



Seventeenth Sunday of the Year A
26th July, 2026

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am
Wednesday: 10am - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.
Thursday: 10am
Friday: 10am - Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

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:

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12. Solomon chooses the gift of learning.

Romans 8:28-30. Those he called, he justified.

Matthew 13: 44-52. He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

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.

Congratulations to **Nicky Crossley** who was received into the church on Wednesday. May the Lord continue to bless her on her journey of faith.

Fr Roddy is now away from the Parish for the present time, until Tuesday, 18th August. **Fr Joe McNulty** will supply in the Parish until Fr. Roddy's return. **Fr Joe** will be here some-time on Monday, 27th July and can be contacted on Mobile: **07910 159087** in case of emergency, during his time with us.

Fr Roddy will not be holidaying in South Africa as expected. Fr. Roddy's father, **Charlie McAuley** is unfortunately seriously ill (in Oban) and therefore Fr. Roddy will be attending to family matters meantime, in Oban. Your prayers are asked for **Charlie McAuley** and also for Fr. Roddy and his wider family at this time.

Your prayers are also asked for **David Szymkowiak** (USA), the brother of Mike Szymkowiak, who is currently ill. Mike has travelled to the USA to visit his brother.

Further prayers are also asked for **Maureen Black**, who is also ill at this time.

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:

Another holiday Father?

“As a priest, I've celebrated baptisms filled with laughter, weddings overflowing with joy, and funerals where hearts have been shattered. I've stood beside hospital beds, gravesides, school classrooms, and family kitchen tables. I've heard thousands of confessions, wiped away tears, and prayed with people whose world had just fallen apart. When in the parish, a priest is on call twenty-four hours a day, every day. There are “knocks on the door at all hours”.

It's a privilege. It's not a complaint. I wouldn't exchange my vocation for anything. People sometimes ask, "Another holiday, Father?" I usually reply, “Even the batteries in your smoke alarm get a rest before they need replacing. I'm hoping not to start beeping at three in the morning.”

A holiday isn't an escape from the priesthood. It's simply changing from *survival mode* back into *human mode*. The truth is this: rested priests usually become better priests. A holiday doesn't make a priest less committed to his parish. It makes him more present when he returns. It renews patience, restores perspective, re-kindles prayer, and reminds the priest that he, too, is one of God's children—not merely one of God's employees”. (Anon.)