



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
29th December, 2024

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10pm Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. New Year's Eve.

Wednesday: 12 noon Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. New Year's Day.

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 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:

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Hannah presents her child to the Lord, just as Mary and Joseph later did for Jesus.

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 As God's children, love is lavished on us. We are called to pass on this love to each other in our families.

Luke 2:41-52 The annual visit by the Holy Family to Jerusalem is described, and Mary's finding of her child among the wise men there.

Jubilee Year of Hope. At the Christmas Mass in St. Peter's, Pope Francis officially launched the Jubilee Year of the Church. 'Jubilee' or 'Holy' Years of the Church occur every twenty-five years, and this Jubilee has the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This Sunday, Bishop Brian will officially inaugurate the Holy Year within the Diocese. There will be various opportunities for us to mark this special year so please do keep a look out for news from the parish and the Diocese.

On this, the **Feast of the Holy Family**, we pray for the family of the Church, the family of the Parish and our own families. St. Anselm said, "Take care of each other in love on the journey", a thoughtful and tender description of the daily give and take of family life.

Fr. Roddy extends his thanks to parishioners for the **kindness** shown to him at Christmas, and throughout the year, and extends his gratitude to all who play an active role in the parish: musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, tea makers, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, passkeepers, and all who help in the parish.

The **Special Collection** next weekend on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Church's Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace, supports the Diocese's contribution to various Commissions of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland, in particular the Commission for Justice and Peace, and also the Commission for Pastoral and Social Care, which includes the National Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, as well as the Scottish Catholic Inter-Diocesan Tribunal. All of these make a vital contribution to the Church's mission in Scotland in the areas of Justice and Peace, and your generous support will be most welcome.

There will be Mass on **New Year's Eve** at 10.00pm followed by a very informal gathering in the hall for those parishioners who want to come together to bring in the New Year. Bring along a wee plate of snacks if you wish to share with others and bring along a wee bottle to share too, if you wish. Musical instruments are very welcome too.

There will be an **open parish meeting** in the church hall on Wednesday, 15th January at 7pm with Fr Roddy, Brenda Reid (acting Head of St. Mun's Primary School) and Fr Ronald Campbell (R.E. Advisor and Director of R.E.) who will each give a short presentation with a view to looking at what we can do for our young parishioners and how we can support parents in handing on the faith to their children. This is something that

should concern all parishioners. The youth are not only the future of the church but they are also the church now. All parishioners welcome.

Parishioners and visitors sometimes ask for the Bank details of the parish so that they can set up a Standing Order. Your generosity to our Parish and the charities which we support are much appreciated. Bank details of the parish. Account Name: RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles – Dunoon Mission. Sort Code: 83-91-25
Account Number: 65627554.

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

As we look at Mary in the crib, we remember women: wives, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, friends. We remember mothers, giving life to their children as Mary gave life to Jesus. We remember women who are victims of violence in the home, those who are exploited and used in any way because they are women.

As we look at Joseph in the crib, we remember and we pray for brothers, husbands, grandsons, sons, friends and others; and especially we pray for fathers. We pray for men who are silently suffering hardship for their children, those who are emotionally starved and those who are unemployed.

As we look at the shepherds in the crib, we remember people who are looked down on in society; may we show compassion and care for the poor, for prisoners and their families and their victims; for all who have been victimised or abused in any way; we remember also all who suffer in the cause of justice and right throughout the world.

As we prepare to look at Jesus in the crib, we remember children, within our own family, and within the parish. We remember young people whom we know and love. We remember children, who like Jesus, are born poor and homeless. We remember children who do not have a good start in life.

As we look at Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the crib, we know that we have our place there with them. May we do what we can to comfort those who mourn, to console those who are worried and give peace to our world.