

## Glencoe & Mingarry Parishes – Newsletter

(St Mun's, Brecklet, Ballachulish, The Good Shepherd, Riverside Rd Kinlochleven,  
Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry & St Agnes Glenuig)

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### Mass times for the week

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinlochleven	NO Mass	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Ballachulish	10.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A – Margaret Mac Donald, RIP (Nelly)
	Mingarry Glenuig	1.00pm 3.00pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A – 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A – Holy Souls
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Mingarry	10.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Ballachulish	10.00am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - M
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Kinlochleven	10.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Ballachulish	10.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year – St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions - M
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Ballachulish	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	Christ the Universal King – Angus Cameron RIP, Catherine Mackeiuig, RIP, Violet Frew, RIP (Catriona/Ann Marie)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Ballachulish	10.00am	Christ the Universal King Yr A
	Mingarry	1.00pm	Christ the Universal King Yr A
	Glenuig	3.00pm	Christ the Universal King Yr A
<b>Confession Before Mass or at any time on request</b>		Divine Office – Vol 3, week 1 Weekday readings: 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	

### Parish News

**Welcome** - A very warm welcome to both regular and first-time visitors to our parish. We are glad you chose to visit our beautiful communities. We are equally happy to help you give thanks in our Churches to the God whose creation you have come to enjoy. Welcome also to our beloved parishioners and thank you all.

**Parish Meeting re: LED BY THE Spirit Phase 2 – Consultation on our Diocesan Resources** – Parish meeting to reflect on the diocesan resources is proposed for **Glencoe** this Sunday November 19. This will take the same format as the Phase 1 meeting: One Mass – 10.00am - for both Kinlochleven and Ballachulish at Ballachulish, followed by a refreshments and meeting at the Chapel House.

**There will be no 6pm Mass at Kinlochleven on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>.** We hope as many as possible will turn up for the meeting. By visiting [ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk](http://ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk) or through the diocesan website [rcdai.org.uk](http://rcdai.org.uk) you can learn much about our diocesan resources in preparation for the discussions.

Date for Phase 2 Led by the Spirit for Mingarry will be advised in due course. Mass times for Mingarry/Glenuig for Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> will not change. Grateful to Fr Walter who will be covering the 1pm and 3pm Masses.

**Sick & Housebound** – Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayer all the sick and housebound.

**The Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust (SCHCT)** is working with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) to create a new museum of Scottish Catholic History. To do this the SCHCT is reviewing and updating its vision along with developing plans for a new museum. We would like to hear from you to help shape our future. Please help us by spending a few minutes answering this short survey. The survey can be found at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6D7EuB8EvU>

You can also use the QR code provided



**Synod on Synodality:** We welcome Bishop Brian back from the synod, completed at the end of October. Please find Bishop's Brian's synthesis report through this link: For any comment, please email: [bishop@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:bishop@rcdai.org.uk). You can also read the synthesis report from: [synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html](http://synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html)

**Action Required - Response to Scottish Government Consultation on Relationships Sexual Health and Parenting Guidance** – The Bishops' Conference has recently made the following statement: **“The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is both disappointed and confused at the decision by the Scottish Government to delete all reference to Catholic schools in its: Guidance on the Delivery of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHPE) Education in Scottish Schools” document. We strongly request the re-**

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**insertion of the paragraphs relating to Denominational Education from the previous iteration of the guidance, which would reflect both the legal protection for schools with a Religious Character, and the previously supportive position of Scottish Government for Catholic schools.”**

It is vitally important that the Catholic Education Community has a strong and united voice in responding to this consultation, requesting the same action as the Bishops, so as to ensure that our sector is represented and our views heard.

A voluminous response to this consultation by the Catholic Education community is necessary before the closing date of the **23<sup>rd</sup> November** and we are asking for your help in achieving this. You can read the revised document here: [Delivery of relationships, sexual health and parenthood education in Scottish schools: draft guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2023/11/Delivery_of_relationships_sexual_health_and_parenthood_education_in_Scottish_schools_draft_guidance_-_gov.scot.pdf)

**Renewal of Gift Aid/Standing Order Mandate** Donors are required by law to renew their gift aid mandates regularly. Gift aid mandate forms are available for existing users and potential new users to sign up. Thank you.

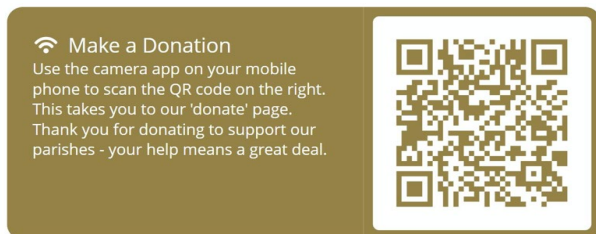
**Offertory Collection** figures now published monthly.

Thanks for your generous financial support to the parish and for other good causes, especially The Missionary Society of St Paul. Your generous support raised **£461.00** from Kinlochleven & Ballachulish and **£187.55** from Glenuig and Mingarry for MSP. Mission Sunday Collection was **£106.00** for Glencoe and **£126.00** for Mingarry parishes respectively.

**Second collection next Weekend:** – Scottish Catholic Education Services (SCES) for next weekend 25th/26th November.

Support the Glencoe Catholic Mission: Donate to St Mun's, Ballachulish & the Good Shepherd, Kinlochleven

Support the Moydart Catholic Mission: Donate to the Churches of Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry & St Agnes, Glenuig



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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Meditation Gospel text (Mt 25:14-30): “Come and join in your master's happiness”**

Today, Jesus tells us another parable of judgment. We are approaching the Advent season, and therefore, the end of the liturgical year is near.

By giving us life, God has also provided us with the possibility - smaller or greater - for personal, ethical, and religious development. It doesn't matter if one has much or little; what matters is that what we have received has to yield some profit. The man in our parable, who hides his talent for fear of the master, has not known how to take risks: “But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's Money” (Mt 25:18). Maybe the core of the parable is this: we must conceive a God that motivates us to go beyond ourselves, who encourages us to live freely for the Kingdom of God.

The word 'talent' in this parable - which is nothing more than a weight denoting about 30 Kg of silver - has become so influential that it is even used in popular language to denote a person's qualities. But the parable does not exclude that the talents God has given us are not only our possibilities but also our limitations. What we are and what we have, that is the material with which God wants to make a new reality of us.

The phrase “For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away” (Mt 25:29), is not, naturally, a maxim to encourage consumption, but can only be understood in terms of love and generosity. Indeed, if we respond to God's gifts by trusting in His help, then we will experience that it is actually Him who is paying the interest on the investment: “In the stories of so many simple, kindly folk whom faith has made good, we see after all that faith has a very positive effect... And, conversely, we must note that, with the dimming of the light of faith, society has become harder...” (Benedict XVI).

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**Thoughts on Today's Gospel**

“Brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do” (Saint Gregory the Great)

“Let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful” (Francis)

“The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom... they contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were "put in charge of many things." Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2,683)