

## Glencoe & Mingarry Parishes – Newsletter

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

**10 – 11 February: Sixth Sunday of the Year (B) – World Day of the Sick**

### Mass times for the week

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B
	Mingarry	1.00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B
	Glenuig	3.00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Glenuig	10.00am	6 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	6 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year – Marion Sweeney, RIP (Danny)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	Ash Wednesday – Fasting & Abstinence
	Mingarry	11.00am	Ash Wednesday – Fasting & Abstinence
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Kinlochleven	10.00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	Friday after Ash Wednesday – Day of Prayer for Those Who have Suffered Abuse
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Kinlochleven	6.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B – Marion Sweeney, RIP
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballachulish	10.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B
	Mingarry	1.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B
	Glenuig	3.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B
<b>Confession Before Mass or at any time on request</b>			Divine Office – Vol 1, Week 2 up to Tuesday; Proper of Lent From Wednesday. Weekday readings up to Tuesday: Week 6 of Ordinary Time From Wednesday, Proper of Lent

### 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.

**Ash Wednesday – The Holy Season of Lent** begins Wednesday 14 February with Ash Wednesday. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. **Revised schedule** of Masses and distribution of Ashes are as follows:

Ballachulish: 10.00am

Mingarry: 11.00am

Collection will be taken at Ash Wednesday Masses and Stations of the Cross for charity.

**Old Palms** – Box available at the back of the Church for old palms.

**Welcome to Bishop Brian** who has kindly offered to help with one of the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross:** The following is proposed for our communal stations of the Cross during Lent.

- Kinlochleven: Thursday after Mass (10.30am)
- Ballachulish: Friday after Mass (10.30am)
- Glenuig: Sunday before Mass (2.30pm)
- Mingarry: Sunday before Mass (12.30pm)

**Lenten initiatives?** - Proposals welcomed. Please discuss with Fr Joe.

**Day of Prayer for those who have Suffered Abuse on Friday Feb 16, 10.00am at St Mun's** - The Bishops of Scotland have established a Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse to be marked each year on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. Please join us for Mass and special intercessions for those who have suffered abuse this Friday.

**SCIAF WEE BOX Lenten Appeal** – Once again, SCIAF, the official Scottish Catholic Church relief and development agency wishes, through the Wee box Lenten Appeal, to reach out to our sisters and brothers in some of the world's poorest places. Despite our own difficulties, we have always reached out in solidarity with those who are deprived. This year's appeal will go towards helping the people of Rwanda's ongoing recovery from the genocide that ripped their country apart. Please pick a wee box pack at the back of the Church. Thanking for your continued support.

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**St Patrick's Day** – This year falls on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It's being proposed we have tea & coffee after each Mass that weekend. Kindly help with pastries.

**Fr. Martin Chambers new Bishop elect of Dunkeld** - Our prayers and best wishes for Fr. Martin who has been appointed Bishop elect of Dunkeld diocese. Every blessing for his ministry and to the people of God in Dunkeld diocese.

**Sick & Housebound** – Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayer all the sick and housebound. Please ring the Chapel House for any sick call.

**Next Special Collection – Diocesan Pastoral Fund weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February**

*The annual Second Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Collection will take place over the weekend of 17th/18th February. This Fund supports various pastoral initiatives throughout the diocese including safeguarding and developing youth ministry. We are grateful for your financial support towards these and other initiatives. Last year the Second Collection raised £4,723 which was an increase of 162% over the previous year collection of £1,801. Thank you. Bishop Brian.*



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Agnes, Glenuig



Thanks for your generous financial support to the parish.

Offertory update for December 2023 & January 2024 will be given next weekend.

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**11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Meditation Gospel text (Mark 1:40-45) The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured**

Today, the Gospel invites us to contemplate the faith of this leper. We know that, in the times of Jesus, lepers were socially marginalized and considered impure. The healing of the leper foretells the salvation that Jesus proposes to everyone, and calls us to open our hearts so that He can transform them.

The sequence of events is clear. First, the leper asks for healing and professes his faith: "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Mk 1:40). Secondly, Jesus - who literally surrenders to our faith - heals him ("I do will it. Be made clean"). Third, Jesus instructs the leper to submit to the prescriptions of the law, while also asking for silence. However, finally, the leper feels compelled to tell others what happened, and therefore "began to publicize the whole matter" (Mk 1:45). The man disobeys Jesus's last instruction, but his encounter with the Saviour provokes a feeling that cannot be silenced.

Our lives are similar to the leper's life. Sometimes, due to sin, we find ourselves separated from God and the community. But this Gospel passage encourages us by offering a model: to profess our complete faith in Jesus, to completely open our hearts to him, and, once cleansed by the Spirit, to proclaim everywhere that we have met the Lord. This is the effect of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of joy.

As Saint Anselm rightly says: "The soul must forget itself and remain wholly in Jesus Christ, who died to make us die to sin, and has risen to make us rise for the works of righteousness." Jesus wants us to walk the path with Him, He wants to clean us. How do we respond? We must go to meet Him with the humility of the leper and let Him help us reject sin, and to live in His Righteousness.

*Fr. Ferran JARABO i Carbonell (Agullana, Girona, Spain)*

**Thoughts on Today's Gospel**

"The love of Christ stimulates and urges us to run and to fly with the wings of holy zeal. And, if one does not have zeal, it is a sure sign that in his heart the flame of love and charity is extinguished." (Saint Anthony Mary Claret)

"In his Passion Jesus will become as a leper, made impure by our sins, to obtain for us forgiveness and salvation." (Benedict XVI)

"Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night. He includes all men in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself (...)" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, N<sup>o</sup> 2602)