



Second Sunday of Lent B, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am.
Wednesday: 12.00pm. Requiem Mass for Susanna Rice.
Thursday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Danny Sweeney.
Friday: 10.00am.
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.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 2.00p.m. and Thursday at 6.00p.m.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 — The heartbreaking story of Abraham offering up his only child Isaac teaches that true sacrifice is about faith and obedience rather than slaughter.

Romans 8:31-34 — God's will is that we be saved, not condemned. Jesus, who died and rose for us, intercedes for us still.

Mark 9:2-10 — On the second Sunday of Lent each year, the story of Jesus' transfiguration is read – this year, as Mark recorded it.

Please pray for **Lindsay McKenna** who has been receiving instruction in preparation for being received into the church this Easter. May the Lord continue to bless her in her faith journey.

Bishop Brian has published a Pastoral Letter concerning the Synod of Bishops and "Led by the Spirit". Copies are available from the church porch.

The annual **Second Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Fund** raised £405. Thanks to parishioners for your generosity. This Fund supports various pastoral initiatives throughout the diocese including safeguarding and developing youth ministry.

Our local **World Day of Prayer service this year will be held in St. Mun's of Friday, 1st March at 2.30p.m.** All welcome. A group of ecumenical Palestinian Christian women have worked collectively the last four years to pray and reflect on the theme and they invite us to join them as they pray for peace, justice, love and unity.

There will be a **meeting for parents** whose children are due to receive the Sacraments of The Eucharist (Primary 4) this year. The meeting for First Holy Communions will be in the church hall on Wednesday, 28th February at 6.30pm. Thank you to the parents who came to last weeks meeting to talk about the sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Fund Raising Committee: A new Parish Fund Raising Committee has recently been set up to find, create and implement fundraising opportunities to help support possible projects requiring extra funding and also to bring Parishioners together more, through other functions and other means. However, we need the

help and support of at least another three or four more members from the Parish to join the Committee and take things forward. Anyone wishing to put their name forward would be expected to be able to commit to taking any agreed projects forward. If any Parishioner feels they may be able to commit to becoming a member can he/she, please contact Jim MacLean, initially, on 07932 490260 or Fr. Roddy. Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

St Mun's Singers rehearsals: The choir will be rehearsing in the lead up to Lent and Easter on the following dates:- 27th February, 12th and 26th March with the possibility of an extra one if needed. The rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish hall. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for a good sing, lovely company with the much appreciated and needed (after all the singing!) cuppa and blether.

'I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live.' Ps 103.

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 11am. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Reflection:

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening. Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

... and the month is already over.

... and then the year is almost over.

... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.

... and we realise that we lost our parents, friends....

and we realise it's too late to go back...

So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...

Let's keep looking for activities that we like...

Let's put some colour in our grey...

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the laters...I'm doing it later...I'll say it later...I'll think about it later...

We leave everything for later like 'later' is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that: Later, the coffee gets cold...Later, priorities change...Later, the charm is broken...

Later, health passes...

Later, the children grow up...

Later parents get old...

Later, promises are forgotten...

Later, the day becomes the night...

Later life ends...

And then it's often too late....

So... Let's leave nothing for later...

Because while waiting for later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences,

best friends,

the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

So let's see if you have time to read this message and then share it.

Or maybe you'll leave it for "later"...