



17th Sunday of the Year - C

27th July, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Friday: 10.00am Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 10.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Eucharistic Adoration: After Mass on Wednesday morning.

Scripture Readings:

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32. Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of the city of Sodom.

Second reading: Colossians 2:12-14. Through Baptism, a Christian dies to the old sinful way of life and rises to live a new life.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13. Jesus urges the apostles to pray to God with childlike trust for all their spiritual and temporal needs.

Pilgrimage Walk of Hope for Mary's Meals: Mary's Meals warmly invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope. This event will take place on Saturday 30 August from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. In this Jubilee Year when we are called to become Pilgrims of Hope, join members of the Mary's Meals team and supporters from around the country as we walk together, reflecting on stories of hope and praying for our mission. The day will include Mass and the opportunity to see The Shed where Mary's Meals began. Find out more and book your place at: <https://MMWalkOfHope.eventbrite.co.uk>

Parishioners and visitors sometimes ask for the Bank details of the parish so that they can set up a Standing Order. Your generosity to our Parish and the charities which we support are much appreciated. Bank details of the parish. Account Name: RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles – Dunoon Mission. Sort Code: 83-91-25
Account Number: 65627554.

Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered to help with the **restoration of the outside benches**. Fr. Roddy has taken advice from people who have experience in restoring furniture and they have offered to assist. More details and further updates will be given in due course.

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 Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Pause for Thought

Press statements from Church dignitaries are rarely as personal as this one from the Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Patriarch Theophilos III and myself have returned from Gaza with broken hearts. But also encouraged by the testimonies of many people we've met.

We ended up in a place of devastation, but also of wonderful humanity. We walked through the dust of the ruins, past collapsed buildings and tents everywhere: courtyards, alleys, streets and beach – tents that became homes for those who lost everything. We stood among families who have lost count of exile because they see no horizon for a return. Children talked and played without cans or blushes – they were already used to the sound of the bombings. And yet, in the midst of it all, we encounter something deeper than the devastation: the dignity of the human spirit refusing to die. We met mothers who prepared meals for others, nurses who gently tended wounds, and people of all faiths who still pray to the God who sees and never forgets.

Christ is not absent in Gaza. He is there – crucified among the wounded, engulfed in the rubble, yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.

We have come not as politicians or diplomats but as shepherds. The Church, the entire Christian community, will never fail them.

It's important to emphasize and reiterate that our mission is not for a specific group, but for all. Our hospitals, shelters, schools, parishes – St. Porphyrius, the Holy Family, Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Caritas – are places of meeting and exchange for everyone: Christians, Muslims, believers, doubters, refugees, children.

Humanitarian aid is not just necessary – it is a matter of life or death. Denial is not a delay but a sentence. Every hour without food, water, medicine and shelter causes deep suffering.

We've seen it: men who wait hours in the sun for a simple meal. This is a humiliation that is unbearable when you see it first hand. This is morally unacceptable and unjust.

We therefore support the work of all humanitarian actors – local and international, Christian and Islamic, religious and secular – who are risking everything to bring life to this sea of human destruction.

And today we raise our voices in a call to the leaders of this region and the world: there can be no future based on captivity, expulsion of Palestinians or revenge. There must be a road that restores life, dignity and all lost humanity. We're making the words of Pope Leo XIV from last Sunday's Angelus into ours:

"I renew my call to the international community to uphold humanitarian rights and respect the obligation to protect citizens, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the arbitrary use of violence and the forced expulsion of population." "

It is time to end this nonsense, end the war and make the general welfare of the people a top priority.

We are praying – and calling – for the release of all who have been deprived of their liberty, for the return of the missing, the hostages, and for healing of the long-suffering families on all sides.

When this war is over, we have a long road ahead of us to begin the process of healing and reconciliation between the Palestinian people and the Israeli people, from the too many wounds this war has caused in the lives of too many: a sincere, painful and courageous one. reconciliation. Do not forget, but forgive. Don't erase wounds, but transform them into wisdom. Only such a path can make peace possible – not only politically, but also humanly. As shepherds of the Church in the Holy Land, we renew our commitment to just peace, to unconditional dignity, and to a love that transcends all boundaries.

Let's not make peace a slogan as long as war remains the daily bread of the poor.