



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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## Mass Times:

### Sunday

#### Portree

Sunday 10 am

#### Dornie

Sunday 12:45pm

#### Broadford:

Sunday 3pm

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is, as ever, a day of fasting and abstinence. If you are over 60 you are not obliged to fast.

As we begin this holy season, I found this reflection: *"The ancient disciplines of prayer, fasting and abstinence are gifts of Lent. They prepare our hearts for repentance and conversion. We can't experience conversion, repent of our sin or change ourselves; we need God's grace.*

*What are you giving up for Lent? What are you taking up for Lent? The Holy Spirit gives us the grace to be creative and imaginative but also obedient and disciplined. Make time to pray. Fast on a Friday. Visit the sick. Give generously. Read the Passion (Matthew 26-27). Study the Word of God. Go to Confession".*

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**Monday,**

10:30am Portree

**Tuesday,**

12:10pm Broadford

Friday is the Women's World Day of Prayer, and there will be an ecumenical prayer service in St. Columba's Episcopal church at 11am. This year the material has been prepared by the women of the Philippines, and its theme is "Am I being unfair to you?" from the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, and tackles the issue of global inequality.

**Wednesday,**

1pm Portree

6pm Dornie

7:30pm Broadford

Thank you for looking after Fr. Javier last weekend. I gather he enjoyed his visit, and would be happy to come again some time.

Next Sunday, Alistair Dutton, the Director of SCIAF, is coming to give a Lent talk at all the Masses. He met some of you last year when he was cycling the length of the diocese for SCIAF.

**Thursday,**

6pm Kishorn

**Friday,**

1pm Portree

The SCIAF Wee Boxes are available in the back of the Church, as well as copies of My Day by Day, with Scripture readings for Lent.

Fr. Michael Hutson has asked me to host our newest recruit, Philip Bua, for three weeks in March. He will arrive here on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and will be here until 5<sup>th</sup> April. Philip is enquiring about the Diocesan Priesthood. He is from Nigeria, and is spending a year in the diocese before going to seminary. I am sure you will make him very welcome and help him to familiarise himself with our customs.

### Confession:

**Before or after Mass  
and any time on  
request**

To our visitors: you are very welcome to stay for tea/coffee after Mass. If you are a UK taxpayer, please take one of the white Gift Aid envelopes from the porch and fill it in. There are also cards and gifts for sale. Thank you very much.

### Music for Mass

Entrance	65	Christ be beside me
Offertory	468	Take our bread
Communion	455	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	102	Daily, daily, sing to Mary

"The sign of the Cross on our foreheads is fitting because it is a signpost pointing to the love of God revealed in the Cross of Christ"