



5th November, 2023.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, A.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10am.

Wednesday: 10am. Blessed John Duns Scotus

Thursday: 10am. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Staff and pupils from St. Mun's primary school coming along to Mass.

Friday: 10am. St. Leo the Great.

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.

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.

There will be a **Parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's Hall on Friday, 17th 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.**

Led By The Spirit: Gatherings for the consultation phase two. Our parish meetings will take place on Wednesday, 22nd November at 2pm and 7pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

Once a week, the staff and pupils from **St. Mun's primary school** will be attending a weekday Mass in St. Mun's church or on alternate weeks Mass in St. Mun's primary school. The aim is to encourage the pupils in their faith journey.

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.

Fr. Ronald Campbell, parish priest of Skye, will give an Advent talk entitled, "Discovering hope through prayer" in the parish hall on Wednesday, 6th December at 7pm. Come along and support Fr. Ronald. You will be encouraged by his talk.

Congratulations to **Alice Guigan**, now resident in Ashgrove Care Home, who celebrates her 100th birthday today (Saturday). May God continue to bless her!

Wiktorja Dulska, one of our parish altar servers, will be joining eighteen pupils from Dunoon Grammar School on a volunteering trip to **Arusha, Tanzania** for two weeks in February next year. The pupils have the option of volunteering in three different categories: Childcare (teaching the children English), Agriculture (helping with crops and animals in the field) and Construction (building a new school for the children in the village). If you would like to support the pupils, please join their fundraising events or support them with a donation on their very own Just Giving page. Please see the posters on the church noticeboard for the dates of their fundraising events and for other details.

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.