



Fifteenth Sunday of the Year A
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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 11am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Miller

Wednesday: 10am St Bonaventure

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:

Isaiah 55:10-11. The word that goes out from your mouth does not return empty.

Romans 8:18-23. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Matthew 13:1-23. A sower went out to sow.

The Special Collection last weekend for the annual **Peter's Pence** collection raised £456. Peter's Pence aims to support the Pope's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace. It supports people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Faslane Christian Peace Witness Vigil: 1st August, 11am to 12.30pm

Join Justice & Peace Scotland in August at Faslane Naval Base for our annual Christian Peace Witness Vigil as we pray and advocate for a world without nuclear weapons.

Organised by J&PS, the gathering – this year at the North Gate - will be a time of prayer, reflection, readings, and song led by senior Church leaders from across Scotland. Members of the Iona Community and the Quakers will also join us to call for nuclear disarmament and peace.

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers and to uphold the dignity of every human life. Nuclear weapons are fundamentally incompatible with this call as their existence threatens indiscriminate destruction and a future built on fear and power-wielding rather than on fraternity amongst nations. A free bus service will be provided for the day, with pick-ups in Edinburgh and Glasgow. For details and to reserve places, please email: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

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:

An elderly gardener spent every spring scattering handfuls of wildflower seeds along the edge of a dusty country road. Year after year he did the same thing.

One day a passer-by stopped and asked, "Why do you keep wasting your seeds? Most of them never grow. The birds eat some. The wind carries others away. People walk over them. Surely it's not worth the effort."

The old man smiled. "You're right," he replied. "Many of them will never become flowers. But I don't know which seeds will find good soil. My job is simply to sow them."

Several months later the traveller returned. The roadside was now alive with colour. Bright poppies, daisies and cornflowers danced in the breeze. Bees hummed happily from flower to flower, and children stopped to admire their beauty. The traveller looked at the gardener and said quietly, "Now I understand."

The gardener simply nodded. "Beauty begins with seeds that someone was willing to scatter."

Our faith is much the same. Every kind word, every prayer, every act of forgiveness, every invitation to hope is a seed. Some seem to disappear without trace. Some are ignored. Some are forgotten. Yet, in God's mysterious way, others fall into hearts that are ready, and they blossom into lives filled with love, courage and faith.

Jesus reminds us this Sunday that we are not asked to make every seed grow. We are simply called to keep sowing generously and to trust that God will provide the harvest in his own good time.

Perhaps someone is flourishing today because years ago someone quietly planted a seed of kindness in their heart.