

A very warm welcome to all visitors.

Parish News

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

February 11th, Tuesday of this week, is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Please remember all who are sick and those who care for them in your prayers.

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.

SCIAF Boxes

It's only another two and a half weeks to go before Ash Wednesday. The SCIAF Boxes are already available at the back of the church.

Preparation for Sacraments

For anyone who has children who wish to prepare for the sacraments, there will be a meeting in St Mun's Chapel House on Friday at 4.00 p.m.

Ballachulish Parish Council Meeting

We are looking for some new members for the Parish Council – 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 Glencoe Primary School on Wednesday at 1.30 p.m.

Collection

Taynuilt – we raised £430.31 including £97.00 from Gift Aid, plus £595.00 from Direct Debits giving a total of £1,025.31, plus £8.00 for the building fund. Ballachulish – we raised £293.50, of which £148.10 was Gift Aid, plus £247.00 from Direct Debits, giving a total of £540.50.

Many thanks to you.

"[Our discernment] involves striving untrammelled for all that is great, better and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little things, for each day's responsibilities and commitments."

Pope Francis - Gaudete et Exultate (167)

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

9th February 2020 – 5th Sunday of the Year (A)

Mass times for the coming week

Monday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – St Scholastica - Memorial
Tuesday	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Taynuilt – 5 th Week of the Year Craig Lodge
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Ballachulish – 5 th Week of the Year
Thursday	1.30 p.m.	Glencoe Primary School
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Taynuilt – 5 th Week of the Year Ballachulish – St Cyril & St Methodius - Feast
Saturday	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Taynuilt – 5 th Week of the Year Vigil Mass – Kinlochleven
Sunday	10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ballachulish – 6 th Sunday of the Year 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 1

Weekday readings: 5th 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.



Light for the World

In today's Gospel Matthew applies to Jesus the prophetic oracle of Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." In like manner, the psalmist's assertion that the Lord is my light is echoed in Jesus' words: "I am the light of the world; the man who follows me will have the light of life."

Christianity is about light. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so his church is to be light in a world of darkness. Light enables the beauty of things to be seen, and we are called to make the beauty of the world shine. But we are not to call attention to ourselves: if you are aware of the light in a room, it is too bright. Our vocation is for others, not ourselves.

Surrounded by discrimination, oppression and war, Christians are challenged to "be united in mind and judgment," and they are directed by God's love to "bring humankind to unity and peace." The light we bring to the world should lead in time to an end of all the world's darkness: the alienation and oppression of peoples, the attacks on human life and dignity, and disrespect for God's creation.

"A people living in darkness has seen a great light."

The Church ... serves as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society as it is to be renewed in Christ and transformed into God's family. ... the Church not only communicates divine life to men, but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth.

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*,
1965: 40

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https://liturgy.slu.edu/5Ord0209020/relections_justice.html