



Fifth Sunday of Lent, C.

6th April, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: Chrism Mass at 6.30pm in St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Thursday: No Mass

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 3.00 pm and Friday at 9.30 am

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21 The challenge to begin anew from today's Gospel (the story of the woman taken in adultery) is also seen in this reading from Isaiah.

Philippians 3:8-11 Paul urges the people of Philippi to keep straining ahead for the prize of glory.

John 8:1-11 Jesus meets the woman taken in adultery, treating her with justice and compassion.

Last weekend, the special collection for **SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International aid Fund)** raised £765. Thank you. 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

Bishop Brian has produced a **Pastoral Letter** regarding the implementation of **Led by the Spirit**. He has asked that copies of the letter are made available to parishioners. One hundred and fifty copies have been made and are available from the church porch. Please take a copy home with you.

Fr. Gerry McNellis from St. Ninian's parish in Gourrock will hear confessions in the parish from 6.00pm until 7.00p.m. on Monday of this week, 7th April. Please use this as an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

The Diocesan **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday of this week, 9th April at 6.30pm. Thank you to the parishioners who have signed up for the bus which will depart from the church car park at 4.00pm.

Children's Liturgy: At a parish meeting held in January to discuss youth participation, re-starting Children's Liturgy was agreed upon and a number of people at the meeting expressed their willingness to help with the organisation of this. There will be a meeting for those who are keen to help, on Wednesday, 30th April at 7pm in the church hall. Barbara Liddell, our parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator will be at the meeting to apply for PVG (protecting vulnerable group) certificates for the volunteers. Children's Liturgy will only be successful if we have willing volunteers.....and children. Please help if you can.

Please pray for **Rev. David Rushton** who will be installed as the new Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Thursday of this week. May he enjoy many happy years in Dunoon and may God continue to bless him in his ministry.

The new parish **Gift Aid** envelopes have not arrived yet. A new company has taken over the printing and the new envelopes should arrive soon. In the meantime, please use one of your spare envelopes or any other envelope and clearly mark your envelope number and the date of your contribution on the front.

Well done to **St. Mun's Primary school pupils** who performed the very moving and thought provoking message of "The Three Trees" in preparation for Easter. Thank you to the teachers who prepared them so well. The Performance was in aid of the Lenten charities SCIAF and Dunoon Foodbank. Although our Primary school is small, beautiful things are happening within it!

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.

Combined Sunday Masses – 4th May 2025 (10am): Volunteers are required to become part of a rota system for both the **Offertory Procession** and also, separately, for the **Offertory Collections** (monies) during the forthcoming 10am Mass, which begins as from Sunday, 4th May, 2025.

If any parishioner wishes to volunteer for either of these Rotas, can they please print their name and contact telephone details on the appropriate sheet, situated in the Church Porch over the coming four weeks. If enough parishioners come forward, a rota will be produced and handed out to those kindly volunteering. Readers and Eucharistic ministers will be contacted too before a new will be produced. If anyone has any questions, please either contact Fr. Roddy or Jim MacLean (07932 490260).

First Holy Communions: Five children from our parish have begun preparations to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 22nd June during the 10am Mass. Please pray for the children who will take this important step in their journey of faith. Please pray too for Liam Cruickshank and Abigail Ledsom who will be received into the church at Easter.

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.

A Little Thought

"Hear this word from Jesus – I do not condemn you. This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves. Lord, may we enter this world of mercy wherever we need to. May we hear those words always.....I do not condemn you". Donal Neary SJ