



PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ROTHESAY, BUTE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9th August 2026

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30-10.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel) 11.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)
Monday, 10th August St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (feast)	No Mass (!)
Tuesday, 11th August St Clare, Virgin (memorial)	10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho) 5.30 pm, Singing practice (sacristy)
Wednesday, 12th August St Blane (Blaan) of Bute, Bishop (feast)	9.40 am, Rosary 10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho) 10.30 am, Church cleaning 8.15-9.00 pm, Rosary & candle-lit procession at St Blane's Church (Kingarth)
Thursday, 13th August	6.00 pm, MASS for vocations to the priesthood 6.30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm, Benediction
Friday, 14th August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr (memorial)	9.50 am, Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sacred Heart Chapel) 10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho)
Saturday, 15th August	9.30-9.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel) 10.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho) 4.30-4.55 pm, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel) 5.00 pm, SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
Sunday, 16th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (solemnity)	10.30-10.55 am, Confessions (Sacred Heart Chapel) 11.00 am, MASS (teas, Chapel Ho) 5.00 pm, Parish film night (Chapel Ho)

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St Blane's feast. This week we honour one of the most important saints of our island, St Blane. On his feast day on Wednesday, we'll have the Rosary at 9.40am and Mass at 10am. In the evening we'll try a candle-lit procession and the night prayer at the ancient St Blane's church. We'll gather at the car park at the end of the Plan Road at 8.15pm. We'll light our candles (real or battery powered) and gently walk up to the church praying the Rosary (Please remember it's a gentle climb). Once at the ruins of the church we'll say a ten-minute Night Prayer. Please, bring your own candle and rosary beads! If we're lucky enough we should get a lovely sunset on the way back.

Come and join the church cleaning on Wednesday, 12th August at 10.30am. More volunteers needed this week! See the sheet on the table at the door. A wee gentle reminder (if you are able to, of course), please, consider joining the church cleaning now and again (once a year, for example). It looks like there have always been the same seven or eight parishioners who come regularly to help. It would be unfair to benefit from their service without getting involved. This church is our common responsibility!

This year the Feats of the Assumption of Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation, has been moved to the following Sunday, 16th August.

Parish film night. Come and enjoy the acclaimed *Il Postino* (*The Postman*) which movingly explores themes of love and friendship through sensitively depicted and beautifully acted relationships in 1950s Italy (1h 48min). Sunday, 16th August, 5pm in the Chapel House.

Questionnaire. Our Church Roof Committee have come up with this idea of asking all of us if we had any thoughts about parish social events, fundrasing for the roof repairs or getting involved in the Committee work. If you wish to have your

say please fill in the wee questionnaire which comes with the newsletter and slip it into the wooden box at the door next Sunday.

French soir  e for those who are joining our parish pilgrimage to Paris and Lisieux will be on Sunday, 23rd August at 4pm. A great opportunity to get to know other pilgrims, learn more about the itinerary, all with a glass of French wine and plenty of French cheese!

Another Catholic Faith course. We have been blessed with so many who have participated in the previous editions of the course. Some of them have joined our Catholic faith and become members of our parish community. Here's another series of informal chats about the Catholic faith starting on **Wednesday, 9th September at 6pm in the Chapel House**. It's addressed to all: 1. Those who are not Catholic but want to learn about our faith without making any commitments. 2. Those who are thinking of joining our faith. 3. Those who are Catholic but have been away for a while and want to reconnect (also catching up with Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage). 4. Those who are practising Catholics but simply want to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Please, spread the word far and wide!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th May - 1st June 2027. Bishop Brian will be leading our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. The itinerary is still being finalised, but price per pilgrim is likely to be approximately £1200 - £1300. To register your interest please email Fr. Ronald Campbell: Portree@rcdai.org.uk.

Thanks to all for your contribution to our parish!

GENERAL PARISH FUND. **Collection:** Sun, 2nd August: £580, **Candles (July):** £191.30, **Cards (July):** £126.00, **Teas (July):** £263.25, **Parish account balance:** £2,765.80 (- the loan £6,800)

CHURCH ROOF FUND: **Church roof box (June & July):** £213.40, **Donation:** £50, **Total balance:** £74,985.73 (Goal: Phase 1, Summer 2027: £220,000, Total: £997,200.00)

CHURCH HEATING FUND: **Second collection for repairs:** £501.25, **Donation:** £100, **Total balance:** £50,449.95 (goal £58,733 by the end of August)

Special thanks to: • Mark for pressure-cleaning the parish garage. • Jean and Linda for weeding and tidying up the Chapel House garden. • Gerry for treating the woodworm which has been eating up our pews. • Steven for some stonemasonry work around the new heating system.

Next week we'll have a **second collection** for the Sick and Retired Priests in our Diocese.

PRAYER BOX

This week let's remember in our prayers: **Adria and Lucia** who were baptized in our parish last week as well as their families, **all the sick and housebound in our parish** and those who are unwell at the moment especially **John, Charlene** and **Rosaleen**. Also those whose **anniversaries** occur this week: Thomas Berrich (11/08/1995), William Blair (14/08/2023), Walter Lang (15/08/1992), Eleanor Kennedy Asher (16/08/2009).

USEFUL INFORMATION

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	Parish priest: Fr Jarek Kwiecien 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. 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 ACCOUNT No: 65628090; SORT CODE: 83-91-25; IBAN: GB46CPBK83912565628090 Cheques should be made payable to RC Diocese of Argyll and The Isles - Rothesay Mission If you wish to make a donation see our parish website or pick the pink leaflet from the table near the door. You can also donate scanning one of these QR codes:	
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