



**29th January, 2023.**

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

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am. St. John Bosco

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Friday: 11.00am.

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.

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 — Zephaniah describes the kind of people who find favour with God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 — Paul reminds us that we are to rely not on our own efforts, but on God's power.

Matthew 5:1-12 — Today we begin to read from a section in Matthew's Gospel which describes the Sermon on the Mount.

An easy recognisable feature of **St. Matthew's Gospel** is Jesus' authentic teaching. Matthew presents five blocks of teaching, and this is the first extract from the first and most famous of these: the Sermon on the Mount. Moses had climbed Mount Sinai to receive God's law, God's teaching. Jesus climbs this Galilean mountain (hill) to teach the true meaning of God's law. Through the beatitudes in today's gospel, he summarizes to whom the kingdom of God belongs.

**Bishop Brian** continues his visitation around the Diocese and we welcome him to our parish today (Saturday) when he will celebrate the Vigil Mass. Our Diocesan process of discernment, "Led by the Spirit" invites all parishioners to engage in a time of reflection and renewal in determining our way ahead. Please pick up a prayer card from the back of the church. Bishop Brian will lead a discussion in the church hall at 7.00p.m. 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, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday, 8<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.

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.

**St. Mun's Primary School:** Children at the school have been enjoying learning with a range of different visitors to the school since the new term started. Author John Nicholson visited the P7/6 class to share his skills as a crime author; in Primary 2/1, science teachers from Dunoon Grammar School taught the children about electricity as part of their topic 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' Father Roddy and Father Philip have begun a series of weekly visits to the school, sharing Bible stories and art. Learning from people in the community is an important element of life in our school.

A **new kitchen** has now been installed in our parish hall along with a new cooker, fridge and dishwasher. Thanks to Jim MacLean and Eliot Peterson who installed the kitchen and to the Craft Club and other donors for their very generous donation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

A new **sound system**, which was badly needed, was installed in the church on Thursday by "Drummond AV" from Glasgow. The total cost is £ 2 232.

**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.