

A very warm welcome to all visitors.

## Parish News

### EU Citizens

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced leaflets that give information about the EU Settlement Scheme. This leaflet might be useful to EU citizens now that the UK is no longer a part of the EU.

These are available at the back of the church.

### Children's Liturgy – St Mun's

The Children's Liturgy in St Mun's could do with another volunteer. If you could help then please do let Laura, or Fr Roddy know.

### School Retreat

As you will see from the schedule of Mass times for the coming week, I will be chaplain to a High School Retreat – Our Daily Bread – from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday.

My apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause. You can still contact me on my mobile 07775 924 965.

### Ballachulish Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council of Ballachulish/Kinlochleven met on Monday. My thanks to all who came along. The Minutes of the meeting can be seen at the back of the church.

The view that we should have some new members of the Parish Council was expressed – So, if you would like to join (it's only 4 meetings a year) then please do let me know.

### School Assembly

There will be a school assembly at Duror Primary School on Thursday at 1.20 p.m.

### Collection

Ballachulish – we raised £242.72, of which £125.00 was Gift Aid, plus £55.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £397.72. We also raised £380.52 from the Quarterly Collection.

Many thanks to you.

*“This is where the true journey of conversion begins. Just as occurred to the first disciples: the encounter with the divine Teacher, with his gaze, with His Word spurred them to follow him, to change their lives by placing themselves at the service of the kingdom of God.”*

*Pope Francis*

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

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 – Presentation of the Lord (A)

### Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – St Blaise - Memorial
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Then School Retreat
Wednesday	School Retreat	
Thursday		
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	12.30 p.m.	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 4

### Weekday readings: 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

## Presenting Jesus

They bring Jesus to the temple to be “presented to the Lord,” for he is “the Anointed of the Lord.” One way of responding to this event is to reflect on our own ‘presentation of the Lord.’

How do we present Jesus Christ to others? Is the Jesus we present to others a convenient cover for a life of personal misbehaviour and social indifference, or is he “the king of glory” whose person and teachings should govern us individually and collectively? Do we present Jesus to others on such a pedestal that people can dismiss his example as unreasonable expectation, or is he “like his brothers in every way,” one of us, a brother human whose love of justice and peace can and should be imitated? Is the Jesus we present to others an indictment of them, or is he God’s “saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see,” the Messiah who rescues us from our personal and social sinfulness?

Is the Jesus we present to others a support for our dealings with death, our wars, abortions, and death penalties, or is he “a lamb without blemish (offered) for the life of the world”? Is the Jesus we present others a special ‘god’ for the privileged, or is he “the light of all peoples,” including people who are weak and outcast?

God’s Word, through whom all things were made, was himself made flesh and dwelt on man’s earth. Thus he entered the world’s history as a perfect man, taking that history up into himself and summarizing it. He himself revealed to us that ‘God is love’ (I John 4:8) and at the same time taught us that the new command of love was the basic law of human perfection and hence of the world’s transformation. To those, therefore, who believe in divine love, he gives assurance that the way of love lies open to men and that the effort to establish a universal brotherhood is not a hopeless one.

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*,  
1965: 38

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[https://liturgy.slu.edu/Presentation020/relections\\_justice.html](https://liturgy.slu.edu/Presentation020/relections_justice.html)