



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B, 2024

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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 Blessed John Duns Scotus.

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday after morning Mass.

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 — The central command given to the Jewish people is described: to love God above all else.

Hebrews 7:23-28 — What many priests did in former times, Christ does now: he is our ideal high priest.

Mark 12:28-34 — Jesus repeats the commandment precious to Jews, and speaks of the importance of love of neighbour.

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.

The **Lectionary**, the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the *English Standard Version - Catholic Edition* of the Bible and the *Abbey Psalter* and will be used from the first Sunday of Advent 2024. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting.

After long and scholarly discussions, it was last year the Bishops approved the translation of the bible to be used in Catholic Churches. For over fifty years we have been using the *Jerusalem Translation*, so what has become very familiar will sound a little different from Advent 2024.

This means we have to buy new books, £640 a set, which have to be of good quality, a high standard and durable as they contain the Word of God and will be used every day at Holy Mass. Thank you to a generous parishioner who has gifted money to the parish to purchase a set.

A warm welcome into the church to **Liam Cruickshank** who was baptised last Sunday. May the Lord continue to bless him on his faith journey.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Thank you to the parishioners who have signed up for the pilgrimage. Alba Tours have sent letters of Confirmation which can be picked up from Fr. Roddy in the sacristy after Mass.

There will be a **Parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's Hall on Friday, 22nd November from 8pm until 11pm with **Paula MacAskill** from Fort William. Paula performed in our church hall the last two years and the evenings were 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. Prizes for the Raffle will be appreciated.

***** Tickets for the evening will be available this weekend.**

Fr. Roddy will be away for a wee break between 5th November until 12th November. **Fr. Joe McNulty** from Glasgow, will provide the necessary cover. In case of emergencies he can be contacted on ph. 07910 159087.

Micheal Steele and Iona Cairns will be getting married in St. Mun's on Friday, 15th November at 12 noon. They have extended an invitation to parishioners to join them for the Nuptial Mass.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th November at 7.00pm in St. Mun's hall.

Mary's Meals Auction: A huge thank you to all who donated items and to those who came along to the Mary's Meals auction last Saturday. A fantastic sum of £1200 was raised which will feed over 60 children for a year.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: An e-mail was received from Sr. Wiesia Kunikiewicz, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary based in Glasgow. She is gathering information about the sisters time in Dunoon for a book about the sisters work in Scotland. If parishioners could assist with this in any way, either information or photographs, this would be greatly appreciated. It was in 1969 that Canon MacLean invited the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to start a community in Dunoon and they were here until 1982 approximately. Sr. Wiesia Kunikiewicz can be contacted at communications@fmmuk.org

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/Coffees: Available in the Church Hall after 11am Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Pause for Thought

“There is nothing you can do for Christ that will give him greater pleasure than that you believe in his love, his unconditional love for you. You will probably find that doing that is more difficult than some of the generous sacrifices you were planning to make, and that it brings infinitely greater spiritual joy and spiritual progress than do all the other things you do for Christ.”

(Anthony de Mello SJ)