



## Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ B, 2024

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00a.m.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m. St. Boniface.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

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

*Exodus 24:3-8* — Moses made an agreement with God on behalf of the people and sealed this covenant in blood.

*Hebrews 9:11-15* — The new covenant we celebrate was sealed in the blood of Christ. The sequence, which may be included after the second reading, is a poetic reflection on the Eucharist.

*Mark 14:12-16, 22-26* — It was at the Last Supper that Jesus gave his body and blood as a parting gift to his followers.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Thank you to the parishioners who have registered for our Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 7th - 14th May, 2025. Next year will be an extra special year to go on pilgrimage as it is an official Jubilee Holy Year of the Church. The theme of this Holy Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimage Information Documents and booking forms are now available and can be picked up from Fr. Roddy this weekend. Please read over these documents carefully. **Booking forms should be completed and Returned to Alba Tours.**

Please pray for **Christian Hampsey** who will make his First Holy Communion during the 11am Sunday Mass this weekend. May God continue to bless him on his journey of faith.

**Led by the Spirit Phase 3:** Phase 3 of “Led by the Spirit” begins on the weekend of 8th and 9th June, coinciding with the Feast of St Columba. The third and final phase of our diocesan discernment process reflects on what is needed for us to live out our mission more fully. We are looking for concrete proposals. A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brian will be distributed and background materials will be available on [www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk) next weekend.

A very warm welcome to the parish to **Fr. Joe McNulty** from Glasgow who will cover in the parish this week and next weekend while Fr. Roddy has a wee break.

**Rev. David Railton** of the Episcopal Church is doing a 'Prayer Walk' through Dunoon on Monday, 10th June starting at 10.30am outside the Grammar School. The walk is about one and a half miles, finishing at The Boat House. The Prayer Walk is open to everyone. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information.

Help is needed to remove some old wood and odds and ends around, outside and inside the church garage and outhouse. If any **parishioner has a trailer** and would be willing to assist with the removal of these items, please see Fr. Roddy. Other volunteers to assist with this work will be much appreciated too.

The Special Collection last weekend for **Lepra** raised £475. Thank you to parishioners for your generosity.

Today six hundred people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than fifty of these will be children. 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](http://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.

### Reflection:

"A Lady asked an old street vendor: "How much do you sell your eggs for?" The old man replied "50p an egg, madam." The Lady responded, "I'll take six eggs for £2.00 or I'm leaving." The old salesman replied, "Buy them at the price you want, Madam. This is a good start for me because I haven't sold a single egg today and I need this to live."

She bought her eggs at a bargain price and left with the feeling that she had won. She got into her fancy car and went to a fancy restaurant with her friend. She and her friend ordered what they wanted. They ate a little and left a lot of what they had asked for. So they paid the bill, which was £150. The ladies gave £200 and told the restaurant owner to keep the change as a tip.

This story might seem quite normal to the owner of the restaurant, but very unfair to the egg seller. The question it raises is this;

Why do we always need to show that we have power when we buy from the needy?

And why are we generous to those who don't even need our generosity?

We once read somewhere that a father used to buy goods from poor people at a high price, even though he didn't need the things. Sometimes he paid more for them. His children were amazed. One day they asked him "why are you doing this dad?" The father replied: "It's charity wrapped in dignity."

We are all climbing a hill but at different stages...always be kind.