

Glencoe & Mingarry Parishes – Newsletter
(St Mun's, Brecklet, Ballachulish, The Good Shepherd, Riverside Rd Kinlochleven,
Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry & St Agnes, Glenuig)
Aug 1st/2nd, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Mass times for the week

Sat 1 st Aug	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	18 th Sunday, Yr A – People of the Parish
Sun 2 nd Aug	Ballachulish Mingarry Glenuig	10.00am 1.00pm No Mass	18 th Sunday, Yr A – Chrissie Rae – Birthday Blessing 18 th Sunday, Yr A – People of the Parish
Thur 6 th Aug	Ballachulish	10.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord – Feast - A
Fri 7 th Aug	Ballachulish	10.00am	St Mary (McKillop) of the Cross – Memorial
Sat 8 th Aug	Ballachulish	9.00am	St Dominic – Memorial
Sat 9 th Aug	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Sun 10 th Aug	Ballachulish Mingarry Glenuig	10.00am 1.00pm No Mass	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A – 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A –
Confession Before Mass or at any time on request		Divine Office – Vol 3, week 2 Weekday readings – Week 18, Ordinary Time	

Parish News

Welcome - A very warm welcome to both regular and first-time visitors to our parish. We are glad you chose to visit our beautiful communities. We are equally happy to help you give thanks in our Churches to the God whose creation you have come to enjoy. Welcome also to our beloved parishioners and thank you all.

Appreciation – We have been blessed with some generous responses to the earlier appeal for help not only with weeding around the Church and Chapel House in Ballachulish, but also with putting back the fallen signpost and other maintenance jobs. Our profound thanks to those who helped.

If you feel able to do anything or something in the parish, please do step forward.

Finance/Fabric Committee – Next week an update will be given. Watch this space.

Solemnity of the Assumption is transferred from 15th August to Sunday 16th of August.

Glencoe Parish Service Team Meeting – Thank you to those who were able to attend or did send apologies. An update on some of the resolutions of the Parish Service Team meeting will be given soon.

Special Collection: weekend of 15/16th August – Sick & Retired Clergy.

Repository – We have new stock of Mass cards, cards for different occasions and gift items. If you would like a particular religious item bought for you, please let Fr Joe know. Thank you for supporting the Repository.

Special invite to The Season of Creation Conference - The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on Saturday, 5th September 2026, 10am – 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops on how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register here: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=yIncn0-thk-YKE3xdOp-a9xuto8_43tJvtXoV4t9yn1UOVEwSIVVQVhGvK5PME1WUUZJWFo5RDFUWS4u&route=shorturl

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN: The annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 30th August. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Dougan on the beach near St Ninian's Cave at 4 pm, and at the church in Whithorn at 4.45 pm for those unable to reach the shore. A well-established footpath about one mile long takes you through the glen to the shore, and to be in place for Mass at 4 pm it is recommended to begin the walk by 3 pm. More information at <https://rcdg.org.uk/whithorn-pilgrimage-sunday-30th-august-2026/>.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 6th September with Mass at 3.00 pm. At the Pilgrimage Mass, the faithful will join the Universal Church in marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow.

Sick & Housebound – Let us continue to keep all the sick & housebound in our prayers. Please do ring the parish office to request for visit either for yourself or on behalf of a sick parishioner. We would really appreciate if you let the parish priest knows of anyone going into hospital for admission or is housebound.

Funeral of Fr Roddy's Father - Charlie McAulay – who passed away last Sunday in Oban will take place at St Columba's Cathedral. Reception of Remains: 6pm, Tuesday 18th August. Funeral Mass: 10am, Wednesday 19th August.

Anniversaries of death for August – Of your charity kindly pray for the following whose anniversaries occur in August: Anne MacDonald, Barrie James, Ian Hamilton, Donald Blackburn, Margaret Amos, Michael Boylan, Margaret Amos.



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Thanks for your generous financial support to the parish.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Meditation: Gospel text (Mt 14,13-21)- *"Bring them here to me"*

Today, Jesus shows us just how much He wants to involve us in his saving work. He who had created the heavens and the earth out of nothing, could have easily created a rich banquet from nothing to satiate the multitudes. But He preferred to work the miracle starting with the best his disciples could give him. "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." (Mt 14:17), they said. "Bring them here to me" (Mt 14:18), Jesus replied. The Lord was able to multiply that meager donation —not enough even to feed a typical family— to nourish about 5,000 families.

The Lord showed the same protocol at the wedding feast of Cana. He who created all the seas could easily have filled the six 30-gallon containers with choice wine from scratch. But He again wanted to involve his creatures in the miracle, by having them fill the containers with water first.

We see the same principle in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus begins not from nothing, nor from grain and grapes, but from bread and wine, which already contain within the work of human hands.

The late Cardinal François Xavier Nguyen van Thuan, imprisoned from 1975-1988 by the Vietnamese communists, wondered how he could further Christ's kingdom and care for his flock while undergoing the brutal suffering of solitary confinement. He realized he might not be able to do much from a prison cell, but at least each day he could offer to the Lord his "five loaves and two fish," and let God do the rest. The Lord multiplied those little efforts into a witness that has inspired not only the Vietnamese but the whole Church.

Today the Lord is asking us, his modern disciples, to give the crowds something to eat (cf. Mt 14:16). No matter how much or how little we have, let us give it to the Lord and let him take it from there.

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