



Fourth Sunday of the Year – A
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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 10am St Agatha

Friday: 10am St Paul Miki and companions

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:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 — Zephaniah describes the kind of people who find favour with God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 — Paul reminds us that we are to rely not on our own efforts, but on God's power.

Matthew 5:1-12 — Today we begin to read from a section in Matthew's Gospel which describes the Sermon on the Mount.

An easily recognisable feature of **Matthew's gospel** is Jesus' authentic teaching. Matthew presents five blocks of teaching, and this is the first extract from the first and most famous of these: the Sermon on the Mount. Moses had climbed Mount Sinai to receive God's Law, God's teaching. Jesus climbs this Galilean mountain (hill) to teach the true meaning of God's law. Through the beatitudes in today's gospel, he summarises to whom the kingdom of God belongs.

Repairs to the **church heating system** are continuing and should be completed during the week. Thank you to the Church of Scotland for the loan of the four blow heaters.

A warm welcome into the church to Adam and Alice Russell who were baptised on Saturday morning. May God bless them in their faith journey.

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.

Reflection:

"When the Russian- Finnish boundary line was being redrawn, a farmer was told that the border passed right through the middle of his land. He therefore had the option of having his land taken into Russia or Finland. He promised to give the matter serious thought, and after some weeks announced that he wanted to live in Finland. A host of incensed Russian officials descended on him to explain the advantages of belonging to Russia, not Finland.

The man heard them out, then said, "I am in complete agreement with everything you say. In fact, it has always been my desire to live in Mother Russia. But at my age I simply won't be able to survive another one of those Russian winters". ("The Prayer of the Frog", Anthony de Mello).