

REFLECTION

Telling the Story of Jesus

The Church is called to announce the Good News of Jesus to all people and all nations. Besides the many works of mercy by which the Church must make Jesus' love visible, it must also joyfully announce the great mystery of God's salvation through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Jesus is to be proclaimed and celebrated. Some will hear and rejoice, some will remain indifferent, some will become hostile. The story of Jesus will not always be accepted, but it must be told.

We who know the story and try to live it out, have the joyful task of telling it to others. When our words rise from hearts full of love and gratitude, they will bear fruit, whether we can see this or not.

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A
26th March 2017

SUNDAY MASSES

PORTREE
Sunday 10 am

MONDAY,
6:30pm Portree

DORNIE
Sunday 12:45pm

TUESDAY,
No Mass

BROADFORD:
Sunday 3pm

WEDNESDAY,
1pm House Mass
@ Tony & Pola

CONFESSION
Before or after Mass
and any time on request

THURSDAY,
6pm Kishorn

FRIDAY,
12:10pm Broadford

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be Stations of the Cross at 5pm in Portree on the Sundays of Lent.

We are going to have a parish social evening tomorrow, in honour of Philip's visit. We can all bring some food and he will show us a video of the work he has been doing in Kenya. He is going to prepare a Nigerian stew for us all to try. We will begin the evening with Mass at 6:30pm.

Thank you all for your generosity in last week's Lenten Collection for SCIAF. We collected £394.88 from Portree alone (Broadford yet to be counted). If you were away last weekend you can put yours in this week.

Philip and I took a car load of clothing to the Refugees depot in Conon Bridge on Friday. The people who run the depot asked me to thank all those people who donated the clothes, and those who continue to be so generous with their time, sorting it all out. Of course, the refugee crisis is still ongoing, and more donations are still needed. We pray for peace with every item we collect.

The Pastoral Music Weekend (rebranded as LiturgyWorks) will take place in the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge, on 5th - 7th May. Please let me know if you are interested in going, and see the poster in the back of the church for more details.

Fr. Roddy and I will be doing another parish swap on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

This year I have decided to make a change for Easter. The Easter Vigil will be in Broadford at 9pm on Holy Saturday. There will be no afternoon Mass on Easter Sunday in Broadford (we will have gone into the summer timetable by then anyway).

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new Financial Year have arrived, and they are ready for people to take between now and the first Sunday of April. If you have not yet signed up to Gift Aid and would like to join, or you would like to switch from envelopes to a Standing Order, or vice versa, this is a good time to let me know.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, as I will be going to Fort William for a deanery meeting.

On Wednesday we will have a House Mass at Tony and Pola Livesey's house in Glendale, at 1pm. If you would like to come, I can give two people a lift, and you can either phone me, or Tony & Pola (01470 511207)

There will be Mass in Kishorn on Thursday at 6pm.

I'm afraid, all this means that the only day available for Mass in Broadford is Friday. So we will go for that, 12:10 as usual.

Easter Cleaning... We will need to give the church a good once-over between now and Easter. It is quite grubby. I am going to put up a rota after Easter and we can all sign up. 2 hours per year is not much to ask.

The forms for Easter flowers are available in the back of the church. Please take one and return to Faye MacNeil (01478 650246) or Shona Campbell (01478 611092). Please indicate whether you want your flowers to be displayed in Portree or Broadford.

Thanks to Philip for refreshing the look of the parish newsletter. It needed someone with computer skills superior to mine :)

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:	155	God of mercy
Offertory:	29	A new Commandment
Communion:	249	Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all
Recessional:	53	Be thou my vision