



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

**15th September, 2024**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass in St. Mun's primary school. Parishioners welcome.

Thursday: 10.00am

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:

*Isaiah 50:5-9* — Isaiah describes someone suffering nobly. Christians think of Jesus when they hear these words.

*James 2:14-18* — James challenges all Christians to put their faith into action.

*Mark 8:27-35* — Jesus tells his followers about the kind of end he will have, and tells them they too may have to suffer.

“This 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

**Led by the Spirit:** Phase 3 of the parish gatherings will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm and 7pm in the parish hall. We are now in the third and final phase of Diocesan consultation “Led by the Spirit”. It is important that parishioners try to attend one of these final gatherings as we discern the future of our Diocese. 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](http://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk)

**The Annual General Meeting of St. Mun's Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.** Parishioners are very welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to both meet existing members and to raise any questions they may have, relevant to the duties of the Council over the past year. An Agenda and any supporting documents (if any) will be available to those parishioners attending the evening. The meeting will finish no later than 9pm.

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.

A parishioner has a **mobility scooter** which has only been used once and is no longer needed. It cost £3 000 and the parishioner is willing to sell it for £1 500. Please contact Fr. Roddy if you are interested.

**Liam Cruickshanks**, S1 year pupil at Dunoon Grammar School is doing a sponsored walk in aid of Guide Dogs. There is a little box at the back of the church and a coin collector if you would like to donate. Just £25 could pay for a white harness: the iconic symbol of a fully qualified guide dog.

**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:

“Souls, like animals and plants, need air. Do our lives have enough empty space in them to nourish our spirit? Living in cities, plugged into networks of jobs, friends, and projects, we sometimes neglect our standing-and-staring needs. They are quite specific: we need to be outside, in pleasant weather, with nothing much to do. We need to let the world go on its way without us for a while. We need to have things pass before our eyes: clouds or boats or waving grass. Blessed idleness! Blessed inattention! When we slip back into the groove, we’re refreshed by our passive interlude. Let’s shape the recipe and find some time to stand aside and stare..... If I don’t take the time, it will take me. I’d rather the choice was mine”. (Hazeldean Meditations).