



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024

14th July, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 11.00am Requiem Mass for Mary Strachan.

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am

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:

Amos 7:12-15 — Amos explains that he didn't decide to be a prophet by himself, but that he did what God told him to do.

Ephesians 1:3-14 — Every Sunday from today until the end of August, the Second Reading will be from Ephesians. Paul wrote this letter to the people of Ephesus while he was in prison. The part we hear today is like the whole letter — a poetic description of the beautiful way God deals with us.

Mark 6:7-13 — Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs, to preach the message of repentance — as the prophets did of old.

In today's **Gospel**, after his earlier reception, Jesus could easily have given up. Instead, he redoubles his efforts to proclaim the Kingdom of God! He sends the Twelve whom he had chosen earlier with authority over unclean

spirits (Jesus' first miracle was casting out an unclean spirit). The mission is urgent, so they must not waste time making preparations; there's no time to pack, and a stick and sandals are all that are permitted, presumably to allow faster travel.

The Special Collection last weekend for **Peter's Pence** raised £425. Thank you. 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.

The annual Second Collection for the **Bishop's Administration fund** will take place next weekend, 20th/21st July. This Fund directly supports the pastoral activities and living costs of Bishop Brian in his role as our Bishop. This includes travel expenses when visiting parishes, running his house and his salary, which is the same amount as the rest of the priests. Since he is not in a parish these costs are covered by the diocese. Any financial support offered towards this fund is gratefully received and in turn helps to reduce the levy borne by parishes.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life will mark this day on Sunday 28th July 2024 at Carfin Grotto with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by the commission's president Bishop John Keenan. The café will be open for refreshments. Please come along and enjoy this inter-generational day together.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

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 .

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:

“The earth provides enough to satisfy every person's need, but not every person's greed”.