



Solemnity of All Saints, A

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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Monday 7pm Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am St Charles Borromeo

Thursday: 10am

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 10am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Eucharistic Adoration: After Mass on Wednesday morning.

Scripture Readings:

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 — This was written to reassure Christians suffering during Nero's persecution. Christians today are marked as they were, through baptism, and promised God's protection.

1 John 3:1-3 — St John assures us of God's love and the hope for the future that comes with it.

Matthew 5:1-12 — The Gospel lists the kinds of people to whom the kingdom of heaven already belongs.

Today we celebrate **All Saints Day**. "Saints are like windows. Through them the light of God's wisdom streams into the world, banishing the darkness, and brightening the road for uncertain travellers. Through them the warmth of God's love radiates through the world, banishing the coldness, and warming the hearts of even the most forlorn of all God's creatures. Through them we catch a glimpse of another world, a world that lies not just beyond the walls of our earthly home, but even beyond the stars". (Fr Flor McCarthy).

At this weekend's Masses, the **Annual Safeguarding Statement** from Bishop Brian will be read out.

November is the month of the **Holy Souls** when we pray especially for our Faithful Departed. In praying for the dead we highlight our faith in the power of God and we hold up the life of the person who has died so as to let God take care of things. There is still a vital flow of life between them and us. Love is stronger than the grave. November lists are available from the Church porch for parishioners to note down the names of loved one who have died. These will be placed in the Holy Souls box on the altar and Masses during the month of November will be offered for our deceased brothers and sisters.

Discerning Mission: The Diocesan online "Conversations in the Spirit" seem to be going well and they will deepen as the weeks go by. The link for the weekly materials is: <https://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/discerning-mission/> The materials can be accessed quite easily via the diocesan website.

A large selection of **Christmas cards** are available from the church porch. Some of them are from the Glasgow Carmelites, some from CBC and some hand made by Fr. Roddy.

Cowal Pop-Up Songs of Praise: The Shore Kirk, Strone. Saturday, 21st November between 2.00 and 3.00pm. An afternoon of hymn singing, praise and chat. All welcome.

Fr Sandy Culley will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood on Wednesday, 2nd December and a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Fort William at 6pm. Mass will be followed by a get together in the Railway Club in Inverlochy. All are very welcome to both celebrations.

HM Inspectors from **HMIE** will be visiting St. Mun's Primary School to conduct an inspection during this week. You can find out more about inspection, from the [Inspection and review documentation](#) pages of HMIE's website. As a parish, we continue to support all our staff and pupils and encourage them as best we can.

There will be a **Parish social night /fundraiser** in St. Mun's Hall on Friday, 6th November from 8pm until 11pm with **Paula MacAskill** from Fort William. Paula has performed in our church hall over the past number of years and the evenings have been enjoyed by all. Paula is an award winning singer/musician of Scottish, country and Irish songs. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the back of the church.

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.

Pause for Thought

“Saints challenge us, perhaps even shame us into living a Christian life. The church sets them up as models precisely because they imitated Christ. They are reminders to us of what life is about. They inspire us, guide us, and intercede for us. They are examples, teachers, and friends. But they can't do anything in our place. Of what use would it be to boast about having a great devotion to some particular saint if that devotion had no effect in our lives? A loving person is a holy person. To be a saint is to be a witness to love. There is no higher vocation than this. St. John of the Cross said, “In the evening of our lives we will be examined on love”. (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).