



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024

**Mission Sunday
20th October, 2024**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am Communion service.
Wednesday: 10.00am
Thursday: 10.00am
Friday: 11.00am Requiem Mass for Mary Ellen Boyce.
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 53:10-11 – The suffering of the Lord can be seen beforehand in the words written by Isaiah.

Hebrews 4:14-16 – In Jesus we have a high priest who was tempted as we are. He will have mercy on us.

Mark 10:42-45 – The true follower of Jesus is to be like the Master: a humble servant.

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. We are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. They play a crucial part in "going and inviting everyone to the banquet". As Catholics around the world(here at home and in the missions) gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our support to Missio Scotland for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The special collection today will be for the Pontifical Mission Societies – the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce **assisted suicide**, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

November is the month of the **Holy Souls** when we pray especially for our Faithful Departed. In praying for the dead we highlight our faith in the power of God and we hold up the life of the person who has died so as to let God take care of things. There is still a vital flow of life between them and us. Love is stronger than the grave. November lists are available from the Church for parishioners to note down the names of loved one who have died. These will be placed in the Holy Souls box on the altar and Masses during the month of November will be offered for our deceased brothers and sisters.

The **Lectionary**, the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the *English Standard Version - Catholic Edition* of the Bible and the *Abbey Psalter* and will be used from the first Sunday of Advent 2024. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting.

After long and scholarly discussions, it was last year the Bishops approved the translation of the bible to be used in Catholic Churches. For over fifty years we have been using the *Jerusalem Translation*, so what has become very familiar will sound a little different from Advent 2024.

This means we have to buy new books, £640 a set, which have to be of good quality, a high standard and durable as they contain the Word of God and will be used everyday at Holy Mass. Thank you to a generous parishioner who has gifted money to the parish to purchase a set.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: An e-mail was received from Sr. Wiesia Kunikiewicz, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary based in Glasgow. She is gathering information about the sisters time in Dunoon for a book about the sisters work in Scotland. If parishioners could assist with this in any way, either information or photographs, this would be greatly appreciated. It was in 1969 that Canon MacLean invited the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to start a community in Dunoon and they were here until 1982 approximately. Please contact Fr. Roddy if you can help in any way.

Auction: Saturday 26th October from 2pm – 4pm in St Mun’s Parish Hall. All proceeds to Mary's Meals. Come along and pick up something that gladdens the heart, takes your fancy, or something you didn't realise you needed!!! Have fun out bidding your friends. Help us to beat last year's amount of £1200, all to help feed and educate children in some of the world's poorest countries.

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

A 17th Century Nun’s Prayer: “Lord, You know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but You know Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains.....they are increasing and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening assuredness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint.....some of them are so hard to live with..... but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

(Anon.)