

A very warm welcome to all visitors.

Parish News

Justice and Peace Collection

Between Ballachulish, Kinlochleven and Taynuilt we raised £149.99 from the second collection for Justice & Peace – many thanks.

Taynuilt Parish

Fr Tim Byron SJ will be covering the parish of Skye for the next two weekends, but he will continue to use Taynuilt as a base for a while.

Church Cleaning, etc.

At the beginning of the new Year, it's good to thank all those who help in our churches. Those who clean, or help with the church flowers, or the altar cloths, all who help with the liturgy and the music, and all who help in so many other ways.

I am very grateful to you all.

School Assembly

There will be a school assembly at Glencoe Primary School on Wednesday.

Collection

Taynuilt – we raised £57.15 from last Sunday's collection plus £95.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £152.15. We also raised £55.41 from the sale of votive candles and £10.60 from the sale of papers, etc. The collection for Justice and Peace raised £38.39.

Ballachulish – we raised £247.57, of which £115.57 was Gift Aid, plus £185.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £432.57. We also raised £72.45 from the sale of votive candles. We raised £140.31 for the Crib collection and £111.60 from the second collection for Justice and Peace., plus a donation of £100.00

Many thanks to you.

The Ordinary Time of the Year begins on Monday. After all the preparations of Advent and the great feasts of Christmas and Christmas Time, Ordinary Time is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of our Lord, Jesus Christ in all its aspects.

The liturgical colour is green, a symbol of hope, perseverance and continued listening. This accompanies us on our daily life of faith.

The Visitation, Taynuilt and St Dun's, Ballachulish & The Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven

The Baptism of the Lord (A)
12th January 2020

Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – St Kentigern - Feast
Tuesday	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Taynuilt – 1 st Week of the Year Craig Lodge
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 1 st Week of the Year
Thursday	1.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Glencoe Primary School Taynuilt – 1 st Week of the Year Craig Lodge
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – St Anthony - Memorial
Saturday	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Taynuilt – 1 st Week of the Year Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ballachulish – 2 nd Sunday of the Year Taynuilt

Confession

Taynuilt – before Mass on Saturday, or Sunday
Ballachulish – 9.30 – 9.50 a.m. on Sundays
and at any other time on request.

Divine Office – Vol 1. Week 1

Weekday readings: 1st Week of the Year (2)

Please remember the sick of the parish in your prayers.

We remember all the faithful departed in our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.



Way of Salvation

The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist was an embarrassment to the early church. John, after all, was the precursor to Jesus: why should Jesus be baptized by him.

And Jesus was sinless: how could he be “washed” of any sinfulness? Only Mark presents the event in a simple and straightforward way. Matthew and Luke soften its impact in their versions, and John leaves it out completely.

The scholarly consensus is that the baptism actually took place and was preserved by the early church in spite of its misgivings.

One way to understand the baptism of the Lord would be to see it as a link between the exodus passage through water to the promised land and the sacramental passage through the water of baptism to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Jesus acted out the same passage through water that has been undertaken by others since the beginning of salvation history.

The world must be washed of all that makes it unclean: alienation from God and from each other; attacks against life and against the author of life; the oppression of God’s children and the destruction of God’s creation.

The world must pass through the same waters of salvation that Jews and Christians have passed through.

The Church, now sojourning on earth as an exile, is necessary for salvation. For Christ, made present to us in his Body, which is the Church, is the one Mediator and the unique Way of salvation.

In explicit terms he himself affirmed the necessity of faith and baptism and thereby affirmed also the necessity of the Church, for through baptism as through a door men enter the Church.

Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 1965: 4

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Liturgy.slu.edu/BaptLordA011220/reflections_justice.html