



**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, C.
2nd February, 2025**

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am
Wednesday: 10am St. Agatha
Thursday: No Mass. Funeral Service for James McGrory at 11am in Greenock Crematorium.
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:

Malachi 3:1-4 — Malachi makes a prophecy that God will send a messenger to his Temple; Christians see this promise fulfilled in the events commemorated by this feast.

Hebrews 2:14-18 — It was because Jesus was fully human that he was able to redeem humans.

Luke 2:22-40 — The Gospel describes what happened when Jesus was presented in the Temple.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**, forty days after the birth of Jesus. In the encounter between old Simeon and the young mother Mary, the Old and New Testament are united in thanksgiving for the gift of Light, which shone in the darkness. In the East, this Feast is called the Feast of the Encounter: indeed, Simeon and Anna, who find Jesus in the Temple and recognize in Him the long-awaited Messiah, represent the humanity that finds its Lord in the Church. It is a beautiful encounter with God.

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/j/91012020000>

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 of this week, 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.

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

The next **Parish Council** meeting will take place in the church hall on 18th March instead of the previously mentioned date of 26th February.

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

“It was time for the monsoon rains to begin and a very old man was digging holes in his garden. His neighbour asked him what he was doing and he replied, “Planting mango trees”. His neighbour answered, “Do you expect to eat mangoes from those trees?” The old man said, “No. I won’t live long enough for that. But others will. It occurred to me the other day that all my life I have enjoyed mangoes planted by other people. This is my way of showing them my gratitude”.

Anthony de Mello