



Fourth Sunday of Lent B, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week:

Tuesday: 11.00am. Requiem Mass for Delia McGugan.

Wednesday: 10.00am.

Thursday: 10.00am. Mass in St. Mun's primary school.

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: Wednesday at 9.30a.m. and Friday at 6.00p.m.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 — The history of the Jewish people is interpreted, with their misfortunes linked by the writer to their sins.

Ephesians 2:4-10 — God is rich in mercy, a free gift we each receive. We are invited to be God's work of art.

John 3:14-21 — God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy. If we have faith in that mercy, we will not be lost.

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.

The annual **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday, 20th March at 6.30p.m. Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you would like a seat on the minibus.

There will be a special collection this 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.

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.

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:- 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.

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:

This Reflection is from Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich. Thank you to our parishioners who quietly, diligently and unceremoniously clean our parish church.....

After everyone had left the church this morning, I noticed one of our dads stayed behind.

"Do you need some help?" I asked him as I walked up behind him.

"Oh no, Father. I just saw a bit of dirt on the carpet, so I thought I'd sweep it up."

He was going under every chair and kneeler carefully. I saw a small pile of dirt at the end of the row that he had collected. As I looked around, he had collected several piles of dirt and grass already.

"It's amazing how messy the carpet gets in one weekend. Our volunteers cleaned on Friday. Look how much you have already swept!" I said.

"You know, Father, I think this is wonderful. As I'm sweeping under each chair, I'm thanking God that someone was sitting in it this weekend. All the dirt I see is because someone came to church today. I love seeing how dirty this floor is."

"You're right," I said. "If we wanted a clean church, we wouldn't let people inside. I hope everyone thinks the way you do. When a house is messy, it's because people live inside it. When the dishes need to be washed, it's because people ate together."

"Father, sweeping this floor today makes me excited to go home and see my wife. I can't wait to tell her that I'm happy even when our house is a little messy. It means someone lives there. My wife and my children and me are there. I'd rather us be together than have a perfectly clean house with no one inside," he replied.

"And that's how I think Jesus feels about the Church. He'd rather us be here and get it a little messy than have it sparkling and empty."

"Thanks, Father. I'm going to keep sweeping and praying for each person who came through this weekend." As I walked away, I smiled and said a prayer of thanksgiving. Thank you, Lord, for the dirt on your floor.

Mothers Blessing

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

- Author Unknown