



Second Sunday of Lent, C.

16th March, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Monday 7pm Feast of St Patrick
Tuesday: 10am
Wednesday: 11am Requiem Mass for Laura Witherow
Thursday: 10am preceded by Stations of the Cross at 9.30am
Friday: 11am Requiem Mass for Mary Dysart
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am and 11am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 3.00 pm and Thursday at 9.30 am

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 A covenant was made between God and Abram, who became Abraham, our father in faith.

Philippians 3:17 to 4:1 Paul encourages us to remain faithful, remembering that our true homeland is in heaven.

Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John – the three who were to be with him in Gethsemane.

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, 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!

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 are available to purchase over all three weekend Masses.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: For the parishioners who have signed up for the pilgrimage to Lourdes from Thursday, 8th May until Thursday, 15th May, a tradition of Lourdes is for pilgrim groups to have their own t-shirts. Fr. Ronald is going to place an order for polo style t-shirts soon, therefore if you could let Fr Roddy your size that would be appreciated (S, M, L, XL etc). You won't have to wear these every day!!

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

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

“All of us can experience moments of great joy because in God’s goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart. What we long for is a permanent state of happiness. But that is unattainable here. So what must we do? Like desert travellers, we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey. This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul” (Fr Flor McCarthy, SDB).