



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024**

**11<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10.00am

Wednesday: 12.30pm Requiem Mass for Heather McArdle followed by service at Greenock crematorium at 3.00p.m.

Thursday: 10.00am and 7.00pm Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Friday: 10.00am

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:**

*1 Kings 19:4-8* — Elijah was at the point of despair when God sent him food and drink to nourish him on his journey.

*Ephesians 4:30 to 5:2* — We should imitate Christ in the way we treat each other.

*John 6:41-51* — Jesus is the true bread come down from heaven, promising the fullness of life.

**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.

On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a Memorial Mass at 11.00am in St. Mun's for **Elizabeth Thackston(Bee)** who died suddenly at the age of fifty-two. Elizabeth had lived in the Dunoon area most of her life until a few years ago when she moved to Ardrossan. Many parishioners will remember her.

**Fr. Philip** has invited parishioners to join the Lochgilphead and Taynult parishioners for a Mass followed by blessing of a Grotto and Stations of the Cross in the grounds of St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10.00a.m. There will be a BBQ and refreshments afterwards. This will be an ideal opportunity to support Fr. Philip and show our appreciation for his ministry within our Diocese.

A very warm welcome to **Fr. Peter Scally SJ** who will be in the parish for the next week. **Fr. Peter** is the editor of **Pray-as-you-go.org**, which is a daily prayer website, podcast and application that was created in 2006 by the Jesuits in the United Kingdom.

**Wiktorja Dulaska**, one of our servers, enjoyed a visit to Tanzania recently, along with some fellow pupils from Dunoon Grammar school. She will give a talk and slide presentation on Tanzania in the parish hall on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00p.m. Please come along and support Wiktorja if you can.

**Carfin Lourdes Grotto:** National Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 3.00p.m. and **National Pilgrimage to Whithorn** on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pause for Thought:

Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation.

So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly.

Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf.

We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place.

We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain.

We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you.

We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.

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