



Third Sunday of Lent, C.

23rd March, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am preceded by Stations of the Cross

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 Friday at 9.30 am

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 God reveals his name to Moses, who removes his sandals, a sign of his deep respect for God's power.

I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Paul draws lessons from Jewish history, warning people to be careful.

Luke 13:1-9 The Gospel combines a call to repentance with a reminder of God's willingness to give us a second chance.

The **Parish Lenten programme** provides 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!

Next Sunday is **SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International aid Fund) Sunday**. The special collection will go towards the work of SCIAF. In Colombia, many people are impacted by ongoing violence and conflict. With your help, we can give shelter, food and water for those caught up in violence, provide safe havens for children affected by conflict, and help communities rebuild their lives, long into the future. For more information on how you can support communities in Colombia, please visit SCIAF's website sciaf.org.uk

The Diocesan **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday, 9th April at 6.30pm. Please sign your name on the sheet provided in the church porch if you would like to go on the bus, which will depart from the church car park at 4.00pm.

St. Mun's Primary school pupils will perform "The Three Trees" in preparation for Easter. Please join staff and pupils in St. Mun's Primary school on Wednesday, 2nd April at 11am. The Performance will be in aid of the Lenten charities SCIAF and Dunoon Foodbank. Tea and cake will be served. All welcome.

Starting on **Sunday, 4th May**, there will be two weekend Masses in the parish instead of three. There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and a Sunday Mass at 10.00am. Not only will this bring us in line with all the parishes in the Diocese, but it will also bring more people together under one roof. New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be made up.

The parish **Quiz Night** held on Friday was a great success, and most importantly it brought so many people together for a lovely social evening. Thank you to the organisers and to all who came along. One of the many interesting questions in the quiz was, “When was the present St. Mun’s church built?” It was built in 1931. The original church in Alfred street was built in 1862.

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!!

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.

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

“Be yourself and you will feel at home anywhere”.

“Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet”.