



**Seventh Sunday of Easter– A**  
**17th May, 2026**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10am Communion service

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 10am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** After Mass on Wednesday morning.

**Scripture Readings:**

First reading: Acts 1:12-14. Here we see the disciples gathered in the upper room, waiting in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16. Peter encourages those who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

Gospel: John 17:1-11. This is part of Jesus' solemn prayer at the Last Supper. Here he prays for himself and for his disciples.

Fr Roddy will join the rest of the diocesan priests for a day long meeting with Bishop Brian in Oban on Tuesday of this week. The meeting is a clergy consultation regarding **Scottish Diocesan structures**. The Scottish bishops are consulting whether our present diocesan structures are the best for promoting mission.

**Communications Sunday**

This weekend, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications.

From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church.

The second collection next weekend will support the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country.

Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications and for all who encounter Christ through digital media.

A warm welcome into the church to **Erin McKean**, who was baptised in St Mun's last Sunday afternoon. May the Lord continue to bless the wee one and her family on her faith journey.

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

There will be a **meeting** for the parents of the First Communicants in the church hall on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm.

There will be a **Car Boot Sale** in aid of the Craft Group and Chest, Heart and Stroke Club on Saturday 30th May from 11am until 1pm in St Mun's car park. Pitches are available for £10 ( proceeds kept for your own cause ) by phoning 01369 700907. Tea/coffee , soup and rolls available in the hall.

**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.

### Reflection:

As we look forward to the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday, we ask the Spirit to come to us anew. What are the things that strengthen and nourish the spirit? What is it that enables the spirit to soar, and what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.  
Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.  
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.  
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.  
Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.  
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

The Holy Spirit breathes new life into our spirits. So, as we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, we might make our own the prayer: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

### Another reflection

“ On this day, mend a quarrel.....search out a forgotten friend....dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust....share some treasure....give a soft answer.....encourage youth.....keep a promise.....find the time....forego a grudge....forgive an enemy.....listen....apologise if you were wrong....try to understand.....examine your demands on others.....think first of someone else.....express your gratitude.....thank God.....speak your love.....speak it again.....speak it yet again.”