



## Solemnity of Christ the King B, 2024

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 9.30am

12 noon Funeral Service for Alex Tickell in Greenock Crematorium.

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10 am

Saturday: 10am Solemnity of St. Andrew

6pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9am and 11am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday after morning Mass.

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

### Scripture Readings:

**First Reading:** (Daniel 7:13-14). The Prophet Daniel foresees the coming of the one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King.

**Second Reading:** (Rev. 1:5-8). Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time.

**Gospel:** (John 18:33-37). Jesus declares before Pilate that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

The **special collection** at last weekends Masses for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service** raised £470. Thank you. Your generosity was greatly appreciated in this, as it is for all special collections.

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.

At the latest **Sunday Mass annual census**, the parish had 162 people attending Mass (Weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024): 48 people at the 6pm Vigil Mass, 49 at the 9.00am Sunday Mass and 65 at the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Three half- full churches. Do we need three weekend Masses?

We are the only church in the Diocese which has two Sunday Masses. We could do with two Masses, a Vigil Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday evening and one Sunday Mass at 10.00am. Parishioners often remark that they only really know those who come to the Mass that they attend. Having two weekend Masses instead of three would bring more people together under one roof.

Fr. Roddy invites parishioners to reflect on this proposed change which will be brought to the next parish council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and a decision will then be made.

Thank you to all who came along to the **parish social night** on Friday and to the organisers who worked hard behind the scenes. We had a full house and a lovely celebration. Paula McAskill created a lovely atmosphere with her beautiful singing. She promises to return again next year.

The **Craft Group** will be holding a craft fair and coffee afternoon from 12 noon til 2.00pm on Saturday, 7th December in the parish hall. Entrance £3 to include tea/ coffee and cake. Stalls will include crafts, tombola, home baking, bric a brac, and raffle. Proceeds will be divided between the craft group and Dunoon Chest, Heart and Stroke Club .

Come along and do some Christmas shopping and support this worthwhile cause.

**The Cowal Fiddle Workshop** and friends have their Christmas concert on Friday, 6th December at 7.30pm in St. Mun's Hall. £6 payable at door. Refreshments, raffle. All welcome.

**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

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world". Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule. He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army. Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth. Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate. Pilate had thousands of soldiers to call upon. Jesus had no soldier to call upon. Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two. Jesus is the hope of the human race. He rules, not by force, but by love. Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and may you remember me on that day". (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).