



**Palm Sunday, C.**

**13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### **Masses during the Week**

Monday 1.30pm

Funeral service for Mandy McDonald in Clydebank crematorium. Mandy was a former St. Mun's pupil and Dunclutha resident.

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am

Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Watching at the Altar of repose until 10.00pm. The watching is in silence.

Good Friday: 3.00pm Passion of the Lord.  
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday: 9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 10.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday at 7.00 pm and Friday at 3.00 pm

### **Scripture Readings:**

*Isaiah 50:4-7* Describes someone under attack. Our tradition applies Isaiah's writings to the sufferings of Jesus.

*Philippians 2:6-11* An ancient hymn to Christ, which tells us that Jesus achieved glory through suffering.

*Luke 22:14 to 23:56* Luke's account of the passion is probably the most familiar. We view the sufferings of Jesus through the eyes of Peter, and Simon of Cyrene, and the good thief.

This Week is **Holy Week**, the most important week in the calendar of the church. As well as attending the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (referred to collectively as the Triduum), the Church also asks us to ensure that we are reconciled and at peace with God and neighbour for the worthy celebration of Easter.

Pilate, the mob, Herod, the leaders failed to live up to their responsibilities because they did not recognise Jesus for who he really was. The reading of the Passion and the celebration of Holy Week is an opportunity to avoid the same fate. How do I act like Pilate in my daily life? Do I join in with the mob and crucify someone today? Do I act like Herod? Am I like the religious leaders of Jesus day? May God give us the courage to be witnesses.

**Church cleaning in preparation for Easter:** There will be church cleaning in preparation for Easter on Tuesday evening ( 15th) at 7pm. Please come along and help if you can spare an hour. Many thanks.

There is an active **Fraternal** in the Dunoon area between the clergy and churches of all the Christian denominations and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy week all the Christian churches advertise their ecumenical services which are open to all people..

Wednesday – St Mun's (Stations of the Cross). The **Holy Saturday Walk of Witness** will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 1.00p.m. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

If you would like to volunteer to carry the Cross or be a scripture reader or steward for the day, please 'phone Norman on 07901502588/702355.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Joint Dunoon and Portree Parishes – Holy Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Final Itinerary is now available and can be picked up from Fr. Roddy after Mass. There will be a meeting in the Parish House on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm to go over arrangements.

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Starting on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

A Daily Prayer: Dear God, thank you for this brand new day. Let us be rays of the light of peace to all we meet. Allow us to be filled with light also. Help us to truly experience your company along the paths that we walk today. Bring the light of healing, consolation and forgiveness to all of us who need these things. Amen. (Jim Deeds).

With Jesus in the Night: Lord, it's time for me to rest now. Sometimes my rest is troubled. Sometimes I have good reason to feel restless. Sometimes I simply invent reasons in my restless mind. I ask you to give me rest. I place all my cares and worries into your hands. I want to trust you. I want to have faith in you. Help my lack of trust. Help my lack of faith. Love me in my imperfections and in my desire to be who you made me to be. Thank you for God this day. Amen. (Taken from 'The Sacred Heart Messenger').