



**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – A  
Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace  
4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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**Masses during the Week**

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday:	11am Requiem Mass for Samuel (Sammy) Shearer
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 60:1-6:* The prophet cheers the returned exiles.

*Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6:* God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing.

*Mt 2:1-12* The Magi pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

Today's **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** is a revolutionary feast. Christ is revealed as the Saviour, not of a select group of people, but of all peoples. Jesus broke down the great barrier that existed between Jews and Gentiles. The word epiphany means a revelation, or literally "drawing back the veil." Like the Magi (wise men), on this feast we have come to worship the Christ-child. And again, like the Magi, we have to go back to our homes and get on with our ordinary lives. But hopefully we will see those lives differently. In the divine child, we see our own divinity.

The **Special Collection** next weekend supports the Diocese's contribution to various Commissions of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland, in particular the Commission for Justice and Peace, and also the Commission for Pastoral and Social Care, which includes the National Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, as well as the Scottish Catholic Inter-Diocesan Tribunal. All of these make a vital contribution to the Church's mission in Scotland in the areas of Justice and Peace, and your generous support will be most welcome.

Fr Roddy will be away from the parish for a wee break between 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please welcome **Fr Joe McNulty** who will provide the necessary cover.

**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**

The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star, but they saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark. The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night. The darker the night, the brighter they shine. All of us are night-time travellers but we need no longer fear the darkness because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower. (Fr Flor McCarthy, SDB).