



**6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, A.**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week**

Tuesday: 10.00am. St. Dominic

Wednesday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Joe Donachie.

Thursday: 10.00am. Feast of St. Lawrence(or Laurence). Memorial Mass for John McGilly.

Friday: 10.00am. St. Clare

Saturday 6.00pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00am. and 11.00am.

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday after Mass.

**Rosary:** After Thursday morning Mass in our Lady's chapel.

**The second collection** last weekend for the **Mill Hill Missionaries** raised £900. Thank you to parishioners for your generosity.

A **Parish social night** is being held on **Friday of this week, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. Fr. Philip has been invited along and he will be given a presentation during the evening. A **special collection** for Fr. Philip will be taken today. The event is also a BYOB evening and there will be music and entertainment throughout. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

**A request** has come in to provide transport to and from 11am Mass for a person, who is wheelchair reliant. If any parishioner is able to help with this request, please see Fr. Roddy.

Our annual second Collection to help with the support of our **sick and retired priests** takes place over the weekend of 20th August. Presently the diocese helps support six priests who ministered both in parishes throughout our diocese as well as serving the Church in national and world-wide roles. The budget for this year is £109 911 and we are grateful for last year's Collection which raised £7 234.25. We thank you for any donation you can give this year. Bishop Brian.

**Parish walking Group:** Saturday morning at 11am meeting in the church car-park. All welcome to come along and meet fellow parishioners and have tea/coffee/cake after the walk.

More helpers are required for **Sunday teas** after Mass. Please consider lending a hand.

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

**Natures Corner:** Here are some interesting facts about the dandelion flower:

The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep.

Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for colouring.

Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves.

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant.

Dandelion seeds are often transported away by a gust of wind and they travel like tiny parachutes. Seeds are often carried as many as five miles from their origin!

Animals such as birds, insects and butterflies consume nectar or seed of dandelion..

Dandelion flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seed.

Dandelion can be used in the production of wine and root beer. Root of dandelion can be used as a substitute for coffee. Dandelions have sunk their roots deep into history. They were well known to ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, and have been used in Chinese traditional medicine for over a thousand years.

Dandelion is used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders. Tea made of dandelion act as diu-retic.

If you mow dandelions, they'll grow shorter stalks to spite you.

Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide.