



13th September, 2020.

24th Sunday of the Year - A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Charity registration number - SC002876

Public Masses during the Week:

Wednesday: 10.00a.m. St. Ninian.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 6.00p.m.

Sunday: 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Following guidelines, the Confessional Box is 'under lockdown' for the time being.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 to 28:7 — Both the first reading and Gospel invite us to be merciful and forgiving to each other, as God is towards us. If we nurse anger, how can we expect compassion?

Romans 14:7-9 — Paul tells us the good news that whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 — The Gospel has a sting in the tail: if we fail in forgiveness, we risk being judged according to our own standards.

Work is progressing to clear a pathway and to install wooden steps around the outside **Grotto** of Our Lady of Lourdes. This will make the area more accessible to parishioners. Thank you to those who give of their time and talents within the parish. Thank you to the Dunoon "HELP Group" for their assistance. The vision of the group is to support young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years of age, to sustain a tenancy, enter employment or training, become part of their local community and lead a quality life.

The celebration of **public Mass** continues this week with Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10.00a.m. We have been urged to move ahead cautiously. A maximum attendance of fifty people per service is being imposed for now, first come, first served basis for the meantime. Sanitising stations, entry and exit points to the Church and areas where seating will be available have been identified and marked. Please enter through the main door of the church and exit through the side door. Face masks/face covering and where possible gloves should be worn during time in Church. There is still a very real danger from the virus and taking the steps outlined above will help to minimise the risk to us all.

This weekend the special collection will be for the **Ecclesiastical Students Fund**. Philip Bua, from Nigeria, is training for the Priesthood for our Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers as he discerns the will of God.

Vocations Prayer: Loving God, you call all things into being and bring order out of chaos. Help all those who are searching to recognise your plan for each of them. Provide us with leaders who will inspire and encourage us, challenge and enable us to establish the reign of your love. Give to those you call enough stillness to hear your voice and enough energy to respond. We pray that a selfish, unbending spirit may never be ours and that we may always seek to do your will with generosity and joy.

Pause for Thought:

"When, through my tears, I began to tell Jesus something of the years during which I betrayed him, he lovingly placed his hand over my mouth in order to silence me. His concern was that I should muster enough courage to pick myself up again to try to carry on walking, in spite of my weakness, and to believe in his love in spite of my fears". (Carlo Carretto).