

Parish News

Ordination

After completing 4 years of study and formation, Dr Tony Livesey will be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Monday the 17th August in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption, in Portree. This will be a joyful occasion for the church in Argyll & the Isles.

Please remember Tony in your prayers.

Tracing

Please ensure that your name and contact details are given and recorded when you attend Mass. This allows for 'Test-and-Tracing' should there be any outbreak of the virus. All the measures that have already been put in place are designed to minimise the risk of an outbreak, but this does not mean that we can ignore the possibility of there being one.

Minimising the Risk

I encourage you to look at the advice given by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland on: -

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

If you can pass on information to parishioners who don't have access to this newsletter, then please do so.

Website for Taynuilt

We now have a website for Taynuilt and you can find it at <https://thevisitation.org.uk>. The more 'hits' on the website, the higher up the search engine's list our website will go – so, get 'hitting.'

Times for Opening the Church

St. Mun's will be opened each day from 5.00 p.m. for private prayer.

The Visitation will be opened each day from 5.00 p.m. for private prayer.

Collection

Taynuilt – we raised £450.00 from Standing Orders. Ballachulish raised £21.50 and Kinlochleven raised £102.00, plus £200.00 from Standing Orders giving a total of £323.50.

Many thanks to you.

The pandemic has hit our parish finances very badly and if you are able to help by making a Standing Order either weekly, or monthly, it would be very much appreciated. We bank with the Coop Bank, Sort Code – 83 91 25 account number 65627583 (Glencoe) and 65628113 (Taynuilt).

If you have offerings envelopes ready to be donated, please do phone me and I will happily call round and collect them.

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

9th August 2020 – 19th Sunday of the Year (A)

Mass times for the coming week

Monday		St Lawrence - Feast
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – St Clare – Memorial
Wednesday		St Blaas - Memorial
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 19 th Week of the Year
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – St Maximilian Kolbe - Memorial
Saturday		19 th Week of the Year
	6.00 p.m.	Kinlochleven – Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity
	12.30 p.m.	Taynuilt
	1.30 p.m.	Taynuilt

Confession

Taynuilt – at any time on request

Ballachulish – at any time on request.

Divine Office – Vol 3. Week 3

Weekday readings: 19th Week of the Year

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.



“But when [Peter] saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Mtt. 14:30

WALKING ON WATER

In the Second Reading, Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God's promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God's people.

It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now.

Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord.

But, for Christians now as for God's people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfilment of these promises in one's own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day?

So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one's life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory?

What are God's people to do in this condition and its sorrow?

The Gospel gives us a picture for an answer: as long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

No matter how sorrowful a person's failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn't it? As long as one doesn't look down, as long as one keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing in order to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Him.

Eleonore Stump

<https://liturgy.slu.edu/19Orda080920/reflections.stump.html>

Information from the Bishops of Scotland

Health protocol for distribution of Holy Communion - 09 July 2020

Clergy distributing Holy Communion should:

- sanitise their hands immediately prior to distributing Holy Communion
- wear a face covering while distributing Holy Communion
- direct congregants to receive Holy Communion in their hand by stretching out their arms with one hand on top of the other, then taking steps to the side to place the host on the tongue.

Churches can re-open for Mass from 15th July 2020

On 9th July 2020, the Scottish Government announced that Churches MAY re-open to worshippers for services with effect from 15th July 2020. Before a church can re-open, it must observe the following requirements:

- social distancing must be observed
- face-coverings must be worn by those attending (except under-5s)
- a maximum attendance of 50 people at Mass is being required for now - to be reviewed on 30th July
- for each service, the parish must retain details of names and contact details of all attendees. (cf [advice on using Eventbrite booking system](#))

More details of Scottish Government requirements will follow.

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