



Fifth Sunday of Lent – A
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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 12.30pm Chrism Mass in St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am Mass in St Mun's Primary School. All welcome. Tea/Coffee and hospitality.

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.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 3.00pm and Friday at 6.30 p.m.

Scripture Readings:

The three readings today focus on the question: '*How do we obtain life?*'

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 — Ezekiel says that those committed to God will find life after they die.

Romans 8:8-11 — Paul says that through the Spirit we can find life.

John 11: 1-45 — The Gospel describes the raising of Lazarus and shows that all God's power is found in Jesus, who brings believers the fullness of life.

Scotland Rejects Assisted Dying and Affirms Human Dignity

"MSPs can be confident that they have taken the correct and responsible course of action. Their vote serves to protect some of Scotland's most vulnerable individuals from the risk of being pressured into a premature death.

Every human life possesses inherent value. Genuine compassion is not expressed through ending a life, but through accompanying those who suffer and ensuring they receive the medical, emotional, and spiritual support that recognises their dignity. No life is without worth.

As a society, our responsibility is not to address suffering by eliminating the sufferer, but to surround each person with care, respect, and dignity until their natural end. Today's decision moves Scotland further in that direction, and MSPs should be commended for this.

However, we must continue to make progress. Our next priority must be to strengthen palliative care by ensuring that it is properly funded and accessible to all who require it.

I would like to express my gratitude to all MSPs for their serious engagement with this issue and for the thoughtful and considered attention they have given to the bill. I am especially grateful to those who upheld the principle of human dignity and advocated on behalf of the vulnerable. Your principled commitment has not gone unnoticed"

Bishop John Keenan

President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Last weekend, the **special collection** for SCIAF raised £730. The Lenten appeal this year focuses on Ethiopia, where decades of progress is being undone by conflict, droughts, floods, and cuts to international aid.

The Diocesan **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday of this week, 25th March at 12.30pm. It is during the Chrism Mass that the Holy Oils used in the sacraments are blessed and the priests renew their promises. A minibus has been organised to take parishioners to and from Oban and it will depart at 10am sharp from the church carpark.

Our **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 7th June during 10am Mass. Please pray for the eight children from our parish who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Church Heating: As parishioners are aware, the church boiler broke down before Christmas and it was out of service for seven weeks. It has now been repaired at a cost of £1 024.26. During that time, six commercial blow heaters were used to heat the church. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a very high electricity bill of £4 189.98. To help cover these unexpected expenses, a special collection for church heating will be taken on the weekend of 12th April. Any contribution towards this cost would be greatly appreciated.

Please see the poster on the church noticeboard about the upcoming **Conforti Liturgy weekend** in May, which is a weekend of liturgy-themed workshops, spiritual talks, liturgical singing, prayer and *get-together* with people from around the parishes of Argyll & the Isles.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish. Last year we received £6 460.25 back from HMRC. For every one donation to the Parish, we can claim a further 25% from HMRC provided the donor is signed up to Gift Aid. It doesn't cost you any extra and covers all your donations. What is involved?

1. You must be a current UK taxpayer.
2. You must sign a simple declaration – showing your name and address.
3. You can donate in any way and as often or little as you like – standing order, envelopes, cheques. We just need to identify that the donation has come from you, name on bank statement, or for cash, in a numbered envelope.

Please consider this. It really helps the parish funds and costs you nothing. If you would like to discuss or find out more, please contact our Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Elaine Brown on Ph 077808286.

The new envelopes are ready to be collected from the church porch. The numbered envelopes are for gift aid donations and the unnumbered envelopes are for anyone wishing privacy for non-gift aid donations. Please let Elaine Brown know if you no longer wish to be part of the scheme due to a change in your tax situation.

Statement from the Bishops of Scotland for Reflection:

“ Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable. We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ.

Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.

In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute. Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn. This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people.

Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope”.

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.