



31st December, 2023.

Feast of The Holy Family, B

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Monday: 12 noon. Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Tuesday: 10.00am. St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen.

Wednesday: 10.00am.

Thursday: 10.30am. Requiem Mass for Alex Johnstone.

Friday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Arthur Hall.

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

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Abraham and Sarah are given a child as a reward for their faith.

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 A reflection on the outcome of the faith of Abraham and Sarah.

Luke 2:22-40 The story is told of Jesus' presentation in the Temple, the prophecies of Simeon and Anna and the growth to maturity of Jesus in Mary and Joseph's care.

God could have brought his Son into the world any way he wished. He chose to send him to an ordinary family in Nazareth. **The family** is the simple and essential unit of society, and this is where God comes in and communes with us, in our midst, in our homes, around our tables.

Monday, **New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better new year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? and wonder and awe before God's merciful love.

Fr. Roddy extends his **thanks to parishioners** for the kindness shown to him at Christmas, and throughout the year, and extend his gratitude to all who play an active role in the parish: musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, church hall hospitality, altar servers, flower arrangers, passkeepers, church cleaners, gardeners, and all who help.

The **Crib collection** is dedicated to the Holy Childhood Association which provides missionaries with Christian formation and education resources. They depend greatly on our generosity. There is further interesting information about the Holy Childhood Association on its website.

The ministry of **hospitality in the church hall** is an invaluable one and so many people, visitors and parishioners alike, benefit from coming together after 11am Sunday Mass. In order for the provision of teas/coffees after Sunday 11.00a.m. Mass to continue in the hall after the new year, another four volunteers are desperately needed. If any parishioner would like to volunteer to help, on a rota basis, please contact either Fr. Roddy or 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.

New Years Prayer

“O God of steadfast love, trusting you, we devote our hearts to learning and our lives to walking. Teach us truth, that we may walk with courage. Teach us mercy, that we may walk with humility. Teach us forgiveness, that we may walk with compassion. Teach us grace, that we may walk with strength. Teach us wonder, that we may walk with praise. Teach us goodness, that we may walk with those in need. O God of steadfast love, learning from you, may we walk well”. (J. Bradley Wigger).

