

## Parish News

### Keeping Connected

It is heartening to hear of how many of you have re-connected with friends and relations from the past, who you may not have been in touch with for some time. Skype, Facetime, Zoom, (other conferencing platforms are available), have come into their own in these times when we all miss the close association with others that was the norm.

I do miss the daily meeting with parishioners, I'm sure that all of you will be feeling the same. So, it is good to learn that while we are praying for others across the world, there are those around the globe that pray for and remember us.

"I loved the people [of Glencoe] and would not have survived two years without their constant help, love and care . . .

. . . Please tell the parishioners of Glencoe how I still feel indebted to them. Please tell them that I pray for them. I live far from them, but Scotland is still in my heart and on Feast days like St Margaret of Scotland, St Andrew, I remember Glencoe in a special way."

These are a few words from a letter I received just today, a letter from Fr Francis Ferriggi, who is now a hospital chaplain Sydney, Australia.

I can remember Fr Francis well, and his time here in Argyll & the Isles. I had written to him just before Easter and he asked me to let you know some of what was said in his reply.

There was also a bit about how he hated the weather here – I can't help but think that he'd have loved what we have enjoyed for the last wee while.

### Spiritual Communion

#### *Prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

### Covid 19

During these dark and difficult days please remember that I offer Mass for you each and every day.

### Collection

Taynuilt – we raised £25.00 from Direct Debits

Ballachulish – we raised £10.00 from Direct Debits

Many thanks to you.

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

26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)

No Public Masses this week

Monday	In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter
Tuesday	In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter
Wednesday	St Catherine of Siena - Feast
Thursday	In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter
Friday	St Joseph the Worker - Feast
Saturday	St Athanasius - Memorial
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Confession

Is available at the Chapel House on request

**Divine Office** – Vol 2. Week 3 with proper of season

**Weekday readings:** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

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.



# Alleluia

## THE ENCOUNTER

The two disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They had been caught up in the experience of following Jesus, and they were devastated by his crucifixion.

Moreover, they were undoubtedly frightened by the prospect of what might happen to them as followers of the executed master.

On their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they have an unusual encounter.

The man they find themselves walking with seems to understand much about the scriptures, but they aren't able to make the connection between what he says and who he is.

It is only in welcoming him into their house and sharing a meal with him that they realize who it is they are facing: it is Jesus, the risen Lord. So moved are they by the encounter that they turn around and head back to Jerusalem, to join up with the other disciples but also to face risk and uncertainty.

They may very well have headed straight into martyrdom.

The Easter event can also turn around our lives. It can cause us to "rise and come forth into the light of day," but we must be prepared for the risk and uncertainty such a conversion would entail.

For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the good news into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new. .

The purpose of evangelization is (an) interior change, and if it has to be expressed in one sentence the best way to stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieu which are theirs.

Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975: 18.

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