



12th February, 2023.

Sixth Sunday of the Year, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am. Feast of St. Cyril and St. Methodius.

Wednesday: 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Agnes Kerr.

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.

Led by the Spirit: Bishop Brian has identified six areas which he would like each parish within the Diocese to reflect on and give feedback on: Universal call to Holiness, Evangelisation, Catechesis....teaching of the Faith, formation of laity and clergy, a more welcoming, open church and transparency in governance. A date for us to gather and do that will be confirmed soon. The format will be similar to that of the Synod consultation which we took part in last year. The discernment process which Bishop Brian is asking of us is called, "Led by the Spirit" and there is a dedicated website for you to find out more: www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk

Message from Bishop Brian:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Throughout December and January, I have been visiting every parish in our Diocese to meet with you, explain our "Led by the Spirit" discernment process, and to listen to you. Yesterday I completed this initial phase of dialogue in Rothesay. Given our geography, my trip necessitated ten ferry journeys – in the Inner Hebrides, Outer Hebrides and the Clyde – which most would consider impossible to complete during a winter month. Incredibly, every ferry sailed and I made it to every parish!

I will need to spend time discerning the experience. However, I can already see that our Diocese has many faith-filled people, laity and clergy, who love God and his Church, who are pained by our difficulties and although – like myself have no ready-made solutions – exuded trust in the Lord.

Although my presentation was the same in every parish, your diverse comments and questions helped me to deepen my reflections in many areas. Most importantly, I conclude these initial discussions more than ever convinced that we must be open to God's Will, that we can't base our direction on our own preconceived ideas (however sincere) but genuinely allow ourselves to be Led by the Spirit.

Finally, I want to thank our priests, deacons and laity for their generous hospitality. Spending so much time travelling has its challenges, but your kindness certainly makes it enjoyable.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when both Mary and Joseph strove to discern what God was doing through Jesus. As we strive to discern the Lord's will for us today, let us ask for their intercession and keep them as our models.

Like Mary and Joseph, I pray that we will allow ourselves to be Led by the Spirit.

+Brian

Thank you to the parishioners who came along to the parish hall on Wednesday evening to help organise the **three day Mission** which will be celebrated in our parish from Monday, 6th March – Wednesday, 8th March, given by John Pridmore. John is an ex-gangster and international bestselling author of the book, “From Gangland to Promised Land”.

The Chest, Heart and Stroke Club runs every second Tuesday of the month from September - June, in St. Mun's Hall and is open to everyone with any level of chest, heart or stroke problem. The meetings are from 2-4 pm , and are interesting and welcoming, with an afternoon tea provided in the second hour . Could you help by offering to provide sandwiches, or something baked, a few times per year? If so, please phone Maureen on 700907.

The A.W.A.Y. Group (A Well A Year): Mainly due to Covid, the group has not been active in recent years. However, the group hopes to resume their activities on 26th February when there will be a Soup and Sandwich lunch in the Church hall after the 11 0'clock Mass. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday, 15th February and will be £4.50 per person and £1.50 for children under twelve years of age. Please see Susan or Jim maclean for tickets or phone Margaret Lacey on 701881.

Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all.

We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish especially those who are experiencing difficulties.

Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed and those in sorrow or despair.

Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you and of each other.

Amen