



Fourth Sunday of Advent – A
21st December, 2025

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

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| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday: | 10am |
| Wednesday: | 10am and Christmas Eve: Carol Service at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass |
| Thursday: | Christmas Day: 10am |
| Friday: | No Mass |
| 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 7:10-16 contains Isaiah's prophecy of the events we celebrate at Christmas — words repeated in today's Gospel.

Romans 1:1-7 Paul begins his letter to the Romans by summing up the message of Advent and Christmas.

Matthew 1:18-24 Matthew recalls some events that happened before the birth of Jesus.

There will be **Midnight Mass** in the parish preceded by Carols at 11.30pm and Mass on **Christmas Day** at 10 am. Looking ahead to New Year, there will be Mass on **New Year's Eve** at 10.00pm followed by a very informal gathering in the hall for those parishioners who want to come together to bring in the New Year. Bring along a wee plate of snacks if you wish to share with others and bring along a wee bottle to share too, if you wish. To have an idea of numbers, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you intend coming along. Mass will also be celebrated on **New Years Day** (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) at 12 noon.

There will be **church cleaning** in preparation for Christmas on Monday, 22nd December at 7.00 pm. All helpers welcome. Thank you to the parishioners who volunteer to clean the church throughout the year. After the cleaning, parishioners are very welcome to come into the parish house for a mince pie and a cup of tea/coffee.

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: As Christmas approaches, people's hopes soar. However, the substance of these hopes is often dictated by commercial interests. Little wonder then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed. Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much - of the wrong thing. What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels promised to the shepherds: "Behold, I bring news of a great joy; today a saviour has been born to you". This joy is the real hope of Christmas, let us open our hearts to receive it. (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).

