



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am
Wednesday: 10.00am
Thursday: 10.00am St. Benedict
Friday: 10.00am
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil.
Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after morning Mass.

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 2:2-5 — The prophet is inspired to speak out, even though God knows the people may not listen.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 — Paul writes about his frailty, which makes him rely all the more on God's grace.

Mark 6:1-6 — Like many other prophets before him, Jesus finds no acceptance in his home town.

In today's **Gospel**, the crowds in Jesus' home town refuse to accept him, stating that they believe they know he is the carpenter, the son of Mary (a hint of scandal there: no father is named). They know the members of his family by name, so where did he get those big ideas from? Mark states that because of their lack of faith, Jesus was powerless to work miracles there, except for a few cures.

The Special Collection this weekend will be taken up for **Peter's Pence**. Peter's Pence aims: to support the Pope's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace. It supports people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today is **Sea Sunday** when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. If you would like to donate to Stella Maris, you can visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or pick up one of the envelopes in the church porch. Your gift will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need.

A Night At The Races: A date for your diary, bring along friends and family, fun and excitement guaranteed. Saturday, 27th July at 7pm in the church hall. BYOB, a light supper will be provided. £8 a ticket, all races £1 each. Any donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully appreciated, a box for them will be placed at the back of the church. Tickets on sale from 13th July .

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'. **Booking forms should be completed and returned to Alba Tours.**

Led by the Spirit Phase 3: 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.

Please take away with you **Bishop Brian's Pastoral Letter** concerning Led By The Spirit – Phase 3. The

Bishop reflects on our call to holiness and our mission of proclaiming Christ. In our much-changed environment, what steps are needed to faithfully fulfil our mission? Discernment calls for boldness, honesty and respectful listening but especially for an openness to the Spirit's promptings. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The method for the Parish gatherings will be 'Conversation in the Spirit'. Background information about 'Conversation in the Spirit,' lay ministries and potential Church structures can be found at www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.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/Coffees - available in the Church Hall after 11am Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Reflection:

“Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves: When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little; when we have arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture more seas, where storms shall show your mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find the stars.

In the name of him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow him. Amen.
(Author unknown).