



Fourth Sunday of Easter – A
26th April, 2026

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am
Wednesday: 10am St Catherine of Siena
Thursday: 9am
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:

Acts 2:14, 36-41 Just like last week, St Peter's words are found in the first two readings. The first contains another part of his speech on Pentecost day, and the second is again part of one of his letters.

1 Peter 2:20-25 Here Peter calls Christ the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

John 10:1-10 Jesus describes himself as the gate of the sheepfold, who comes that we might have life to the full.

Good Shepherd Sunday is the Church's World Day of Prayer for Vocations when we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Good Shepherd knows each of us personally, and calls us each by name. The more we build a sense of belonging and of trust in the parish, the better we can identify the ones who would be good shepherds. We might then quietly approach them to take on the kind of leadership that our Church needs for today.

Today, we focus our prayer on how pastoral care of each other can continue into the future. The challenge is for all parishioners to somehow be shepherds to one another. This involves the effort to learn the names of individuals who join in worship with us, so as to be able to greet them by name and make them really welcome.

A warm welcome to **Fr Ephraim**, Mill Hill Father, who will cover in the parish next weekend. Fr Roddy will spend a short time with his family down south from Thursday of this week.

Church Heating: Thank you to parishioners for your overwhelming generosity in responding to the request for assistance with the cost of the church heating. Between online contributions, donations handed in to the parish house and last weekend's special collection, £7 970 has been raised to help with boiler repairs and heating costs. Thank you.

The latest Parish statement of **Income and Expenditure** for the year to 30th November, 2025 has been posted on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please see Fr Roddy if you would like a copy or if you like any further breakdown of the accounts. The Bank balance as at 30th November 2025 was £15 312.32.

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 the Eucharist.

Please see the poster on the church noticeboard about the upcoming **Conforti Liturgy weekend** in May.

Teas/Coffees: Available in the Church Hall after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

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.

A Little Thought

“Compassion is not learned without suffering. Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don’t understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering. Unless we have walked in darkness, we can’t help wanderers to find their way. If we have suffered we become pathfinders for others. It is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed. Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body. Those wounds were the proof of his love. They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep. The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation, courage and hope to us in our sufferings. By his wounds we are healed. (Fr Flor McCarthy, SDB).