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Palm Sunday, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Maundy Thursday: 7.00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00p.m. The watching is in silence.

Good Friday: 3.00p.m. Passion of the Lord.

7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 9.00p.m. Easter Vigil.

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

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 3.00p.m. and Wednesday at 7.00p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday at 7.00p.m.

This Week is **Holy Week**, the most important week in the calendar of the church. As well as attending the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (referred to collectively as the Triduum), the Church also asks us to ensure that we are reconciled and at peace with God and neighbour for the worthy celebration of Easter. Pilate, the mob, Herod, the leaders failed to live up to their responsibilities because they did not recognise Jesus for who he really was. The reading of the Passion and the celebration of Holy Week is an opportunity to avoid the same fate. How do I act like Pilate in my daily life? Do I join in with the mob and crucify someone today? Do I act like Herod? Am I like the religious leaders of Jesus day? May God give us the courage to be witnesses.

Please pray for Ava and Emma who will make their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, 14th May during the 11.00a.m. Mass in our parish. They both celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during the week and we pray that God may continue to bless them on their journey of faith.

Thank you to Margaret Reilly-Wood for driving the minibus to Oban for the **Chrism Mass** and to the Kirm Church of Scotland who provided the minibus. Thanks also to the parishioners who came along to celebrate the Chrism Mass and to meet other parishioners from the various parishes throughout the diocese.

Laudato Si – Anyone interested in being a Laudato Si Animator can sign up for a course beginning on 19th April. To sign up go to <https://laudatosianimators.org> For more information, please contact Fr Roddy Johnston (vicargeneral@rcdai.org.uk)

There is an active **Fraternal** in the Dunoon area between the clergy and churches of all the Christian denominations and during Holy week all the Christian churches advertise their ecumenical services which are open to all people. Please see below what was agreed at the fraternal.

The services will be held each evening at 7.00pm. Monday – The Baptist Church, Tuesday – Holy Trinity, Wednesday – St Mun's (Stations of the Cross), Thursday – everyone has their own service, Friday – everyone has their own service, Saturday – The walk of witness with the New Life Fellowship, Sunday – Evening songs of Praise at the High Kirk.

The **Holy Saturday Walk of Witness** will be held on Saturday, 8th April. The schedule is:

2.00p.m. Easter Hymn singing in St. John's Church Gardens,

2.15p.m. Walk along Argyll Street,

2.30p.m. Celebrating Easter in Argyll Gardens.

If you would like to volunteer to carry the Cross or be a scripture reader or steward for the day, please 'phone Norman on 07901502588/702355.

The Letter – This is a film featuring Pope Francis and representatives from around the world discussing their concerns about climate change. If you haven't yet seen the film, you can do so by following this link <https://www.theletterfilm.org>

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.

The Co-op Funeralcare is collecting Easter Eggs on behalf of **Clasp Cornersones** who provide support to children and young people aged 5-19 with learning disabilities and additional support needs.

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

Reflection

A Daily Prayer: Dear God, thank you for this brand new day. Let us be rays of the light of peace to all we meet. Allow us to be filled with light also. Help us to truly experience your company along the paths that we walk today. Bring the light of healing, consolation and forgiveness to all of us who need these things. Amen. (Jim Deeds).

With Jesus in the Night: Lord, it's time for me to rest now. Sometimes my rest is troubled. Sometimes I have good reason to feel restless. Sometimes I simply invent reasons in my restless mind. I ask you to give me rest. I place all my cares and worries into your hands. I want to trust you. I want to have faith in you. Help my lack of trust. Help my lack of faith. Love me in my imperfections and in my desire to be who you made me to be. Thank you for God this day. Amen. (Taken from 'The Sacred Heart Messenger').