



## Feast of the Holy Family – A

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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### Masses during the Week

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday:	10am
Wednesday:	10pm
Thursday:	12noon New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Friday:	10am
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday:	10.00am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

### Scripture Readings:

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14* — Those who look after their elderly or frail parents will be rewarded.

*Colossians 3:12-21* — Family life works when people live in harmony.

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23* — Describes the early family life of Jesus, from his exile in Egypt to his childhood in Nazareth.

God could have brought his Son into the world any way he wished. He chose to send him to an ordinary family in Nazareth. **The family** is the simple and essential unit of society, and this is where God comes in and communes with us, in our midst, in our homes, around our tables.

There will be Mass on Wednesday, **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 Thursday, **New Years Day** (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) at 12 noon.

**Thursday, New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better new year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? and wonder and awe before God's merciful love.

The **church heating** broke down last Saturday evening. The fan motor on the boiler caused the problem. A new part has been ordered and will be installed in the new year. Thank you to the Church of Scotland who came to our rescue and kindly loaned us four commercial blowers.

Fr. Roddy extends his **thanks to parishioners** for the kindness shown to him at Christmas, and throughout the year, and extend his gratitude to all who play an active role in the parish: musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, church hall hospitality, altar servers, flower arrangers, passkeepers, church cleaners, gardeners, and all who help.

The **Crib collection** is dedicated to the Holy Childhood Association which provides missionaries with Christian formation and education resources. They depend greatly on our generosity. There is further interesting information about the Holy Childhood Association on its website.

**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.

#### New Years Prayer

“O God of steadfast love, trusting you, we devote our hearts to learning and our lives to walking. Teach us truth, that we may walk with courage. Teach us mercy, that we may walk with humility. Teach us forgiveness, that we may walk with compassion. Teach us grace, that we may walk with strength. Teach us wonder, that we may walk with praise. Teach us goodness, that we may walk with those in need. O God of steadfast love, learning from you, may we walk well”. (J. Bradley Wigger).