

30th Sunday of the Year – C 26th October, 2025

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 12 noon Deanery Mass in St Andrew's Church, Rothesay to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

Wednesday: 10am

Thursday: 11am Requiem Mass for Pauline Zambonini.

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Sunday: 10.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Eucharistic Adoration: After Mass on Wednesday morning.

Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19 The Lord is not deferential to the powerful but takes the side of the powerless. 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Paul speaks of his imminent death and reflects on his own deep faith. Luke 18: 9-14 Humility before God is a recurring theme in the readings: the Gospel describes the Pharisee and the tax collector.

Please note that the **Solemnity of All Saints** is transferred this year to Sunday, November 2nd. The **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** is transferred this year to Monday, November 3rd. **November** is the month of the **Holy Souls** when we pray especially for our Faithful Departed. In praying for the dead we highlight our faith in the power of God and we hold up the life of the person who has died so as to let God take care of things. There is still a vital flow of life between them and us. Love is stronger than the grave. November lists are available from the Church porch for parishioners to note down the names of loved ones who have died. These will be placed in the Holy Souls box on the altar and Masses during the month of November will be offered for our deceased brothers and sisters.

The special collection last weekend for **World Mission Sunday** raised £650. Thank you to parishioners.

Our **Deanery Mass** to celebrate the Jubilee Year with Bishop Brian and our deanery's parishes will be celebrated on Tuesday of this week, 28th October in St Andrew's Church, Rothesay. The schedule will be:

12 noon, Mass in St Andrew's Church

1.30pm Refreshments (Shinty Club)

3.00pm, Rosary (St Andrew's Church)

Please let Fr Roddy know if you will be attending so that numbers can be made known to Fr Jarek. Fr Jarek informs us that the church heating is out of action at the moment so please bring an extra layer of clothing.

Elizabeth Theobald and her mother Paula, have offered to lead a four week course about the **Liturgy**. The course will be presented in the church hall on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. It will start this week, Wednesday October 29th. All welcome. The following areas will be covered:

Week 1 - The Church Building and its contents

Week 2 - The Liturgy and seasons

Week 3 - Full, active participation

Week 4 - Changes and missioning

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy resumes today, October 26th. Thank you to our volunteers.

If any parishioner would like **Mass celebrated in their home**, please see Fr. Roddy. A house Mass is an ideal setting for a small group of people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to enjoy a time of sharing afterwards. It would be up to the person hosting the Mass to invite a small number of family/relations/neighbours/friends and to have a simple tea/coffee/biscuit afterwards if they so wish.

Cowal Pop-Up Songs of Praise: Lochgoilhead Village Hall, PA248AQ on Saturday, 29th November, 2-3pm. All welcome.

An evening with Paula MacAskill – come along and enjoy a great evening's entertainment with **Paula from Fort William** on Friday, 7th November, 2025 from 8pm until 11pm in St. Mun's Parish Hall. B.Y.O.B., Raffle, Nibbles and enjoy the music and craic. Tickets - £10. Tickets will be on sale after each weekend Mass as from today, Saturday, 11th October onwards.

Brendan O'Hara MP will give a talk in the church hall on Friday, 14th November at 7.30pm after a Mass for Peace which will be at 7pm. His talk will be, "A man made disaster – how the world failed Gaza". He has travelled extensively in the Middle East including to the West Bank and is the spokesperson for foreign affairs. He will be sharing his insights with us. Everyone is welcome.

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 Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Reflection:

"Your heart is great. It is made to bless and encourage. It has immense power, more than you ever dreamed of. But you must take care of it. If you are always critical and complaining you become that kind of person yourself. It gets you nowhere. People avoid you. Have you noticed that so many of your thoughts and emotions are repetitive, mostly negative and self-destructive? Avoid judging, blaming, resenting, brooding – negative emotions drain your soul. Celtic wisdom and Gospel guidance remind you that what you give out you get back threefold! Do you praise more than you criticise? Do you forgive more than you resent? (Fr Daniel O'Leary)

"Rake the muck this way; rake the muck that way; it will still be muck. Instead, start dancing your life thankfully on this beautiful earth?" (Hasidic Wisdom).