



1st January, 2023.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

Friday: 10.00am.

Saturday: 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass.

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

Confessions: Saturday at 5.00p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday morning after Mass.

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

Happy New Year to you all! We celebrate today the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**. Today, New Year's day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better new year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God?... and wonder and awe before God's merciful love.

Fr. Roddy and Fr. Philip extend their **thanks to parishioners** for the kindness shown to them at Christmas, and throughout the year, and extend their gratitude to all who play an active role in the parish: musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, church hall hospitality, altar servers, flower arrangers, passkeepers, church cleaners, gardeners, and all who help.

Bishop Brian has begun consultations within the Diocese and he wants to know how we can best grow in the direction God desires for the future. His thoughts are outlined in his pastoral letter which is available from the church porch if you haven't picked up a copy as yet. The Bishop invites us all to join in this process of discernment. We begin with a two month spiritual preparation during which the Bishop will visit every parish to explain in person his vision and to listen to your comments and questions. He will visit our parish on Saturday, 28th January, 2023 at 7.00p.m in our church hall. Please come along. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.rcdai.org.uk

Thank you to the parishioners who volunteer to **clean the church** on a regular basis. More cleaners are needed to join the rota, and hopefully then there can then be four teams which would mean a once a month task taking about an hour and a half. Please contact Karen on ph.703144 if you are able to help.

A **new kitchen** will be installed in the parish hall over the next few weeks so the hall will be closed between 1st and 15th January while the installation takes place.

Diocesan Prayer for Discernment:

God of love, we come before you as the Diocese of Argyll & the Isles, humbly seeking your guidance in determining our way ahead.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, guide us and give us the grace and courage to go where you want us.

Cleansed and enlightened by your Holy Spirit may we follow in the footsteps of your beloved son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we stand at the crossroads and wonder what road to take, help us to discern the path you wish for us.

May we listen with an open heart and embrace your will.

Stir our hearts O Lord to consider what we can all do as individuals and be instruments of your Church's mission among all people using our talents.

New Years Prayer

“O God of steadfast love, trusting you, we devote our hearts to learning and our lives to walking. Teach us truth, that we may walk with courage. Teach us mercy, that we may walk with humility. Teach us forgiveness, that we may walk with compassion. Teach us grace, that we may walk with strength. Teach us wonder, that we may walk with praise. Teach us goodness, that we may walk with those in need. O God of steadfast love, learning from you, may we walk well”. (J. Bradley Wigger).