



Third Sunday of Lent B, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 10.00am.
Wednesday: 10.00am.
Thursday: 10.00am.
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: Tuesday at 9.30a.m. and Thursday at 6.00p.m.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:1-7 — The ten commandments give the foundation on which a life of Christian love is built.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 — Christ crucified is our focus; Christ draws us together — beyond our factions, beyond our disputes.

John 2:13-25 — Jesus purifies the Temple of commercial defilement, but then proclaims himself the New Temple, the fulfilment of everything the old order stands for.

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.

There will be a special collection next weekend for the work of the Scottish Catholic Aid Fund (SCIAF). Our **Lenten Appeal** this year focuses on the people of Rwanda. We pray for healing and hope for communities in Rwanda.

On Wednesday of this week, 6th March, at 2.00p.m. there will be a **DVD presentation** of Bishop Brian's experience in Rome and his hopes for the Synod process in Scotland. All welcome.

A **Parish Retreat** open to all parishioners will be held in the Schoenstatt Centre, Kentenich way, Campsie Glen, Glasgow, G66 7AT between Tuesday, 21st May and Thursday, 23rd May. Nestled in seventeen secluded acres at the foot of the Campsie Fells around sixteen kilometres north of Glasgow, Schoenstatt has become for many a haven of peace and refuge from the bustle and clamour of the outside world, a true sanctuary and simple retreat.

Ten places are available for our group. The Retreat will include two nights full board: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.....bring your own packed lunch. A meeting room will be available for the duration and teas and coffees: £195 per person.

The emphasis of the Retreat is "going off to a quiet place for prayer, reflection, rest, relaxation". The Retreat will be minimal rather than a packed programme. It would benefit especially those who were keen to

get away to catch up on rest, reflection and walking. Please sign your name on the sheet provided in the church porch if you intend to go on the Retreat. A meeting for those who sign up will be held at a later stage to plan things further.

There will be a **Parish Council meeting** in the church hall on Wednesday of this week at 7.00p.m.

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 Easter on the following dates:- Sunday, 3rd March and 17th March after 11a.m. Mass and Tuesday, 19th and Tuesday, 26th at 7.00p.m. The rehearsals will take place 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.

Pastor Norman Wright has drawn our attention to the forthcoming visit of **Franklin Graham**, son of Billy Graham, to the Ovo Hydro, Glasgow on the 22nd June 2024 as part of his "God Loves You Tour" of the UK.

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:

Carrying the Cross

+On these days when life seems too demanding with all its cares, burdens and concerns. Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

+When we experience great loneliness deep inside and the pain of separation fills our spirits. Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

+When we feel the pain of our world and unite in compassion with suffering people all over the world. Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

+When we feel weary and worn out, when it seems like all of our energy has been drained away. Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

+When we experience the effects of aging or extended illness on our bodies or our minds. Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

+When worries and concerns choke our peacefulness and leave us with anxiety and fear. . Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

Crucified Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day. Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us on our tomb-like days. Remind us of your resurrection. Help us to keep our vision focussed on life and growth. (Joyce Rupp).