



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024

21st July, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00a.m. Communion Service.

Wednesday: 10.00am.

Thursday: 10.00am. St. James.

Friday: 10.00am. St. Joachim and Anne.

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:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 — Shepherds who neglect their flocks are condemned, as God promises to intervene for the sake of the people — just as a good shepherd would do.

Ephesians 2:13-18 — Christ, by his blood, ends hostility and brings people together.

Mark 6:30-34 — Jesus encourages the apostles to rest, but takes pity on the people also.

The annual Second Collection for the **Bishop's Administration Fund** will take place this 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.

Next weekend the annual **Mission Appeal** will be made by Fr. Javier Alvarado of the Comboni Fathers and a special collection will be taken up for their work. The **Comboni Missionaries** are an international Catholic religious and missionary Order founded by Bishop Daniel Comboni in Verona (Italy) in 1867, specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Roddy will be away this week to celebrate a family baptism and a family wedding down in Maidenhead, Berkshire. Fr. Javier Alvarado will supply in the parish.

Please pray for **Liam Cruickshanks** who is being prepared to be received into the Church. Liam is a young lad who will be starting High School after the summer holiday. For the past four/five months or so Liam has been attending the 9.00a.m. Sunday Mass on his own and has expressed his desire to be baptised and to be received into the church. May we encourage and support Liam in his faith journey. He is an example and an inspiration!

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

Carfin Lourdes Grotto: National Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 1st at 3.00p.m. and **National Pilgrimage to Whithorn** on Sunday, 25th August. More details on the posters on the church noticeboard.

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:

“Lord, look upon us and take pity on us, for at times we too are like sheep. Save us from a blind following of the herd. Help us to listen to your voice, to trust you and to follow you, even if it means leaving the crowd and following a lonely path. lead us from fear to trust, from error to truth, from hate to love, from war to peace, from despair to hope, and from death to life” (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).