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### Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C.

Sunday, 27th of July, 2025.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gen 18: 20-32**

*Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138**

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 2: 12-14**

*God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.*

**Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13**

*Ask and it will be given to you.*

### Reflection: You are also an Intercessor

In today's first reading (Genesis 18:20–32), Abraham stands before the Lord, pleading not for himself, but for the people of Sodom. This is the role of an intercessor. A person who speaks on behalf of others before God. Abraham's boldness in prayer wasn't random. It was made possible by three key realities:

**Abraham's Relationship with God:** As we read earlier in Genesis 18:1–10a, Abraham had cultivated a personal and intimate relationship with the Lord. God visited him. God dined with him. Abraham was not just a servant of God. He was a friend of God. This relationship gave Abraham both the confidence and the humility to approach God, not with demands, but with reverent pleading.

**Abraham's Awareness of the Role of Humans as Intercessors:** Abraham understood that, as human beings, we are given the sacred privilege of interceding on behalf of others. God has entrusted us with the grace to stand in the gap for our brothers and sisters. In a world often focused on personal needs and self-preservation, Abraham teaches us the selflessness of prayer. Not just praying for ourselves, but carrying others in our hearts before the Lord. This is not just a calling for the select few, but a universal vocation. You and I are called to this task of mercy.

**God's Compassion and Mercy for Sinners:** Ultimately, Abraham's intercession rests on the character of God: a God slow to anger, rich in mercy, and abounding in steadfast love. Notice that God's yielding to Abraham's request is not merely about saving the righteous. After all, the righteous, Scripture tells us, are safe in God's hands (cf. Wisdom 3:1). But God's heart aches for the sinner. He is willing to "compromise" with Abraham, not because God changes, but because love always makes room for repentance. He desires not the death of the sinner, but that they turn and live (cf. Ezekiel 18:23).

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This is the power of intercession. So let us remember who we are today. **We are intercessors.** Never say to yourself, “Who am I, that God would listen to me?” You are created in God’s image and likeness. You are the apple of His eye (cf. Zechariah 2:8). You are not insignificant in His sight. He longs to hear your voice interceding for those who cannot or do not pray for themselves.

### Hymns for Sunday


<b>Entrance:</b> Be still, for the presence of the Lord	<b>No. 165</b>
<b>Offertory:</b> Take our bread	<b>No. 641</b>
<b>Communion:</b> Take me Lord	<b>No. 638</b>
<b>Recession:</b> Sing to the mountains	<b>No. 626</b>

**Memorial:** *SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Tuesday), St. Ignatius of Loyola (Thursday), St. Alphonsus Liguori (Friday).*

**Sick List:** Lets remember to pray for Paula Carsan.

**Deaths:** Liz Jordan, Patricia McGuinness

**Anniversary:** Kevin McCutcheon.

 **Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** You are warmly invited to begin your day in the presence of Jesus through **Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** This quiet time of prayer and stillness before the Lord is a grace-filled opportunity to listen, to rest, and to place your day into God's hands. Come and encounter the peace that flows from simply being with Him.

**Fatima First Saturday Devotion:** Next Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August: Mass will be at 10 am, followed by recitation of the Fatima Rosary.

**The Church hall needs volunteers to manage bookings,** the calendar, and also serve as keyholders. Ideally, we are looking for someone who lives in Condorrat. If you can spare an hour a week, kindly speak to Fr. Paulinus.

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### **CHESS IS COMING TO OUR PARISH!**

Starting this September, we are excited to launch **Parish Chess Sessions! Twice a week in the Church Hall**

Are you a grandmaster or just curious? All are welcome! Come, play, learn, and enjoy the game of strategy and fun, with Christ at the centre.

The Parish will also launch a **Youth Club** this **September**, aimed at encouraging the active involvement of our young people in the life and activities of the Church. **This will take place every Friday.** We are looking for volunteers who are willing to support and help organize the program. Interested persons may speak with Fr. Paulinus. Let’s work together to nurture faith, friendship, and fun among the youth of our parish!

Reconciliation and Healing Service: Saint Columbkille's Parish Hall, Rutherglen Main Street G73 2SL. Sunday 24th August at 2.30pm. Speakers - Fr Martin Kane and Joe Livingston. Theme - Surrender To God. Opportunity for Confession. Music (Praise and Worship). Tea and Coffee - All Welcome.

Mary’s Meals warmly invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope. This event will take place on Saturday 30 August from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. In this Jubilee Year when we are called to become Pilgrims of Hope, join members of the Mary’s Meals team and supporters from around the country as we walk together, reflecting on stories of hope and praying for our mission. The day will include Mass and the opportunity to see The Shed where Mary’s Meals began. Find out more and book your place at: <https://MMWalkOfHope.eventbrite.co.uk>

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