

A very warm welcome to all visitors.

Parish News

Bishop's Visit

A warm welcome to Bishop Brian who is visiting the parish this weekend.

Mgr. MacKinnon

Mgr MacKinnon is now moving into his new home and leaving us in Ballachulish.

My many thanks to him for helping us in Ballachulish for the last few months.

Fr Roddy

I am taking advantage of Bishop Brian's visit and going to Pluscarden Abbey for a few days. I will be back on Wednesday afternoon.

In the meantime, you can still contact me on 07775 924 965.

Advent Group

The Taynuilt group, following an Advent prayer and discussion programme, will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

For further details please text Ros on 07913 233 329.

General Election

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have written and circulated a letter concerning the General Election.

The letter touches on such subjects as; human life, Marriage and the Family, Poverty, Freedom of Religion and Conscience, Nuclear Weapons and the Arms Trade.

A copy of the letter is available at the back of the church.

The Visitation, Taynuilt and St Mun's, Ballachulish & The Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven 1st Sunday of Advent (A) 1st December 2019

Mass times for the coming week

Monday	No Mass	Fr Roddy is away
Tuesday	No Mass	Fr Roddy is away
Wednesday	No Mass	Fr Roddy is away
Thursday	10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Taynuilt Craig Lodge
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish
Saturday	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Taynuilt Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ballachulish 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 with proper of season

Weekday readings: for the 1st week of Advent

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.

SO STAY AWAKE



*For in those days before the Flood . . . they
suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all
away.*

Matthew 24:38-39

This Sunday's Readings

A Wake Up Call

The Church seems to have a liturgical strategy in Advent's Sunday readings. Each week, the First Reading is positive, a promise of good, the "carrot." Then the Gospel and the Second Reading seem to whack us with the "stick."

The First Reading this Sunday reminds us of the promise God made to his people: rightness and justice will come to the earth. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day.

What a great promise at such a time as ours. Too good to be true? Just pious thought? Read the first reading now and ask yourself such questions. Spend time with them. Pray to God for help. The Responsorial Psalm will help. It asks God to make known his ways to us, to guide us and to teach us.

The second reading urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are only starting to grasp what it means. Love others and be loved!

Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,
not in orgies and drunkenness,
not in promiscuity and lust,
not in rivalry and jealousy.

It talks as if we were tempted to such things. Yet, why did Paul warn people if there were no reason? Don't you and I need to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" as this reading urges?

[This] is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

The Gospel is the "stick" that tries to help us wake up, especially if the above has not helped. Jesus says,

Two men will be out in the field;
one will be taken, and one will be left.
Two women will be grinding at the mill;
one will be taken, and one will be left.
Therefore, stay awake!

Go ahead and spend time on this. Are you ready for the warning? Let yourself imagine what this planet might be like if no one paid attention except to their own wants. Picture it and don't worry about being exact. Experience it.

Will such a shakeup happen literally? Maybe much worse is to come, judging from our world. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of the crash of an entire world economy, of the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say, "I am afraid of these," then you can go back to the Responsorial Psalm and pray heartily. Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly.

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