

REFLECTION

Mercy through deeds, words and prayers

Do you want to become an instrument of the unfathomable Mercy of God? If so, you do this by your deeds, your words and your prayers. First, you must constantly be on the "lookout" for opportunities to show Mercy by your deeds. Too often, when given the opportunity (such as to forgive another), we turn the other way. But we must be vigilant and committed to seeking these opportunities out and rejoicing when they are given. Second, your words can bring forth grace and Mercy, or they can wound and harm. We do harm by harshness or even by our failure to speak when we ought. We bring forth Mercy when we speak words of truth in love, even challenging words, so as to make present the Truth of God. And third, we often forget about the power of praying and offering sacrifices for others. Interceding for the world as a whole, and for individuals in particular, is a way of turning the key and opening the doors of God's grace. Do not neglect this essential act of Mercy.

Reflect upon your deeds, words and prayers. Can you point to concrete ways by which our Lord has used you to bring His Mercy to others. Try to identify a few of them and if you struggle with this examen, it is a good sign that the Lord wants to increase His daily outpouring of Mercy through you.

Lord, I consecrate to You my words, my actions and my life of prayer. Use me as You desire and help me to be attentive to Your daily inspiration. Help me to sincerely seek out opportunities, each and every day, all day long, by which I can spread Your perfect love in this world. I give myself to You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION Parish Newsletter

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A
23rd April 2017

SUNDAY MASSES

BROADFORD:
6pm Vigil

PORTREE
Sunday 10 am

DORNIE
Sunday 12:45pm

MONDAY,
7pm Portree

TUESDAY,
12:10pm Broadford

WEDNESDAY,
10:30am Portree

THURSDAY,
6pm Kishorn

FRIDAY,
10:30am Portree

CONFESSION
before and after Mass
And on request

SATURDAY,
6pm Broadford

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an evening Mass on Monday (I have an appointment in the morning which might go on till lunch time). Also there is Mass in Kishorn on Thursday.

I think we should restart the Discussion group after Mass on Wednesday. We will read chapter 8, 'on the Resurrection'.

I met Philip in Caol on Friday, He had a good Easter in Oban, and he asked me to give everyone his best wishes and Easter blessings.

There are some copies of "My Day by Day", with the readings for Eastertide at the back of the church, £1.50 each.

Thank you for the Special Collection for the African Missions and Holy Places on Good Friday. We collected £203.35.

Please keep in your prayers Rebecca Forrester and Gordon MacKenzie, who will be getting married in St. Duthac's, Dornie, on Saturday.

Emma Burrows is organising a kids clothing and toy sale and charity cafe this coming Saturday 29th April. Cafe proceeds and sale fees are in aid of the Scottish Refugee Council. There are more details on the poster in the back of the church. Please let Emma know if you can help out serving teas or donating home baking.

The Pastoral Music Weekend (rebranded as LiturgyWorks) will take place in the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge, on 5th - 7th May. Please let me know if you are interested in going, and see the poster in the back of the church for more details.

Please can you bring your Wee Boxes in. Thanks to those of you who have already done so.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Entrance:	50	Be still for the presence
Offertory:	107	Do not be afraid
Communion:	361	O God you search me
Recessional:	507	Thine be the glory

Vacancy – Diocesan Treasurer

Post: Diocesan Treasurer

Vacancy Posted: 2 April 2017

Closing Date: 26 April 2017

Hours of Work: Part-time –

approximately 1.5 days per week (with flexibility)

Location: Oban

Salary: £18 per hour

The RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles is seeking to recruit a part-time Diocesan Treasurer, based in the Diocese Offices in Oban. This is an important new post, carrying significant responsibility to offer financial direction across the Diocese, overseeing the day-to-day management of all financial functions. In line with the Church's Code of Canon Law (Canon 494), the Diocesan Treasurer will be regarded as the Bishop's Financial Administrator and will be appointed for 5 years, after which the appointment may be renewed.

The Treasurer will work closely with the Vicar General and Diocese staff to be responsible for the financial strategic plan, accounts, budgets, audits and fund-raising, ensuring robust and compliant monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

The successful candidate will be a qualified Accountant (ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA), be able to think strategically, with excellent organisational skills and a proven ability to work outside of the job description on occasions. All applicants must be willing to work within a Christian framework and be sensitive to its ethos.

An Application Form and Job Description / Person Specification can be obtained by emailing the Vicar General at FrRoddyJohnston@aol.com.

Completed application forms should be returned by post to:

Rev. Roderick Johnston VG,
Our Holy Redeemer Church,
71 Kenneth Street,
Stornoway. HS1 2DS.

The closing date for applications is at 5pm on Wednesday 26 April 2017.