



**Eleventh Sunday of the Year– A**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10am All

Saints of Scotland Feast

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:**

*Exodus 19:2-6* — The first reading contains a reminder of God's care for the people of Israel, our ancestors in faith.

*Romans 5:6-11* — St Paul explains that the death of Jesus proves God's love.

*Matthew 9:36 to 10:8* — In the Gospel, Jesus shows compassion for the people by appointing apostles to heal the sick and cast out demons.

**Part of a Diocesan Social media post from Bishop Brian:** “ I love the Scotland flag! I look forward to seeing it on Sunday morning at the World Cup, something I took for granted as a youth but increasingly doubted I would ever see again.

We have all been horrified at the recent violence and intimidation unleashed on migrants by masked hooligans who claim to be ‘defending’ their nation or community. Last night this happened in several Scottish cities and towns. A rich few rewrite the ‘truth’ on social media and/or through political sound bites. Assaulting people on the basis of their ethnicity is always wrong and is no way to solve any complex issue. Most Scottish Catholics are themselves immigrants or descended from immigrants. Our history alone should form our conscience, never mind the Gospel. Christians are called to be leaven for the world and we enrich our society by witnessing to the Gospel. As your bishop I ask you to please dialogue with those you hear encouraging any form of racism and sectarianism, including within your family or social circles. Listening and honest sharing is invaluable for growth.

Back to our national flag. I wonder if those who wish to hijack the Flag of St Andrew realise that St Andrew was a foreigner from the Middle East and that our flag's central image recalls that he gave his life in a foreign land witnessing to Jesus Christ and the universality of God's love, a beautiful reality we are all called to share in”

Next weekend, **Fr Willie Hattie** will preach the Annual Mission appeal on behalf of the **Xaverian Missionaries**. Inspired by their Founder St Guido Maria Conforti and their Patron St Francis Xavier, the Xaverian Missionaries commit themselves to realising St Guido Maria Conforti's dream to “make the world a single family”. The special collection next weekend will be for the work of their Congregation.

**First Holy Communions:** Thank you to Mrs Fiona Edgar, Mr Tom Edgar and Mrs Marlie Wilson who prepared the children to receive their First Holy Communion last Sunday. They gave of their free time over many weeks to pass on their faith to the children. Thank you also to all who contributed to making it a special day: flower arrangers, organist and choir, church cleaners and church hall hospitality providers. May God continue to bless the eight children on their journey of faith and may we all do the best we can to encourage them.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2027.**

Bishop Brian will be leading our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. The itinerary is still being finalised, but price per pilgrim is likely to be approximately £1200 - £1300. To register your interest please email Fr. Ronald Campbell: Portree@rcdai.org.uk by Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Frances Dunlop** will give a talk in St. Mun's Hall on Wednesday of this week, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. The title of the talk will be, "Assisi, In the Steps of St Francis...Not just talking to the birds". All welcome.

**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:

"The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence. Jesus looked at the ordinary people, and seeing how needy they were, he had compassion on them and began to minister to them. Compassion means that I suffer with you; I accept into my heart the misery in yours; I become one with you in your pain. I may not be able to relieve that pain, but by understanding it and sharing it, I make it possible for you to bear it. Lord, give us warm and generous hearts so that we may be agents of your compassion to others". (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).