



Solemnity of Christ the King – C
23rd November, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Charity registration number - SC002876

Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am and 6pm (House Mass in a parishioners home).

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:

2 Samuel 5:1-3 The choosing of David as King of Israel in ancient times

Colossians 1:12-20 Jesus is given all the titles a king would have.

Luke 23:35-43 On the cross, Jesus promises heaven to the good thief.

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.

This weekend we have our annual **Second Collection** to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education service through the Bishops conference of Scotland. Forming our young people in the Faith is very important to us. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) is the Church's official Agency for supporting the education of our youth in Scotland. SCES directly supports our diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. We have no Catholic High Schools but SCES successfully works with Local Authorities and local communities to improve the quality of what is offered to our young people.

A very warm welcome into the church to **James Hyslop**, son of Neil and Ewa Hyslop, who was baptised to-day (Saturday) in St Mun's. May God continue to bless the wee one and his parents.

There will be a **"Healing service"** in the parish on Wednesday, 17th December at 7pm. Please come along if you can. Every person has his/her own wounds and scars. During the service, parishioners will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing one which is really about what God wants to do in us and through us and for us in this wonderful encounter. It tells us that God is love, and love is always oriented toward healing and wholeness.

Travelling Crib: The Advent practice of "The Travelling Crib" is growing in popularity and this year our parish community will use it. The Travelling Crib will be blessed in church on the first Sunday of Advent and then it is taken home by a family who plays host to the nativity characters for the night, reading the Christmas story and saying a short prayer together, both provided. The next day the Crib is passed on to the next person on the list. This journey symbolises Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. If you would like the travelling crib to come into your home, please sign your name on the

sheet provided in the church porch. What do you do when the crib arrives in your home? Firstly, unpack it from the box and set up the crib scene somewhere in your home. Choose someone in your family to light a candle. Read the short story of the birth of Jesus, which you'll find in the box. Say the prayer, which you will find in the box. Return the box and contents for the next family to use.

Boxes of **Christmas cards** are available for sale from the church porch.

Date for your Diary: St Mun's Primary School have their Nativity Play on Wednesday, 10th December at 11am. Please come along and support our teachers and pupils.

The Bingo evening previously cancelled due to bad weather in early October has now been re-scheduled for **Friday, 5th December, 2025, 7pm for 7.30pm** start in the Parish Hall. All tickets already bought for the original date are still valid for 5th December. For those that may still wish to come along and don't have a ticket, then tickets will go on sale as from Vigil Mass on 22nd November onwards (**£5 each**). Come along, give it a go, enjoy the evening and have a laugh! B.Y.O.B., Raffle, Nibbles and Teas/Coffees and Cake during interval.

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

Reflection: On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery, yet his heart remained open, even to his enemies. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. One's pain can so easily turn into rage, so that one wants only to lash out blindly at whoever happens to be within range. From the depths of his own pain, Jesus reached out to comfort the thief. Some people are like sugar cane: even when crushed in the mill, what they yield is sweetness. Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion. He challenges our idea of love. Each of us has a great capacity for love. By our love people will know that we are followers of Christ the King. (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).