

Solemnity of All Saints – C 2nd November, 2025

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Masses during the Week

Monday: 10am Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Tuesday: 10am St Charles Borromeo

Wednesday: 10am Thursday: 10am 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:

Isaiah 25: 6-9 A beautiful vision of the heavenly banquet that awaits believers, a sign of God's salvation. Romans 5: 5-11 Our hope comes from the death of Christ: through it, we can know how much we are loved by God

Luke 7:11-17 — Jesus raises the widow's son at Nain, showing that God's power is not defeated by death.

Today is the **Solemnity of All Saints**, those widely varied types of anonymous people who in life tried to live according to the principles of the beatitudes. They continue to be our guide for today. Monday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or **All Souls Day**.

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 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.

Elizabeth Theobald and her mother Paula, are offering a four week course about the **Liturgy**. The course will be presented in the church hall on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. The second of the evenings will be this week, Wednesday, 5th November. All welcome. The following areas will be covered:

Week 2 - The Liturgy and seasons Week 3 - Full, active participation Week 4 - Changes and missioning

Fr Roddy has been flattened the past week by a **nasty bug** which has led to severe gastrointestinal symptoms. Thanks to Bishop Brian for stepping in to celebrate the Requiem Mass during the week and to Fr Gerry Maguinnes who will cover this weekend's Masses. All being well, Fr Roddy will be well enough to celebrate Mass from Monday onwards.

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.

Mary's Meals Market: Mary's Meals invites you to its Christmas Market on Saturday 15 November (10.30am-5pm) and Sunday 16 November (12pm-5pm) at The Social Hub (15 Candleriggs, Glasgow G1 1TQ), to help raise funds for its work providing school meals to children in poverty. Browse our selection of stalls from volunteers and small businesses. Find out more at https://marysmealschristmasmarket.eventbrite.co.uk or call 0800 698 1212.

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 are on sale after Mass. This will be your final chance to purchase one.

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:

The saints were fully human. They struggled with temptation; they savoured life's joy. We think of all the people who have crossed our path and enriched our life — parents, classmates, parishioners. They were not perfect, but they were in their own way great human beings.

Sanctity is a divine gift in which we share. It is much too big for us to experience alone. As we share in the experience of sin and death, so too can we share in holiness and life. Each person is already implanted with the Spirit and the grace of God. The main thing that can prevent us from living by the power of God's grace is not being aware that we have it. We are called children of God, not just in the after-life, but now, at this very moment and all through our lives.