



Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year A

World Mission Sunday

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am Mass in St Mun's Primary School. Feast of St Mun. All welcome.

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 45:1, 4-6 — Cyrus the unbeliever is chosen by God to do a job, the job of being a good leader

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 — For the next five Sundays, we read from the letter to the Thessalonians, written to console believers and clarify some points of doctrine. The letter opens today with Paul commending the people of Salonika for their faith.

Matthew 22:15-21 — The Pharisees try to trap Jesus with word games.

Today we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, joining Catholics in every parish throughout the world in supporting the Church's mission. Pope Leo XIV's theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission", reminds us that our faith unites us with our brothers and sisters everywhere. Through your prayers and generous offering to mission Scotland, you bring hope to mission communities by supporting pastoral care, evangelisation, education and essential healthcare. The special collection this weekend is for Missio Scotland.

Discerning Mission: The Diocesan online "Conversations in the Spirit" seem to be going well and they will deepen as the weeks go by. The link for the weekly materials is:

<https://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/discerning-mission/>

In the interests of transparency and so that everyone can be involved in the process please remind your parishioners of the link and ask for their daily prayers. The materials can also be accessed quite easily via the diocesan website.

Called and Sent: Leadership Formation for a Synodal Church. The journey into a synodal way of being Church together, begun by Pope Francis and continued by Pope Leo is one where we will require a new passion for equipping, and using the gifts of leaders. Responding to this call and to what people have asked for, the Bishops' Conference are excited to offer Called and Sent, formation for Christian leaders. This course will equip people with skills and tools that, while necessary in the Church today, will be even more so in the Church going into the future, where clergy, lay and religious are called to be co-responsible for the 'the being and action of the Church'. (Pope Benedict). The course will be conducted in a spirit of prayerfulness and entail one full day's formation and four follow up online formation sessions.

We are looking for people who are prayerful, faith-filled and already involved in the life of the Church in their parish, diocese or organisation. Please consider if you might be the right person for this course. For more information, and to apply for Called and Sent, go to; <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/called-and-sent>

There will be a **Diocesan Webinar** on Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* which will be held on Tuesday October 27th 6.30-7.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of the church. The following code is necessary for registering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61251200000>
[meeting/register/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61251200000)
[Y0YvIJR5RyyZllhb76FmBQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61251200000)

Cowal Pop-Up Songs of Praise: The Shore Kirk, Strone. Saturday, 21st November between 2.00 and 3.00pm. An afternoon of hymn singing, praise and chat. All welcome.

Fr Sandy Culley will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood on Wednesday, 2nd December and a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Fort William at 6pm. Mass will be followed by a get together in the Railway Club in Inverlochry. All are very welcome to both celebrations.

HM Inspectors from **HMIE** will be visiting St. Mun's Primary School to conduct an inspection during the week commencing 2nd November 2026. You can find out more about inspection, from the [Inspection and re-view documentation](#) pages of HMIE's website. As a parish, we continue to support all our staff and pupils and encourage them as best we can.

The **Craft Group** auction held on Saturday, 10th October raised £1 600 for Mary's Meals . Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

There will be a **Parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's Hall on Friday, 6th November from 8pm until 11pm with **Paula MacAskill** from Fort William. Paula has performed in our church hall over the past number of years and the evenings have been enjoyed by all. Paula is an award winning singer/musician of Scottish, country and Irish songs. Tickets cost £10 and are available to purchase from Saturday, 10th October from the back of the church.

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.

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

Pause for Thought

"I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was..... ' Lord, give me the energy to change the world.'

As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to, 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be satisfied'.

" Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my one prayer is, 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself'. If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life'.

(Anthony de Mello).