



19th March, 2023.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Monday 10.00am Solemnity of St. Joseph.
Tuesday: 10.00am. Requiem Mass for George Johnstone
Wednesday: 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for George Lacey.
Thursday: 10.00a.m.
Friday: 10.00am.
Saturday 10.00a.m. Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord.
6.00p.m. Vigil Mass.
Sunday: 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday morning after Mass.

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

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 3.00p.m. and Friday at 6.30p.m.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 — God's choice of the young boy Samuel is described in the first reading.

Ephesians 5:8-14 — The second reading and Gospel both reflect on light and darkness, and the new sight that believers can have.

John 9:1-41 — The healing of the man born blind is described: believers also need to go from blindness to new sight.

Fr. Roddy Johnston will give a talk in the parish hall at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday of this week, 22nd March, to which all parishioners are welcome.

The **Diocesan Chrism Mass** will be held in St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday, 29th March at 6.30p.m. It is during the Chrism Mass that the Holy Oils used in the sacraments are blessed and the priests renew their promises. A minibus will be organised to take parishioners to and from Oban. Please sign your name on the sheet in the church porch if you are keen to go. It is envisaged that the minibus will take twelve passengers.

Led by the Spirit: After last year's Synodal Process meetings, we now start on the Diocesan Discernment Process Consultation Phase 1, "What is God's will for our Diocese?" The Consultation booklet and resources are available on the dedicated website www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk Our parish meeting date is Friday, 24th March at 1.30 p.m. and 7.00p.m. in the church hall. Please try to make it to one of these meetings and get involved.

Fr. Gerry McNellis from St. Ninian's parish in Gourock will hear confessions in the parish at 7.00p.m. on Thursday, 30th March. Please use this as an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation before Easter.

Today, there will be the annual special collection for **S.C.I.A.F.** which focuses this year on families in Kabwe, Zambia and the effect hunger has on their daily lives, and their futures.

Please pick up a copy of **Bishop Brian's letter** on SCIAF Sunday from the church porch.

Parish walking Group: Saturday morning at 11.00a.m. meeting in the church car-park. All welcome to come along and meet fellow parishioners and have tea/coffee/cake after the walk....if you want!

There will be **Tea/Coffee** in the Church hall after 11a.m. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

A Litany for Mothers

Eve our first mother – thank you for stepping out and being the first to understand the complexities of life.

Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth – thank you for your patience and courage in waiting for a miracle. May all people longing for children be strengthened by your stories and comforted in their pain.

Hagar – thank you for your resolve in the face of exile. May all mothers who are forced to flee or are forgotten be given hope in you.

Rebecca – thank you for your flexibility. Let us remember all mothers who have to raise their children in a different country or far from their relatives and who feel isolated.

Rachel – you carried the burden of grief and wept for your children. Hold the hands of all those mothers who weep for their children – children who have gone missing, who have died or are lost to them in other ways.

Jochebed – you used wisdom and insight to protect your children. Give to all mothers this wisdom and insight in the bringing up of their children, especially in vulnerable times.

Naomi and Ruth – you showed that love can conquer all trials. Help all mothers to love constantly when life seems impossible and despair weighs hard upon their souls.

Mary – the new Eve whose ‘yes’ to God changed our world forever.

Thank you for sheltering the Holy One all those years ago,
for your faithful love and tender care of God’s most precious Son.

May we never forget that in your giving is our greatest receiving –
of the gift of life wrapped in a manger and in a tomb.

May we know the true cost of relationship
by holding our faith in Christ deep within our hearts
as you once held him deep within your womb. Amen