

Glencoe & Mingarry Parishes – Newsletter
(St Mun's, Brecklet, Ballachulish, The Good Shepherd, Riverside Rd Kinlochleven,
Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry & St Agnes, Glenuig)
1st/2nd Nov – All Saints Year C

Mass times for the week

Sat 1 st Nov	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	All Saints - Solemnity
Sun 2 nd	Ballachulish	10.00am	All Saints - Solemnity
	Mingarry	1.00pm	All Saints - Solemnity
	Glenuig	No Mass	
Mon 3 rd Nov	Ballachulish	10.00am	All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) – Commemoration
Sat 8 th Nov	Ballachulish	10.00am	Blessed John Duns Scotus - Memorial
Sat 8 th Nov	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	32 nd Sunday, Year C
Sun 9 th Nov	Ballachulish	10.00am	32 nd Sunday, Year C
	Mingarry	1.00pm	32 nd Sunday, Year C
	Glenuig	No Mass	
Confession Before Mass or at any time on request		Divine Office – Vol 3, Psalter Week 3 Weekday readings – 31 st Weeks of the Year	

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.

Revised Weekend Mass Schedule – Fr Charles has graciously offered to celebrate 6.00pm vigil Mass this Saturday, Nov 1 and next weekend, Nov 8 at the Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven.

Bishop Brian will once again be available to celebrate Masses at Mingarry, 1.00pm this Sunday, Sunday 2nd Nov (Solemnity of All Saints). It's a great sacrifice for Bishop Brian to make such a long trip from Oban to Mingarry to support the Parish. We are most grateful.

Fr Joe will have another attempt at celebrating the 10.00am Mass at St Mun's, Ballachulish.

We are ever so grateful also for the support and for understanding of you parishioners.

The Solemnity of All Saints is transferred this year to Sunday November 2. The **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)** is transferred this year to Monday November 3.

November Prayers for the Holy Souls who Journeyed with Us – In the month of November, we will remember them! Family, friends, neighbours, parishioners and all who have died, even as we relish their memories, and thank God for their lives and services.

Holy Souls envelopes and sheets of paper are available for you to provide the names of your departed loved ones. These names will be placed before the altar for special remembrance in Masses and prayers during November. You are welcome to include your donations in the envelopes provided.

Remembrance Services – Are scheduled in our respective communities. Support any remembrance activities taking place near you.

At Kinlochleven, there will be a Remembrance Service organised by the Salvation Army and the Church of Scotland at 10.50am, next Sunday, 9th November at the War Memorial.

Fallen Trees at Mingarry – James so kindly sorted out the remaining fallen trees. His initial assessment was no significant damage to the Church/Sacristy. The driveway and the Church surrounding are now sorted. However, do take care extra care when you are in the Church premises. If you are concerned about any structure, please do not hesitate to email the parish office.

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. For any urgent pastoral needs, please call St Mary's Fort William: 01397 702174; fortwilliam@rcdai.org.uk or St John's Caol: caol@rcdai.org.uk; 01397719281.

Holy Land Accompaniment Friends - Earlier this year, Anne-Marie Clemens from Justice & Peace Scotland visited the Holy Land. On November 11 at 7pm, she will join us online to tell us about that experience. You are invited to that Zoom meeting. Nov 11, 2025 19:00 UK time Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/4qnGa6LATGWSCy5sNRT3pQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We will have another meeting online with our friends in Palestine during Advent, and I'll give you details as soon as possible. Meanwhile, please join us on November 11 to get a different perspective on the situation there. *In peace. Marian*



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Agnes, Glenuig



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Thanks for your generous financial support to the parish.

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All Saints – 2nd November 2025

Meditation Gospel text (Matthew 5:1-12a) 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

Today, we celebrate the reality of the Mystery of Salvation. A reality that we evince in the "Creed" and which is very comforting: "I believe in the communion of saints." All saints, who have already passed from death into eternal life, from the Virgin Mary on, form a unity; they represent the Church of the Blessed, whom Jesus congratulates: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God" (Mt 5:8). At the same time, they join us in communion, too. Because the saints already enjoy the eternal vision of God, they cannot be united to us through faith and hope; but, they can, instead, be united to us through charity. "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1Cor 13:13). Charity understood as that kind of love that links us, through them, to the same Father, to the very same Christ Redeemer and to the same Holy Spirit; the kind of love that makes them supportive and solicitous with us. Therefore, it is not that we venerate the saints only because of their exemplarity. There is a stronger reason than that: to be united in Spirit with the whole Church invigorated by the practice of the fraternal charity.

Because of this deep and profound unity we must feel close to all those saints that, before us, have believed what we now believe, have waited for what we are now waiting for and, mostly, have loved God Father and their brothers, also seeking the imitation of Christ's love.

The saint apostles, the saint martyrs, the saint confessors, who have lived through history are, therefore, our brothers and our intercessors; on them, these prophetic words of Jesus have been fulfilled: "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." (Mt 5:11-12). The treasures of their sanctity are like family assets, which we can rely upon. These are the treasures in heaven, which Jesus invites us to store up (cf. Mt 6:20). As the Vatican Council II asserts, "Thus by their brotherly interest our weakness is greatly strengthened." (Lumen gentium, 49). This solemnity brings some comforting news, which invites us to these joyous festivities and celebrations.

Mons. F. Xavier CIURANETA i Aymí Emeritus Bishop of Lleida (Lleida, Spain)

Thoughts on Today's Gospel

"Divinity is purity, it is liberation from the passions and the removal of every evil: if all these things are in you, God is truly in you" (Saint Gregory of Nyssa)

"We are not alone; we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: with them we form the Body of Christ» (Benedict XVI)

"The sixth beatitude proclaims, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8). "Pure in heart" refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God's holiness, chiefly in three areas: charity; chastity or sexual rectitude; love of truth and orthodoxy of faith. There is a connection between purity of heart, of body, and of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2518)