

Second Sunday of the Year, C. 19th January, 2025

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Charity registration number - SC002876

Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am St Agnes

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 11am Requiem Mass for Andrew Burke

Friday: 10am St. Francis de Sales

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 62:1-5 God's relationship with us is described in terms of a wedding —God is as close as a bridegroom to a bride.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Between now and the start of Lent, the second reading each Sunday is from St Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth. He wrote to them in response to a request for practical guidance. Today's reading outlines the different gifts needed by each community, which the Spirit provides.

John 2:1-11 The story of the wedding feast of Cana repeats the message of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' glory was seen by his disciples.

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

Thank you to parishioners, thirty-three in total, who came along to the **open parish meeting** in the church hall on Wednesday. The meeting was a positive and encouraging one during which those present looked at ways in which we can support our young parishioners and their parents in handing on the faith to their children. A number of parishioners have asked if we can resume the Children's Liturgy? We used to have the Children's Liturgy in the parish but it stopped because numbers dwindled. We can get it up and running if we have children coming along and enough willing parents and helpers. A meeting will be arranged soon to prepare to start up the Children's Liturgy again.

Michael Hamilton, community outreach worker for the **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)**, will give a workshop and presentation in our parish hall on Wednesday, 5th February at 7pm. He will visit St. Mun's Primary School in the morning for a workshop with the pupils. The SCIAF Lenten appeal for this year focuses on their work with the people of Colombia. Please come along and support the work of SCIAF.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 - Perth Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact:

Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

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

"A prisoner lived in solitary confinement for years. He saw and spoke to no one and his meals were served through an opening in the wall. One day an ant came into his cell. The man contemplated it in fascination as it crawled around the room. He held it in the palm of his hand the better to observe it, gave it a grain or two, and kept it under his tin cup at night. One day it suddenly struck him that it had taken him ten long years of solitary confinement to open his eyes to the loveliness of an ant".

(Anthony de Mello).