



**29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, A.**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week:**

Tuesday: 10am.

Wednesday: 10am. St. Mun's primary school and 7pm in the church. Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation.

Thursday: 10am. Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day).

Friday: 10am.

Saturday: 6pm. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9am. and 11am.

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday after Mass.

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

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

1. The people of Israel are reminded that in bad times they depended on the kindness of strangers. They should therefore treat the weak and helpless with compassion.
2. Paul praises the people of Salonika for their good Christian living, which they had learned from him.
3. Jesus discloses the greatest commandment — love of God and neighbour.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of All Saints**, those widely varied types of anonymous people who in life tried to live according to the principles of the beatitudes. They continue to be our guide for today. Thursday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or **All Souls Day**.

**November** is the month of the **Holy Souls** when we pray especially for our Faithful Departed. In praying for the dead we highlight our faith in the power of God and we hold up the life of the person who has died so as to let God take care of things. There is still a vital flow of life between them and us. Love is stronger than the grave. November lists are available from the Church for parishioners to note down the names of loved one who have died. These will be placed in the Holy Souls box on the altar and Masses during the month of November will be offered for our deceased brothers and sisters.

The **Second Collection** last weekend for **Missio Scotland (Mission Sunday)** raised £530. Thanks to parishioners for this generous collection.

**Catholic Youth Ministry Internships** - Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District.

For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

There will be a **Parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's Hall on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm until 11pm with **Paula MacAskill** from Fort William. Paula performed in our church hall last year and the evening was a great success. Paula is an award winning singer/musician of Scottish, country and Irish songs. Tickets cost £10 and will be a BYOB with nibbles available.

**\*\*\* Tickets for the evening are now available to buy after all weekend Masses as from Saturday Vigil, \*\*\* (this weekend) until numbers reached that the Parish Hall can accommodate safely and will be on \*\*\* a first come first served basis. These will be on sale from the Porch at front of Church.**

The synod process continues in the Catholic church under Pope Francis. Catholic bishops, priests, and lay women and men from all over the world gather in Rome for the Synod of Bishops to discuss “synodality” — the way in which all members of the church participate in the church and its mission.

**Led By The Spirit:** Phase Two concerns consultation on our Diocesan Resources. By visiting, [ledbythespirit.org.uk](http://ledbythespirit.org.uk) or through the Diocesan website [rcdai.org.uk](http://rcdai.org.uk) you can learn much about our Diocesan resources, for example, Sunday Mass numbers and the financial status of every single parish in the Diocese over the past five years. It is a very transparent portrayal of our Diocesan resources.

**For those Parishioners who may not have access to the Internet, there is a Summary of the Phase II consultations, available to take away and read through in the Porch at the entrance to the Church.**

**The family of Mary McGlin** extend their thanks to parishioners for the love and support given to Mary and her family. The attendance from the Parish and from Mary’s previous Parish at her Requiem Mass gave great comfort and solace to the family. The collection on the day in respect of Mary’s Meals amounted to £575, for which the family are very grateful.

**Auction (proceeds to Mary’s Meals)** – The new date for the Auction (previously cancelled because of inclement weather) will now go ahead on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm until 4pm in the Parish Hall. Roo Irvine** (of TV fame) will be our guest Auctioneer. Come and view a wonderful variety of ‘lots’ from 1.30pm. Entry is free. Teas and coffees will be provided.

There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral Council** of the parish on Wednesday of this week, 8th November at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Help is required** with the teas/coffees in the Parish Hall after Sunday, 11am Masses. If any Parishioner would like to volunteer to help, on a rota basis, please contact either Harry or Margaret Revie.

**If any Parishioner** is able to help at **11am Sunday Mass** to welcome people and help to give out the Bulletins, please contact Jim MacLean.

**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.

**Teas/Coffee** are available in the Church hall after 11a.m. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

#### A prayer for peace in the Middle East

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the people of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children. God of love, lifting up the holy land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace: peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called holy. God of hope, we lift up the city of Jerusalem, distracted and divided, yet still filled with promise as all the cities of the world. Come again into our cities, places of worship, Upper Rooms and Gethsemanes, that we may be given sight to recognize you. God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in Palestine and Israel and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of the Holy Land the spirit of justice and reconciliation. God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.