



**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – C
9th November, 2025**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am St Martin of Tours
Wednesday: 10am Requiem Mass for Mark Federspiel
Thursday: 10am
Friday: 7pm Mass for Peace

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:

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 The baptistry of the Lateran Basilica is dedicated to St John the Baptist: this reading conveys the cleansing and healing power of the waters of baptism.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 The Christian community is the church of God: this makes its gathering place sacred.

John 2:13-22 The most important temple for us is the body of the Lord, who was raised to life as our glory and our hope.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: Following the Emperor Constantine granting freedom of worship to the Catholic Church in 313, the church was built beside the Laterani family and consecrated in 324. This church is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome. The basilica bears the inscription: "*Omnium Urbis et Orbis terrarum Mater et Caput*"..... Of All the Churches in the City and in the World, The Mother and Head. This feast was extended worldwide to the whole Church in 1565.

Our **Diocesan Jubilee Cross** arrived in the parish during the week. The Cross was made by a carpenter from Eriskay who lives in Oban, John Neil MacInnes. Why is the cross touring the parishes? The Cross is central to the Jubilee of Hope because it is the ultimate symbol of Christian hope, representing Christ's victory over death and a hope that does not disappoint. In the logo for the Jubilee Year of Hope, the cross is depicted as an anchor, representing a hope that keeps people stable through the trials and the difficulties of life.

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.

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.

The parish social evening held on Friday evening with guest singer Paula MacAskill, was a great success and there was a wonderful turnout. This was the fourth time that Paula has entertained in the parish. It was so good to see people singing, dancing and reaching out to one another in love and friendship. Thank you to the Fund-raising Committee who worked very hard behind the scenes to provide the snacks and to set up and clear away. £874.80 was raised for parish funds.

Bishop Brian will be in the parish next weekend for his annual parish visit.

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.

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:

"Some of your losses and bereavements are almost unbearable. It is important to mourn those losses, and to do it often. Give yourself permission to do this. There are sacred temples that open only to tears. Your greatest heroes and heroines were never slow to express their grief. They often felt a deep anger. Give voice to your own loss and anger. You weep now so as to make way for happiness later. The storms of loss make the trees of your soul grow deeper roots. In the middle of your night of grief a healing dawn will comfort your new day. You cannot detour around your grief; you can only struggle through it, mindfully. Let your healing nature have its way. Look in the mirror today; it will show you a whole and healthy person coming through the dark tunnel of grief". (Daniel O'Leary).