



20th November, 2022.

Solemnity of Christ the King, C.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Monday: 11.00a.m. Graveside service for Tracey Mathieson.

Tuesday: 10.00am. St. Cecilia.

Wednesday: 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Christine Wallace.

Thursday: 10.00a.m. St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions.

Friday: 10.00am.

Saturday: 6.00pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am.

Confessions: Saturday before Vigil Mass and on request.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday morning after Mass.

Rosary: The Rosary will be prayed after Mass in the Lady Chapel on Thursday mornings.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 5:1-3 The choosing of David as King of Israel in ancient times.

Colossians 1:12-20 Jesus is given all the titles a king would have.

Luke 23:35-43 On the cross, Jesus promises heaven to the good thief.

Pastoral Letter Regarding the Diocese: Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brian will be distributed. The Bishop is looking to the future of our Diocese and asking us all to join with him in discerning how best we can live as God calls us to during these changing times.

House Masses continue in the parish. If any parishioner would like Mass celebrated in their home, please see Fr. Roddy or Fr. Philip. A house Mass is an ideal setting for a small group of people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to enjoy a time of sharing afterwards. It would be up to the person hosting the Mass to invite a small number of family/relations/neighbours/friends and to have a simple tea/coffee/biscuit afterwards.

The **parish social night /fundraiser** held in our church hall on Friday evening was a lovely celebration and there was a great turnout from parishioners and friends. Paula MacAskill from Fort William was a very popular choice of musician and she sung a wide range of Scottish, country and Irish songs. Thanks to those who organised the teas and who helped to make the night the great success that it was..

Today we have our annual **Second Collection** to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education service through the Bishops conference of Scotland. Forming our young people in the Faith is very important to us. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) is the Church's official Agency for supporting the education of our youth in Scotland. SCES directly supports our diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. We have no Catholic High Schools but SCES successfully works with Local Authorities and local communities to improve the quality of what is offered to our young people.

For parishioners who knew Myra Duffy, who was a well loved former parishioner of St. Mun's, there will be a live link to her Requiem Mass which will be celebrated in St. Bride's Church, Cambuslang on Thursday, 24th November at 11.00a.m. and thereafter to South Lanarkshire crematorium. The link is: www.westreamitfunerals.co.uk/duffym Myra's body will be received into St. Bride's church at 6.00p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd November. May Myra rest in peace and rise in glory.

Message from Isobel McNeill: Beatson Cancer Charity 100 mile walk update: So far £1,473 has been raised since I completed the 100 mile walk for the Beatson cancer Charity, of which St Mun's parishioners contributed a massive £728!!

My sincerest thanks to everyone for your generosity. I have been really overwhelmed. Perhaps the most important

thing that has come out of this venture are the personal stories that people have shared, which highlights in no uncertain terms the importance of the Beatson in this part of Scotland.

On **Saturday 17th December at 2pm** there will be Christmas Carols and Christmas songs at the new Shoreside Garden Centre (up the hill from Fountain Quay). The proceeds of collections that afternoon will be added to the above amount. So come along for a catch up with friends and join in with the sing-song! Thank you once again. I

The **St. Mun's Craft Group** are organising a "Christmas Fair" to be held in St. Mun's Church hall on Saturday, 3rd December from 2.00p.m. until 4.00p.m. Entry: £3/ children free. Tea/Coffee and baking included in admission price. Tombola, adult and Children's raffle, Christmas crafts and decorations, toys, bric-a-brac, home baking and sweets.

The **Cowal Gaelic Choir** are having a ceilidh at St Mun's Hall between 7pm-10pm on Thursday, 1st December for St Andrew's Night. Ticket £5 per person. Raffle and light refreshments available. Fifty percent of proceeds go to St Mun's Church.

Reflection: On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery, yet his heart remained open, even to his enemies. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. One's pain can so easily turn into rage, so that one wants only to lash out blindly at whoever happens to be within range. From the depths of his own pain, Jesus reached out to comfort the thief. Some people are like sugar cane: even when crushed in the mill, what they yield is sweetness. Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion. He challenges our idea of love. Each of us has a great capacity for love. By our love people will know that we are followers of Christ the King. (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).