



Third Sunday of Lent – A
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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday:	10am Communion Service
Wednesday:	10am
Thursday:	12noon Requiem Mass for Ashley Downie
Friday:	7pm
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.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday at 9.30am and Friday at 6.30 p.m.

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 17:3-7 — A thirsty people complain to Moses, and God gives them water from the rock.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 — A reflection on God's love, which was proved, Paul says, by Jesus' death on the cross.

John 4:5-42 — The Gospel story of the woman at the well contains the promise of living water to those who believe, foreshadowed in the reading from Exodus.

Diocesan Workshop on Conversation in the Spirit: Pope Leo has strongly reiterated the call of Pope Francis for a more discerning and consultative Church. Building on his experience of the Conversation in the Spirit (CiS) method during the Synod of Bishops, Bishop Brian and Catriona Fletcher (Director, Ignatian Spirituality Centre) invite you to a Diocesan Workshop on Conversation in the Spirit on Saturday 21st March from 10am-5pm. The Workshop is online so you can join from the comfort of your own home, or you are welcome to come along to the parish house before 10am and join other parishioners for the online meeting. Lunch will also be shared in the parish house. Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church so that Fr Roddy will have an idea of numbers. The Workshop is free but you must register in advance for this meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Kl8qed6KSn2hY9Gzy7w64g>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

On Wednesday evening of this week, 11th March at 7pm in the hall there will be **Lectio Divina**. It is a meditative way of reading a scripture passage in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us. If you are not familiar with this way of prayer, and even if you are, come along and be surprised!

Fr Roddy will join priests of the Deanery for a **meeting** in Campbeltown on Tuesday of this week. There will be a Communion Service in the parish on Tuesday and Fr Roddy will be hearing Confessions in Rothesay on Thursday evening.

The Diocesan **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Wednesday, 25th March at 12.30pm. Please sign your name on the sheet in the church porch if you wish to travel on the minibus. More details to follow.

Our **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 7th June during 10am Mass. Please pray for the eight children from our parish who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Church Heating: As parishioners are aware, the church boiler broke down before Christmas and it was out of service for seven weeks. It has now been repaired at a cost of £1 024.26. During that time, six commercial blow heaters were used to heat the church. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a very high electricity bill of £4 189.98. To help cover these unexpected expenses, a special collection for church heating will be taken on the weekend of 12th April. Any contribution towards this cost would be greatly appreciated.

Fr Henry McLaughlin from Edinburgh will visit the parish and celebrate the weekend Masses next weekend. Fr Henry spent many years working in Latin America and he is visiting parishes to promote a book, "The Song of the Poor" about Fr Tommy Greenan, who chose to live and work among the poorest of the poor in El Salvador in the 1980s and early 1990s. Following Fr Tommy's death, the book collects an exceptional selection of his writings from El Salvador, presented in powerful, shattering short chapters. Copies of the book will be available next weekend for £10 each.

Please see the poster on the church noticeboard about the upcoming **Conforti Liturgy weekend** in May, which is a weekend of liturgy-themed workshops, spiritual talks, liturgical singing, prayer and *get-together* with people from around the parishes of Argyll & the Isles.

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:

"There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw water from many wells: the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy.... but we still get thirsty. Only God can give us what we are looking for. God alone can cause a spring to well up inside us. The water from this spring will sustain us". (Fr Flor McCarthy, SDB).