



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

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### **Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10am St. Gregory the Great

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: No Mass. Crematorium Service for Margo Hamilton at 11am.

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 6pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9am and 11am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday after morning Mass.

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

### **Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8* – Moses tells the people of Israel to keep faithful to God's law.

*James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27* – For the Sundays till the end of September, the second reading will be from the letter of James. This is a collection of popular moral teachings, similar in style to the Sermon on the Mount. The faith is explained in a simple, down-to-earth way.

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* – Having read from John's Gospel for the last few Sundays, we resume the continuous reading of the Gospel of Mark today. Jesus reminds the religious leaders that what's on the inside of people is more important than externals.

Today we begin the **Season of Creation**, which runs from September 1st to October 4th and is a time for Christians to unite in praying and acting together to care for our common home. The theme for 2024 is "To Hope and Act with Creation". Today is also the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which Pope Francis established in August 2015. The **Care of Creation Office** of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling.

The Special Collection last weekend for the **Sick and Retired Priests** of the Diocese raised £570. Thank you. Presently the Diocese helps support six priests who ministered both in parishes throughout our Diocese as well as serving the Church in national and world-wide roles.

There will be a **Social evening** in our church hall on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October from 8.00pm until 11.00pm. Paul Sullivan from Dundee will be our guest artist. Paul is an accomplished singer and top entertainer who sings a wide variety of songs. Tickets will be on sale at all weekend Masses from 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please come along if you can and support your parish.

**Wiktoria Dulcka**, one of our servers, gave a very inspiring talk and slide presentation on Wednesday evening in our parish hall about her recent trip to Tanzania along with some fellow pupils from Dunoon Grammar school. Her experience was life changing. Among many other things, Wiktoria shared how grateful the children in Tanzania are for the least act of help and kindness. May God continue to bless Wiktoria on her journey.

### **LOOKING FOR A LATE CATHOLIC GAP YEAR?**

Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead? Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) are still looking for young people to join their youth ministry in internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive train-

ing and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week. Anyone who is interested can check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Second Hand September comes to Dunoon:** Oxfam & partners are looking for ten teams to take part in a makeover fashion challenge culminating at a fashion show at the Queen's Hall on 25th September. Could there be a St. Mun's team? Details are to be found on the Dunoon Community Development Trust website. Go to “Second Hand September £20 fashion challenge” to register interest by 2nd September.

**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.

### **Pause for thought:**

In 2015 Pope Francis issued his encyclical **Laudato Si'**: Care for Our Common Home, that invited the Churches, religions and all people of good will, to recognise the reality of climate change and take radical action to care for our fragile planetary home before it became too late. He warned of the dangers of minimising or denying the scientific evidence and thereby failing to take the bold decisions required.

The dangers of not taking the bold actions required was also something that the Bishops of Scotland identified in their Pentecost 2021 Pastoral Letter on the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Whilst acknowledging the efforts that had been made, they stated:

. . . . but much more is required if we are to undo the harm caused by generations of neglect and abuse. Scientists tell us that time is limited. All of us must, therefore, work with a sense of urgency to discern what needs to be done and to make the changes required. Then last year, on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis, Pope Francis issued **Laudate Deum: Apostolic Exhortation on the Climate Crisis** and in it he shares his deep concerns about the lack of progress since the publication of Laudato Si'..... “Eight years have passed since I published Laudato Si’, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point”. Laudate Deum 2.

Today we begin by seeking to reflect on what is happening to our common home and to discern ways in which we, individually and as a community, and as a nation, can Hope and Act with Creation.