



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ROTHESAY, BUTE

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th September 2026

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Lord, let me know your ways.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| <b>Sunday, 27th September</b><br>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                              | 10.30-10.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel)<br>11.00 am, MASS with Baptisms (teas, Chapel Ho)                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday, 28th September</b>                                                                              | No Mass (!)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, 29th September</b><br>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (feast)                       | 10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)<br>5.30 pm, Singing practice (Sacristy)                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday, 30th September</b><br>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (memorial)                    | 9.40 am, Rosary<br>10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)<br>6.00 pm, Catholic Faith Course (Chapel Ho)                                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday, 1st October</b><br>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus,<br>Virgin & Doctor of the Church (memorial) | 6.00 pm, MASS<br>6.30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>7.00 pm, Benediction                                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday, 2nd October</b><br>The Holy Guardian Angels (memorial)                                          | 9.50 am, Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sacred Heart Chapel)<br>10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)                                                                                                        |
| <b>Saturday, 3rd October</b>                                                                               | 9.30-9.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel)<br>10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)<br>4.30-4.55 pm, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel)<br>5.00 pm, SUNDAY VIGIL MASS with Blessing of Rosaries |
| <b>Sunday, 4th October</b><br>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                 | 10.30-10.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel)<br>11.00 am, MASS with Blessing of Rosaries (teas, Chapel Ho)<br>4.00 pm, Blessing of animals (Front of the Chapel Ho)                       |

## NEWS

**Questionnaire.** Important! Please have a think about and return the questionnaire on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in our parish which comes with your newsletter today. It will help Fr Jarek to better organize Reconciliation services and to optimize the celebration of this sacrament on a regular basis.

**October devotions.** Our Christian faith abounds in beautiful traditions and prayers. In October we pay more attention to the Rosary as a frequent companion to our Christian life. Let's pick up our Rosary beads more often this month. If you have recently purchased new Rosary beads bring them to Mass next Sunday for a special blessing.

**Children's Corner.** Children are a blessing at every Mass and we thank God for having young families in our congregation. On Sunday during the morning Mass school children (before and after First Communion) usually go to the sacristy with our volunteers to have the Children's liturgy. But sometimes pre-school children find it difficult to be in the church for nearly an hour. Let's remember that they have a place in our congregation either sitting with their parents or wandering about the church. If, as parents, you find it helpful please always feel free to wander into Lady's Chapel (side chapel on the right). There is a Children's Corner there now with colouring stuff, toys and religious books for kids. You can follow Mass from there as the altar is perfectly visible. Also at the stand near the door there are leaflets on bringing children to Mass with really good suggestions. Feel free to pick them up.

**Blessing of animals.** Next Sunday, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, at 4pm we'll have the Blessing of animals on the lawn in front of the Chapel House. Bring along your pets to thank God for the part they play in your life and to invoke God's blessing on them.

**Dinner and chat for the new members of our parish.** If you have been recently christened or received into the Catholic Church in our parish come to the Chapel House on Sunday 18th October at 6pm to enjoy some nice food and a chat with the folk you met during your recent preparation for the sacraments. Bring your sponsor with you.

**Parish pilgrimage 2027.** We have already started planning our next parish pilgrimage. It will be in July 2027 and the destination will be Lithuania. It's an interesting and yet little known country, more and more popular with tourists and pilgrims. We intend to visit Vilnius with the famous shrine of Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn, the places related to St Faustina and the Divine Mercy, the lovely Old Town, the moving Hill of Crosses in Sauliai, the Castle of Trokai, the city of Kaunas with its magnificent Cathedral and much more. We'll soon have more details about dates and costs and try to make a preliminary list of pilgrims. Starting the preparation this early will help us to plan and save up to it.

**Candle-lit harp music concert.** Make sure you don't miss the upcoming concert in our church by Pippa Reid-Foster with her *Winter Strings & Starlight* program, an enchanting hour of festive music performed on both pedal and lever harps blending timeless Christmas classics with contemporary favourites in a warm atmospheric concert experience. Sunday, 13th December at 5pm. Donations collected at the door will partly support our Church Roof Fund.

**Monthly repair report.** CHURCH: The **heating** repairs are still not finished. There are still minor jobs to be completed: minor leaks at the radiators, new vent guards, some stonemasonry. These should be completed in the next couple of weeks. The new **doors to the boiler room** have been fitted in. The **gutters** will be cleaned shortly. **Parish car** needs some new parts as suggested by the recent MOT. HOUSE: **PAT and aerial testing** have been carried out. The **chimney** in the priest's quarters is due be removed to remedy the ongoing water ingress. The **vegetation behind the house** will soon be removed as it's affecting the boundary wall. The **garage** will have a new roof by the end of this year. All these jobs have been scheduled.

**Next Sunday** is the first Sunday of the month so we'll have the second collection for the repairs (especially heating).

**Thanks to all for your contribution to our parish!**

GENERAL PARISH FUND. **Collection:** Sun, 20th September: £420, **Parish account balance:** £707.25 (- the loan £6,800)

CHURCH ROOF FUND: **Total balance:** £75,235.73 (Goal: Phase 1, Summer 2027: £220,000, Total: £997,200.00)

CHURCH HEATING FUND: **Donation:** £1,000, £20, £20, **Total balance:** £53,398.30 (goal £58,733)

**Special thanks to:** • Linda and Jean and Martin for their work in the inner garden. • Craig for clearing the area near the boiler room doors. • Jason and Charlie T. for carrying out the PAT and aerial testing. • Michael for doing a check on the heating in the Chapel House. • Charlie K. and Billy for helping with the preparation of the Sacred Heart for the winter.

## PRAYER BOX

This week let's remember in our prayers: **Charlotte, Cecilia and Billie** who will be christened soon, those who have joined our Catholic Faith course, **Cyrus** and all the new born babies, those who are unwell at the moment especially **Anthony**. Also those whose **anniversaries** occur this week: Fr John Angler, assistant priest at St Andrew's (27/09/1964), Fr Sydney MacEwan, parish priest at St Andrew's (29/09/1991), Thomas Cryans Sr. (3/10), P. K. Johnson (3/10/2021) and all our benefactors.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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|  | Parish name: St Andrew's Catholic Parish<br>Address: St Andrew's Chapel House, Columshill St, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0HX<br>Phone: 01700 502 047, Email address: rothesay@rcdai.org.uk, Website: www.standrewsrothesay.org.uk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|  | Parish priest: Fr Jarek Kwiecien<br>Phone: 07300 489060, Email address: angiblean@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|  | Church is open daily from 9.30am till 4.00pm (Thu it reopens at 5.30pm for the evening Mass). Access for wheel-chair users from Columshill Street (open same time as the main door). Church has a loop aerial for hearing aid users. Toilet is near the main door. Baby changing table available near the main door to the church at any time.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|  | Children's liturgy during Sunday morning Mass. Children's corner available to pre-school children in Lady's Chapel. Baby changing table is near the main door next to the toilet. Teas & coffees for every one are available after every morning Mass (Sundays & weekdays) in the Chapel House (from church follow the left aisle). Coeliac hosts are available for Communion (come to the sacristy before Mass and let us know). Mass cards and other religious items for various occasions are available in the stall at the back of the church. |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|  | Parish bank details: RC DCESE OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES-ROTHESAY<br>ACCOUNT No: 65628090; SORT CODE: 83-91-25; IBAN: GB46CPBK83912565628090<br>Cheques should be made payable to <b>RC Diocese of Argyll and The Isles - Rothesay Mission</b><br>If you wish to make a donation see our parish website or pick the pink leaflet from the table near the door.<br>You can also donate scanning one of these QR codes:                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                     | <b>GENERAL PARISH FUND:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | <b>CHURCH ROOF FUND:</b>  |