

A very warm welcome to all visitors.

## Parish News

Fr Tim Byron

Many thanks to Fr Tim for stepping in to celebrate Mass in Kinlochleven last Saturday.

### World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer 2020 services are being held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, this Friday. There is a service in St. Mun's, Ballachulish at 2.30 p.m. and in The Visitation, Taynuilt, at 7.00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

### Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on new legislation around the ability to legally change gender.

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a four-page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. The briefing can be accessed via the link, below. Please do consider responding to the consultation. Please note the consultation closes on 17th March.

<https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>

### Lenten Talks

There will be a series of Lenten talks in the Chapel House, Taynuilt for the six weeks of Lent. These will be held on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. and will start on March the 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to come along.

### Preparation for Sacraments

The third session of preparation for the sacraments in St Mun's Chapel House on Friday at 4.00 p.m.

### Collection

Taynuilt – we raised £220.32 of which £35.00 was Gift Aided, plus £15.00 from Direct Debits giving a total of £235.32. We also raised £36.04 from the sale of candles and £5.00 from the sale of papers. Ballachulish – we raised £231.00 of which £81.00 was Gift Aided, plus £45.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £276.00. We also raised £73.90 from the sale of candles and £55.00 from the Lotto. Many thanks to you.

### Safeguarding

On the other side of this Newsletter, you will see a message from Bishop Brian, announcing Deanery Masses to give thanks for all the work that our volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, and others involved in Safeguarding in our parishes and Diocese.

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

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)

### Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
Tuesday	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Taynuilt – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Craig Lodge
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
Thursday	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Taynuilt – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Craig Lodge
Friday	10.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Ballachulish – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Ballachulish - World Day of Prayer
Saturday	7.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – World Day of Prayer Taynuilt – 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
Sunday	6.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven Ballachulish – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent 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 2. Week 1 with proper of the season

Weekday readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

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.



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## Bread and Stones

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus is hungry and Satan tempts him. “Turn these stones into bread,” he says to Jesus, who rebuffs the temptation by saying to Satan, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God.”

Imagine a host asking one of his guests, “Would you like some ham?” How perplexed the host would be if his guest answered, “Man does not live by ham alone”! The question was not whether the guest would like to eat ham and nothing but ham. It was just whether he would like some ham now. Why not say, “Sure! Thanks!”?

So why doesn't Jesus do the miracle? And why does he reject Satan's urging by pointing out that man does not live by bread alone? *Of course*, we don't live just on bread! But bread is one of the things by which human beings live. In another place Jesus himself explains that no good father will give his son a stone if his son asks for bread. Here is Jesus hungry and having only stones. Why shouldn't he have bread instead?

When a guest says to the host who is offering him ham, “Man does not live by ham alone,” it is possible that he is using these words to communicate to his host the thought, completely perplexing in the circumstances, that human beings live on other stuff besides ham.

But, of course, there is another possibility. The guest might also be telling his host, graciously, that he is full. There are other things to eat besides ham, and a person who has no ham can still fail to be hungry because he has eaten an abundance of those other things.

And that is what Jesus is telling Satan, isn't it? Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. “No thanks,” Jesus is telling Satan, “I'm full. The word that proceeds from the mouth of God fills me!”

This is the message to Satan, and also to us.

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives to every person who will receive him what she needs to live, even if she has no bread. And, then, for good measure, in the Eucharist Jesus gives bread, too. He, the rock and living cornerstone, gives himself to his own people as the bread of life.

Eleonore Stump

[https://liturgy.slu.edu/1Lent0320120/relections\\_stump.html](https://liturgy.slu.edu/1Lent0320120/relections_stump.html)

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### ST ANDREW'S DEANERY MASS FOR SAFEGUARDERS

Protecting the vulnerable is a core Gospel value. The Catholic Church understands that safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a core principle of the Christian life. Furthermore, a transparent and stringent safeguarding policy within our Diocese allows her to minister and evangelise more effectively.

Bishop Brian appreciates the work of parish volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, Trainers, Clergy, members of DSAG (Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group), DRAMT (Diocesan Risk Assessment Management Team) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Secretary. He invites everyone involved in any level of Safeguarding to join him for the Deanery Mass in St Mun's, Dunoon on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to reflect on your ministry and to pray for God's blessing. There will be hospitality afterwards. Everyone, including those not formerly involved in Safeguarding, are most welcome.

### ST MARGARET'S DEANERY MASS FOR SAFEGUARDERS

Bishop Brian invites everyone involved in any level of Safeguarding to join him for the Deanery Mass in St John's, Caol on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to reflect on your ministry and to ask for God's blessing. There will be hospitality afterwards. Everyone, including those not formerly involved in Safeguarding, are most welcome.

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