



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024  
8th September, 2024**

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**Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10.00am  
Wednesday: 10.00am Communion Service.  
Thursday: 10.00am Communion Service.  
Friday: 10.00am St. John Chrysostom.  
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:**

*Isaiah 35:4-7* – Isaiah promises that when the Messiah comes, the deaf will hear and the dumb will speak.

*James 2:1-5* – Saint James complains of class distinction at religious services.

*Mark 7:31-37* – Through Jesus' healing ministry, the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

“Next weekend should be our annual Collection for **Ecclesiastical Students Fund**, who are seminarians. Unfortunately, our diocese presently has no one studying for the priesthood. However, the diocese has recently ordained or brought on loan several priests. Over twelve months the diocese will spend about £20,000 settling these new priests, but this has been well worth it, as their presence has been supportive to both our clergy and the eight parishes that will be served. Therefore, since we have no students, this year's Second Collection, instead of going to the ESP, will help with the costs incurred in ensuring every parish in the diocese is served by a priest. Thank you for your generosity. The ESF envelope can still be used”. Bishop Brain

Fr. Roddy will join the Diocesan priests this week in Oban from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday for the annual **Clergy assembly**. Please pray for the priests of the Diocese.

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 14<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are: £10 per adult, £5 for under 18's (accompanied by an adult). BYOB, nibbles and raffle. Prizes for the Raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please come along if you can and support your parish.

**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:

The gift of hearing is a precious gift, but it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly. The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart we will not feel the person's pain, and it is unlikely that we will respond. The gift of speech is a precious gift but again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. For our words to ring true they must come from the heart. If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect. They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water but leaves the depths untouched. Words that come from the heart enter the heart. (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).