



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, C.

12th January, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday: 10am
Friday: 10am St. Anthony the Abbot

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:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 The Church believes Isaiah's words refer to Jesus, the true shepherd: he is 'the glory of the Lord'

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Salvation is possible for all people, because of God's great compassion, which we see in the gift of baptism.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 The events celebrated in today's feast are described in the Gospel.

'Baptism' literally means 'immersion'. Before his ministry begins, Jesus immerses himself in water as a sign that he immerses himself in the will of God, Father, Son and Spirit. This is the only time in the Bible where the Trinity is manifested in ways that humans can recognise. The Father's voice is heard; the Son is in human form, and the Spirit is visible as a dove. Here, among humans, is God visible, audible and tangible.

A warm welcome to **Bishop Brian** who will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass in the parish this weekend.

Led by the Spirit Collated Report and Bishop's Response: Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Led by the Spirit (LBS). The individual parish reports from LBS Phase 3 have now been collated and published on www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk Bishop Brian has published his response and a draft Action Plan for implementing LBS's fruits. This can also be seen on www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk If you wish to be consulted on the Action Plan please join the online meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm. To register please click on <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dECaux-3TfqkzMKeFnyYxw>

The **Special Collection** last weekend for Justice and Peace raised £305. Thank you.

There will be an **open parish meeting** in the church hall on Wednesday of this week, 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

“That’s a clever dog you have there”, said a man when he saw his friends playing cards with his dog.
“Not as clever as he looks”, was the reply. “Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail”.

An old man would sit motionless for hours on end in church. One day a priest asked him what God talked to him about. “God doesn’t talk. God just listens”, was his reply.

“Well, then what do you talk to God about?”

“I don’t talk either. I just listen”.

The four stages of Prayer:

I talk, you listen.

You talk, I listen.

Neither talks, both listen.

Neither talks, neither listens: Silence

(Anthony de Mello).