandalism has also taken place to the church and parish house in Rothesay. Please pray for the priests and parishioners who have been upset by these attacks. Discussion has taken place at a recent clergy assembly on measures to be taken to best protect church property.

We invite you to join Catholics across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in a **Novena For Life** from 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation, praying for the protection of human life. Sign up to the Novena at prayforlife.ie for your daily intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The Feast of the Visitation is a celebration of joy in new life, even in challenging circumstances, and we pray for a return to a society that values and protects all human life from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Novena will lead up to our annual **Day for Life** on Sunday 16th June 2024 of the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

The **special collection** this weekend will be taken up for the apostolate of communications.

The Special Collection on 25th/26th May will be for the work of Lepra. Today six hundred people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than fifty of these will be children.

Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. One-in-two people diagnosed with leprosy suffer moderate to severe depression and anxiety due to the prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease. 2024 is Lepra's Centenary Year. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease.

To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.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.

A Reflection:

The Spirit is that power that cures the inner soul of sickness, that motivates the weak to sainthood, and helps us to reach out to achieve greatness in our service of God and one another. Let our prayer be, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth”.