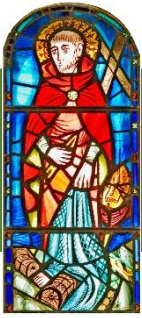


PARISH NEWSLETTER



ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ROTHESAY, BUTE

2nd Sunday of Lent, 1st March 2026

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

May the house of the Lord be at peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30-10.55 am, Confessions 10.40 am, Stations of the Cross (church) 11.00 am, MASS (& teas)
Monday, 2nd March	No Mass (!)
Tuesday, 3rd March	10.00 am, MASS (& teas) 5.00 pm, Gaelic Chat Group (Chapel House) 5.30 pm, SINGING PRACTICE (sacristy) 7.00 pm, Church Roof Committee (Chapel House)
Wednesday, 4th March	9.40 am, Rosary 10.00 am, MASS (& teas) 5.00 am, RCIA meeting (Chapel House)
Thursday, 5th March	6.00 pm, MASS 6.30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm, Benediction
Friday, 6th March <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	10.00 am, MASS (& teas) 10.30 am, Stations of the Cross (church) <i>2.00 pm, WDP service at Isle of Bute Parish Church</i> 5.00 pm, School of Prayer (Chapel House)
Saturday, 7th March Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (commemoration)	9.30-9.55 am, Confessions 10.00 am, MASS (& teas) 4.30-4.55 pm, Confessions 4.40 pm, Stations of the Cross (church) 5.00 pm, SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
Sunday, 8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30-10.55 am, Confessions 10.40 am, Stations of the Cross (church) 11.00 am, MASS (& teas)

NEWS

We are very grateful to Bishop Brian for covering our parish over the last week. We keep him in our prayers and hope to see him again soon.

Parish Lenten calendar:

- Parish film soiree, 15th March, 5pm, Chapel House
- Parish trip to Oban for the Chrism Mass, 25th March (put your name down on the list on the table near the door)
- More opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - Thursday, 12th March, between 6pm and 7pm (Fr Roddy McAulay from Dunoon, Fr Jarek)
 - Wednesday, 18th March, 7pm, Reconciliation service (Canon Des Berry from Wemyss Bay, Fr Jarek)
 - Holy Week (Fr Jarek)
 - every Saturday and Sunday, as usual, and any other time on request
- Stations of the Cross
 - Fridays, 10.30am (led by Fr Jarek)

- Saturdays before the Vigil Mass (4.40pm) and Sundays before the morning Mass (10.40am) led by one of the readers as Fr Jarek hears Confessions at the same time. If you cannot make it why not pop over to the church during the day and do your own Stations. Texts are available from the leaflet stand.

Searching for some inspiration to deepen your spiritual life this Lent?

- At the leaflet stand there are booklets (*Through Lent with St Matthew*) which you can use at your leisure. It's daily meditations on Scripture with prayers and other inspirational texts.
- RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT WHAT IS NEXT IN LIFE 'Navigating the way forward' - Either 13-15 March (Conforti, Coatbridge) or 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs). Take time out with God for reflection, input and community as we consider how to discern where we are and where we might be invited to next steps. For those facing choices in life, or wondering if there are changes which would lead to greater growth.
- 'GOING DEEPER' FOR PEOPLE NEW TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin). Take time to pause and reflect on your faith journey in the beautiful surroundings of Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery. This residential retreat is designed for those who have been through RCIA (a programme which prepares people to become Roman Catholic). The weekend will include opportunities to try different ways of praying, exploring some of the Ignatian (Jesuit) and Benedictine traditions, and sharing with others on living a reflective life.

Wee Boxes for our Lenten almsgiving are available at the door. Please help yourselves!

World Day of Prayer occurs on Friday, 6th March. We are all kindly invited to join in the service at the Isle of Bute Parish Church at 2pm.

Church Roof Committee is meeting again on Tuesday, 3rd March at 7pm in the Chapel House.

Some most beautiful prayer cards have been made by the children from St Andrew's Primary as part of Pope Francis' Award. They want us to have and use them so please help yourselves. They are in the wee basket near the door.

Thanks to all for your contribution to our parish!

GENERAL PARISH FUND. **Collection:** Sunday, 22nd February: to be published next Sunday, **Parish account balance:** £8,786.17 (minus the loan £6,800)

CHURCH ROOF FUND: **Total balance:** £45,390.59 (goal £997,200)














CHURCH HEATING FUND: **Total balance:** £1,360 (waiting for a quotation)

Next week we'll have a second collection for SCIAF (The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund).

PRAYER BOX

This week let's remember in our prayers: the **people who are taking the RCIA course** and others who are considering exploring our Catholic faith, **many of us who are not well** at the moment. Also those whose anniversaries occur this week: Calum Morrell (4/03).

USEFUL INFORMATION

	Church open daily from 9.30am till 4.00pm (Thu it reopens at 5.30pm for the evening Mass).	
	Coeliac hosts are available for Communion (come to the sacristy before Mass and let us know).	
	Children's liturgy during Sunday morning Mass.	
	Church has a loop aerial for hearing aid users.	
	Access for wheel-chair users is from Columshill Street (open same time as the main door).	
	Toilet is near the main entrance to the church.	
	Baby changing table available near the main entrance to the church at any time.	
	Mass cards and other cards for various occasions are available at the back of the church.	
	Teas & coffees for every one are available after every morning Mass (Sundays & weekdays).	
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	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 green leaflet from the table near the main door.	