

Parish News

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The first Easter Sunday as described by John is animated and quick-moving. Everyone seems to be in haste on the morning of this day which the Lord has made.

First comes Mary Magdalene, still weeping and confused. She has yet to learn how to live now that the Lord is absent, without seeking another love. She finds the tomb open and empty, and immediately fears that the body has been removed. Jesus has been the victim of hatred – was he to be pursued even in the tomb? She runs to tell the friends of the One.

John delights in being always ahead of Simon Peter, where the impulse of the heart provides the soul with eyes. John arrives ahead of the chief of the Apostles – but he halts there, panting and confused before the empty tomb.

Peter, not understanding, ponders to himself what the beloved disciple has already understood. With the insight of a faith which has only to add compelling proofs, John becomes aware that the body could not have been taken away. In these abandoned and folded grave cloths he reads the testimony of definitive resurrection. Life now rules where death once reigned! He now sees as only love can; he believes and journeys towards the fulness of meaning which is Jesus, living now for evermore.

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 £100.00 from Direct Debits

Ballachulish – we raised £25.00 from Direct Debits

Many thanks to you.

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

12th April 2020 – Easter Sunday (A)

No Public Masses this week

Monday	Within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday	Within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday	Within the Octave of Easter
Thursday	Within the Octave of Easter
Friday	Within the Octave of Easter
Saturday	Within the Octave of Easter
Sunday	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Confession

Is available at the Chapel House on request

Divine Office – Vol 2. As there indicated

Weekday readings: for the Easter Octave

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.



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Easter Joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!”*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only “the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!”

When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear the Lord say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth” (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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https://liturgy.slu.edu/Triduum2020A/relections_stump.html