



## Second Sunday of Advent – A

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Monday 7pm Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Tuesday: 10am

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 11:1-10* Isaiah looks forward to the coming of a messiah, who will restore harmony and justice.

*Romans 15:4-9* Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written to teach about God's promises.

*Matthew 3:1-12* John the Baptist's call to repentance is described by Matthew.

**House Masses** continue in the parish. 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.

**Fr Gerry McNellis** will be in the parish on Wednesday of this week to hear Confessions between 6pm and 7pm.

There will be a “**Healing service**” in the parish on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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.

**St Mun's Primary School** have their Nativity Play this week, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. Please come along and support our teachers and pupils.

**HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage Summer 2026:** Message received from Lorraine Quigg, “The dates of our pilgrimage have now been confirmed as being Thursday 16th July to Thursday 23rd July. We are looking for both volunteers and people who need additional help to travel. We will hold a meeting in the hall in January 2026 when we will explain all about HCPT and what we do in Lourdes. If anyone would like any information in the interim, please email Lorraine Quigg at [group521@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group521@hcpt.org.uk), or take a look at this website: [www.makeeverydaymiracles.org.uk](http://www.makeeverydaymiracles.org.uk)

Thank you to those who supported the **Bingo** on Friday evening. There was a lot of laughter! Tickets and raffle ticket monies amounted to £400.

**SCIAF Real Gifts.** As well as continuing to provide aid for those most in need SCIAF has launched its ‘Real Gifts’ campaign. Have a look on their website for Christmas gifts that provide life changing benefits to others. <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

**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:

“It is said that while there is life there is hope. This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life. Hope is strength. Hope sheds light into despairing hearts. It inspires the will to live. It is the doctor’s most powerful ally. It is a shield against defeat and failure. It revives ideals and renews dreams. As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible. Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.” (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).