



**15th January, 2023.**

**Second Sunday of the Year, A.**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

Fr Roddy McAuley, Parish Priest

Our Lady and St. Mun's, Dunoon. Tel: 01369 702125.

Email: [dunoon@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:dunoon@rcdai.org.uk) Website: [stmunsdunoon.org](http://stmunsdunoon.org)

Charity registration number - SC002876

## Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am.  
2.00pm. Crematorium Service for Joan Ford.  
Wednesday: 10.00a.m.  
Thursday: 10.00a.m.  
Friday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Helen Groesbeck.  
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.

The Christmas season ended with the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and it's now back to old clothes and porridge! **Ordinary Sundays** for the Year of Matthew begin today, but this Sunday's gospel is always from John. Thus, we begin Ordinary time with an introduction to Jesus prior to his ministry. Today, only John the Baptist speaks. He introduces Jesus to his own disciples as the "Lamb of God". Jews chose a lamb from their flocks to offer to God at Passover. Jesus is God's choice of victim: one who takes away the sins of the world.

**Bishop Brian** continues his 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdai.org.uk)

A **three day Mission** will be celebrated in our parish from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. The mission will be given by John Pridmore. John is an ex-gangster and international bestselling author of the book, "From Gangland to Promised Land". The programme for the Mission is as follows:

Mission Evenings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7.00p.m.

Evening 1: God's Love: The amazing story of John Pridmore.

Evening 2: God's Mercy/ personal encounter with Jesus.

Evening 3: God's Healing/Healing service.

This is a great opportunity to really get to know the love of God in a new way. One man in his seventies said at the Mission his life changed when he had a personal encounter with Jesus. A fifteen year old girl who attended a mission said for the first time in her life she not only knew God was real but that she knew that God loved her. For those who would like to help in the running of the Mission, there will be a meeting in the church hall on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00p.m.

A special collection for the work of the **Justice and Peace Commission** will be taken up today. For more issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice and Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.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 is being installed** in the parish hall at the present time so the hall will be closed until 15<sup>th</sup> 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.