



**Third Sunday of the Year, C.**

**26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am St. Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am St. John Bosco

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:

*Nehemiah* :2-6,8-10 The Word of God proclaimed by Ezra the priest is so powerful that his listeners weep.

*I Corinthians* 12:12-30 Paul urges believers to use all their different gifts in service of the Church.

*Luke* 1:1-4, 4:14-21 The first words of Luke's Gospel are included, as well as the first act of Jesus' preaching ministry.

**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](http://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](http://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-3TfqzMKeFnyYxw>

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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Holy Communions:** Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. There will be a meeting in the church hall on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm for parents and P4 pupils preparing for First Communion.

There will be a "**Burns celebration**" in St. Mun's primary school at 1.30pm on Wednesday of this week (29<sup>th</sup> January). All welcome.

An invitation to join St. Andrew's parishioners, Rothesay, on a **pilgrimage to Poland** was received during the week. Message from Fr Jarek, "Very short notice, but if you would like to join us, please phone the parish (01700 502047) or Fr Jarek Kwiecien (07300 489060) by **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**.

Schedule: Departure by coach from Wemyss Bay to Glasgow Airport on **Monday, 21st July** (flight at 8.10 pm). Arrival in Krakow at 11.55 pm. We are based in Hotel Wyspianski for 7 nights (3 days half board & 4 days bed and breakfast). The hotel is situated in the Old Town, a walking distance from the Market Square, St Mary's Church, the Cathedral & the Castle, the Jewish Quarter, restaurants and shops). There are three full day trips to the Salt Mines, Wadowice (St John Paul II's birthplace), Kalwaria Zebrzydowska (Marian shrine), Auschwitz, Czestochowa (Black Madonna shrine), Lagiewniki (Divine Mercy shrine). Return on **Monday, 28th July**.

Overall cost should be within £1,000 with a deposit of £500 paid by Tuesday this week.

**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 man went to see a psychiatrist and said that every night he was visited by a twelve-foot dragon with three heads. He was a nervous wreck, could not sleep at all and was on the verge of total collapse. He had even thought of suicide. “I think I can help you”, said the psychiatrist, “but I must warn you that it will take a year or two and will cost three thousand dollars”. “Three thousand dollars!” the man exclaimed. “Forget it! I’ll just go home and make friends with it”. (Anthony de Mello).