



## **Eighth Sunday of the Year, C.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

1pm Clyde Coast Crematorium service for Frank Perry.

Wednesday: 10am Ash Wednesday in St. Mun's Primary School. Day of Fasting and Abstinence.  
7pm

Thursday: 10am

Friday: No Mass. Fr. Roddy will celebrate the funeral service for a friend in Kilmelford. Eucharistic Adoration in the parish from 10 am until 11 am.

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

### **Scripture Readings:**

*Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 27:4-7* The words people use reveal what is in their hearts.

*I Corinthians 15:54-58* Paul offers a hymn of victory over death; we should never give up.

*Luke 6:39-45* Jesus encourages integrity, and speaks against hypocrisy.

• **The Alleluia is prayed/sung for the last time before Easter.**

The beautiful **season of Lent** begins this week with Ash Wednesday. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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/>

There will be Stations of the Cross twice weekly in the parish as well.

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 is a **Day of Prayer** for all those who have experienced abuse. There will be a silent hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish on Friday morning at 10am. Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable.

The annual **World Day of Prayer service** will be celebrated locally on Friday, 7th March at 2.30pm in the Cowal Kirk, St John's. The service this year was written by the Christian women of the Cook Islands and the theme is, "I made you wonderful". All welcome.

Date for your Diary – There will be a Parish social evening in the form of a **Quiz Night** on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March.

For the parishioners who have signed up for the **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** this year from 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> May, the final payment for the pilgrimage is now due and can be paid to ALBA TOURS LTD. Acc No. 00898164 Sort Code 80-22-60. Reference PODUO70525 + your surname. Cheques can be made payable to Alba Tours Ltd., 40 Chestnut Grave, Motherwell ML1 3JF.

Fr Stan Pamula, based in Morar, is organising a **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome** this year for the Holy Year, from 22<sup>nd</sup> until the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Parish Hall,

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

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### A Little Thought

“The Master was unsparing of those who wallowed in self-pity or resentment. ‘To be wronged’, he said, ‘is nothing unless you insist on remembering it’”. (Anthony de Mello, S.J.)