



PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ROTHESAY, BUTE
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27th October 2024

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed, we were glad.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 27th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)	10.30 am, Confessions 11.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees)
Monday, 28th October Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles (feast)	No Mass (!)
Tuesday, 29th October	10.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees) 6.00–6.30 pm, SINGING AT SIX (church) 6.30 pm, EARLY CHRISTIANS (Fr Roddy's Study) 7.30 pm, QUIZ NIGHT (Mill Cottage Hall)
Wednesday, 30th October	10.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees)
Thursday, 31st October	6.00 pm, All Saints Vigil Mass 6.30 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.05 pm, Benediction
Friday, 1st November All Saints (solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation (!)	10.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees)
Saturday, 2nd November The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls's Day)	9.30 am, Confessions 10.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees) 5.30 pm, Confessions 6.00 pm, Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, 3rd November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30 am, Confessions 11.00 am, Mass (teas & coffees)

NEWS

All Saints' Feast this Friday. It's one of the important feasts in our Catholic tradition so we are invited to join the universal Church in honouring the saints, our heavenly friends, both named by the Church by canonization and known to God alone. It's a day when we reflect and refocus on where we're going ourselves. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm the night before and the morning Mass at 10.00 am.

All Souls' Day is on Saturday. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation, but still an important day when we pray for all the dead. Mass on Saturday morning at 10.00 am will be offered especially for those mentioned in our November Lists. There's also a chance to obtain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory from midday 1st to midnight 2nd. Similarly any day from 1st to 8th for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there.

Please pray for all who are now preparing for their baptisms, First Communions, confirmations and weddings which will soon take place in our church.

November – Month of the Holy Souls. Traditionally the whole month of November is dedicated to our loved ones who have passed away. Apart from our individual prayers for them we want to give them more attention as a parish:

1. Envelopes for NOVEMBER LISTS are available on the table at the door. Just write your loved ones' names on a piece of paper, put it in the envelope and leave it before Masses in the basket at St Joseph's statue. Three special Masses will be offered for them in November: Saturday 2nd, 10.00 am (All Souls), Thursday 14th, 6.00 pm and Saturday 23rd, 10.00am.
2. There will soon be a REMEMBRANCE BOOK displayed in our church permanently. We'll have the names of our loved ones written in the book on the day they passed away so that we keep their memory throughout the whole year.
3. We'll have a parish VISIT TO THE CEMETERY to pray for all the dead buried on our island.
4. SUNDAY HOMILIES

in November will help us to refresh what we actually believe as Christians about eternal life and to find out more about why we pray for the dead.

Quiz Night & Christmas Ceilidh. QUIZ NIGHT is this Tuesday, 29th October at Mill Cottage Hall (Barone Road). Doors open 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start (the Early Christians will be finished early!). It's £5 per person and includes tea/coffee & snacks. Raffle is also planned so any raffle prizes are most welcome! Also bear in mind that on 7th December there's CHRISTIMAS CÈILIDH! Please see the list at the door and write down how many tickets you will need. We want to make sure that the tickets are offered to the Parishioners first before we put the word out.

Monthly Finance & Repairs report. Work complete: Fr Roddy's Study (painting, new carpet, new decor), sacristy (plastering and painting). Work planned: church (sensor operated lights inside for visits during winter days), Chapel House (velux window), public toilet (ventilation), church oil tank (approx. £3,000.00 tank, plinth & labour). We have received a grant for Church repairs from a foundation which will match every pound we have raised ourselves up to £10,000.00 (every penny counts: Sunday collections, roof funds, donations etc.). It's fantastic news considering that new issues keep arising. It will help us to finally pay off the windows (£4,000.00 remaining) and cover half of our loan for the Diocese (which paid for our boiler, heating and car, total of £10,000.00 remaining). It will help to keep us afloat, but it will still be tight. So next Sunday we'll have a second collection for repairs, specifically for the oil tank! Once the work & payments have settled we'll have more clarity on figures. A huge thanks for your help and concern!!!

Thanks to all our benefactors! GENERAL PARISH FUND: Sunday collections: (to be published soon). CHURCH ROOF FUND: Donation: £100.00.

EXPLORING OUR LITURGY














The priest and altar servers wear a special white robe for Masses and other services. It's called **alb** (from the Latin *alba* – white). It reminds them and all the members of the congregation that they have been baptized, cleansed of the original sin and given the dignity of children of God. The white garment which we all received at our baptism was a symbol of all that. Some say the alb also refers to the white robe which Christ wore in his passion. In his time and culture white robe was worn by people suffering from mental illness. Christ's white garment became a pretext for yet another outburst of mockery. So the alb reminds us that as Christians we will always be considered "mad" by this world which doesn't understand either our fascination for Jesus or the life choices which we make following his teaching.

A WEE PRAYER AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNION

O boundless charity! Just as You gave us yourself, wholly God and wholly man, so You left us all of yourself as food so that while we are pilgrims in this life, we might not collapse in our weariness, but be strengthened by You, Heavenly Food. O, people! And what has your God left you? He has left you himself, wholly God and wholly man, hidden under the whiteness of this bread. O, Lord! What drove You? Nothing but Your charity, mad with love as You are!

St Catherine of Siena (14th century)

USEFUL INFORMATION

	Church is open daily from 9.30 am till 5.00 pm (Thursdays & Saturdays till 7.00 pm).	
	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 and quiet space for parents with children available in the sacristy 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 & 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.	