



A very warm welcome to all visitors.

### Parish News

#### November Raffle and Coffee Morning

Last week's Raffle and Coffee Morning raised the extraordinary sum of £1386.90. Completely off the scale – my congratulations and thanks to all who helped and to all who donated.

#### Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting are now available at the back of the church.

#### Education Sunday

This Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith.

#### 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.

#### Bishop's Visit

Bishop Brian will be visiting the parish next weekend. He will celebrate the weekend Masses and while he is here, I am taking advantage of the cover and going to Pluscarden Abbey for a few days.

#### Collection

Last week's collection raised £162.50, + £92.20 gift aid, plus £55.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £309.70. We also raised £124.33 from the sale of votive candles and £116.40 from the Rag Bag collection.

Plus, again, wait for it - £1,386.90 from the Raffle/Coffee Morning.

Many thanks to you.

## St Mun's, Ballachulish & The Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (C) 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	In the 34 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	In the 34 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
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Friday	10.00 a.m.	In the 34 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	St Andrew - Solemnity
	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Confession** – 9.30 – 9.50 a.m. on Saturdays and at any other time on request.

**Divine Office** – Vol 3. Week 2

**Weekday readings:** for the 34<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year (I)

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.

### THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS



How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.  
Rev. 5:12; 1:6

## This Sunday's Readings

### Christ the King

In the Gospel Reading, Christ is crucified. The rulers who caused this crucifixion feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: he saved others; himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: hey, Christ, save yourself and us!

Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross.

What the *other* thief says is astonishing. He rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. "Have you no fear of God?" he says.

If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn't you? You wouldn't be making any mocking jokes right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad mocking thief. Only it isn't a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It's the awesome power of the living God.

But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is! What's to fear about the God who lets his King be killed this way?

The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering; and broken humanity is like the flotsam and jetsam everywhere on the ocean of history. What's to fear about God? Where is he?

On the cross—that is the answer.

God is love and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ's painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross.

Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretense at insouciance.

But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, "This day you will be with me in paradise." Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ.

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*[Liturgy.slu.edu/ChristKingOrdC112419/reflections\\_stump.html](http://Liturgy.slu.edu/ChristKingOrdC112419/reflections_stump.html)*