



First Sunday of Lent, C.

9th March, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Monday 10am Feast of St John Ogilvie

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: No Mass. Eucharistic Adoration from 10am-10.30am. Fr Roddy in Rothesay Tuesday evening and Wednesday for a Deanery meeting.

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am preceded by Stations of the Cross at 9.30am

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 3.00p.m. and Friday at 9.30 a.m.

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Moses summarises the creed of the chosen people.

Romans 10:8-13 Paul teaches that faith in Christ's resurrection is the mark of believers.

Luke 4:1-13 The temptations Jesus endured in the desert are described.

The forty days of Lent remind us of two Biblical events: the forty years spent in the desert by the Israelites before deliverance to the Promised Land, and Christ's entering the desert to fast for forty days, where he was tempted by the devil. The call during Lent is to focus on three things: fasting, prayer and almsgiving (giving to others). It is a time for personal reflection, renewal and reform, a time to be 'led by the Spirit' as Jesus was. Lent prepares for Easter.....we fast before we feast, we enter the desert before we are delivered. People often ask what determines the date of Easter. The Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D. determined that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon of Spring. To determine the beginning of Lent, count back six Sundays before Easter. The Wednesday before the first of these Sundays is Ash Wednesday.

The **Parish Lenten programme** this year will provide all parishioners with an opportunity to enter into the spirit of Lent, using it as an opportunity to be 'led by the Spirit' as Jesus was. On Wednesday evenings, beginning 12th March at 7pm in the hall there will be Lectio Divina (which means 'divine reading' in Latin). It is a meditative way of reading a scripture passage in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us. Lectio Divina is an ancient tradition which came from the desert monks of fourth century North Africa and was then established in European monastic communities through St Benedict. If you are not familiar with this way of prayer, and even if you are, come along and be surprised!

For parishioners who would like to do a Lenten Retreat, The Ignatian Spirituality Centre are running a Lenten Retreat again this year. Books have been ordered for those who would like to do the Retreat and they are available from Fr Roddy. The retreat can also be accessed online as well :<https://www.onlineprayer.net/fruits-of-the-spirit/>

The Diocesan **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday, 9th April at 6.30pm. Hopefully a bus can be organised for parishioners to attend. more details to follow.

There will be a Parish social evening in the form of a **Quiz Night** on Friday, 21st March in the Parish Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. BYOB, raffle, nibbles, warm snacks during interval. Tickets are £5 each and will be available to purchase over all three weekend Masses, beginning as from Vigil Mass on Saturday 1st March.

Fr Stan Pamula, based in Morar, is organising a **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome** this year for the Holy Year, from 22nd until the 26th September. The cost is £1200 per person. 5 days/4 nights in a 3-4 * hotel in Rome, half board. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Brian. The full itinerary is available from Fr. Roddy.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will take place in the church hall on Tuesday, 18th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference 'Courage to be Catholic'

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.

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.

John Dysart lost his **wedding ring** some time ago but thankfully it was found and handed in to Fr Roddy in the sacristy but he can't remember who handed it in. John would like to thank the person who found it. Do you know who found it? Please see Fr Roddy if you do.

The Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth

A Little Thought

It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures."

– St. André Bessette