



Fifth Sunday of the Year – A
8th February, 2026

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles
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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am St Scholastica
Wednesday: 10am Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday: 10am
Friday: 10am

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:

Isaiah 58:6-10

To be right in God's sight we must share our blessings with the poor

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

We are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus, and not by our own merits

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Salt of the earth; the light of the world

Following the beatitudes, there are two short sayings, 'proverbs', depicting Jesus as a Wisdom teacher in the Jewish tradition. Jesus tells his new disciples that they are salt for the earth and light for the world: not that they will become these. This reminds us that we already give flavour and light to the world; but is it good or bad? We cannot choose not to be flavour, but we can choose what flavour to give!

Our **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 7th June during 10am Mass. There will be a meeting for the parents of P4 children in the church hall at 6pm on Thursday, 19th February.

There will be a special collection next weekend for the **Diocesan Pastoral Fund**. This Fund supports various pastoral initiatives throughout the diocese. One example is Safeguarding. Ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are safe is a core Christian virtue. An independent Safeguarding body (Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has been recently established to support all the dioceses, including Argyll and the Isles. We are grateful for your financial support towards these and other initiatives.

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:

Perfection: You will never be sorry for doing your level best, for your faith in humanity, for being kind to the poor, for asking pardon when in error, for being generous with an enemy, for sympathising with the oppressed.
(Anon)