



A very warm welcome to all visitors.

Parish News

Gift Aid

I would like to thank all those who are able to donate within the Gift Aid scheme. This helps the parish finances greatly.

Envelope packs for the coming year are now available at the back of the church.

November Raffle – 16th November

There are still raffle tickets at the back of the church and we require MANY items to fill both hampers such as wines/buns/biscuits/sweets etc and anything relevant, plus other items that can be used for prizes - please inform family and friends of the need for donations and PLEASE do not leave it to the same, few others, to furnish the hampers and prizes. Everything is welcome.

Time is short, so please hand in your donations to Marie or to Fr. Roddy.

Thanks, in anticipation of your generosity.

Parish Website

Our parish website has been relaunched – many thanks to Chris for all his work and expertise. You can find the website at www.catholicchurchglencoe.org.uk

November Lists

Traditionally, during November, the Church remembers those who have died. There are November Lists at the back of the church for those of you who would like to use them.

School Assembly

I will be at Duror Primary School for an Assembly on Thursday at 1.20 p.m.

Collection

Last week's collection raised £255.00, of which £125.70 was gift aid, plus £160.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £415.00. The Quarterly Collection raised another £45.00. We also raised £76.82 from the sale of votive candles.

Many thanks to you.

St Mun's, Ballachulish
& The Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven
31st Sunday of the Year (C)
3rd November 2019

Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	St Charles Borromeo - Memorial
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	In the 31 st Week of the Year
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Friday	10.00 a.m.	Bl. John Duns Scotus - Memorial
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
	6.00 p.m.	Vigil of the 32 nd Sunday – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	32 nd Sunday of the Year

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

Divine Office – Vol 3. Week 3

Weekday readings: for the 31st 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.

TODAY SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE



'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.'

Luke 19:5

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This Sunday's Gospel. Luke 19:1-10

UNVEILING THE TRUTH

The story of Zacchaeus is rich in possible interpretations.

The most popular interpretation is to view the story in terms of conversion. Here is a rich man who has not cared for the victims of poverty and injustice until his encounter with Jesus. His conversion makes a strong statement about the affluent caring for the needs of the poor.

It has also been suggested that what changed in Zacchaeus was his concern for those whom he had defrauded. He had always been generous with the poor, but now he cared about all the oppressed. In other words, his growth was from charity to justice.

Recent biblical scholarship has tended to view the story more in terms of the vindication of a person whom society considered a sinner. Everyone thought Zacchaeus was a terrible person because he collaborated, as a tax collector, with the hated occupiers. Jesus unveiled the truth about the man, who in reality was concerned for the welfare of others. The judgmental world was once again proven wrong.

Take your pick! The interpretation of your choice has enormous implications for the pursuit of a better world.

It is the duty of the whole People of God ... to alleviate as far as they are able the sufferings of the modern age. They should do this ... out of the substance of their goods, and not only out of what is superfluous.

Vatican II, Constitution of the Church on the Modern World, 1965: 88

Gerald Darring

Liturgy.slu.edu/31OrdC110319/reflections_justice.html