

## REFLECTION

### Jesus and Lazarus

Jesus, Martha, Mary and their brother, Lazarus, were bound together in a close and enduring friendship. It was love which caused Jesus to weep beside the tomb of his beloved friend Lazarus (John 11:35). The raising of Lazarus was an act of witness to the power of God over death and to the importance of the gift of friendship. The love of God transformed grief into joy and death into life.

Death comes in many forms. It may be the death of hope; it may be the deadening effect of pain; or the life-sapping impact of a relentlessly demanding routine.

Whatever the wretchedness we meet, whether in friend or stranger, if we can embrace the person with love and compassion, then the work of mercy will flow from our hearts.

*Lord, help me to play some part in lifting the darkness of these smaller deaths through the gifts of friendship and solidarity.*

*From "Walk with me" - a Lenten journey of prayer for 2017*

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## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION Parish Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

### SUNDAY MASSES

**PORTREE**  
Sunday 10 am

**DORNIE**  
Sunday 12:45pm

**BROADFORD:**  
Sunday 3pm

**MONDAY,**  
1pm      **House Mass**  
                 **Inverinate**

**TUESDAY,**  
10:30am      **Portree**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
No Mass

**THURSDAY,**  
No Mass

### CONFESSION

**Portree:**      **Friday, 6pm**  
                 **Saturday, 10am**  
**Dornie,**      **before Mass**  
**Broadford,** **after Mass**

**FRIDAY,**  
7:00pm      **Portree**

**SATURDAY,**  
10:30am      **Portree**

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to everyone who came to the social evening for Philip. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and I have had a couple of requests for the recipe for Philip's Nigerian stew.

Thank you all for your generosity in the Lenten Collection for SCIAF. We have collected £623, with a few envelopes yet to be counted.

The Pastoral Music Weekend (rebranded as LiturgyWorks) will take place in the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge, on 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 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 next weekend. You will see times for Masses and Confessions while he is here.

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.

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new Financial Year have arrived, and they are ready for people to take. 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.

On Monday we will have a House Mass at Agnes O'Neil house in Inverinate, at 1pm. If you would like to come, I can give two people a lift, and you can phone me, or Agnes (01599 511341)

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.

Easter Cleaning... We will need to give the church a good once-over between now and Easter. I will put out a sheet and you can write your availability. Thanks very much.

The Mass of Chrism is on Wednesday at 7pm in Oban. I will be going, along with Philip, and I will be returning (without him) on Thursday. I will be going to Stornoway on Friday morning, and Fr. Roddy will arrive on Friday afternoon. I will be back on the following Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup>).

### Message from Philip Bua

"I want to use this opportunity to thank Fr. William and all the parishioners of St. Mary's Portree, St. Maolrubha's Broadford and St. Duthac's Dornie. Thank you so much for your hospitality and generosity, God bless you all. I don't want to mention individual names but you made me feel at home and I have learnt a lot from you within the short time with you. I would love to come back again in the future and stay much longer! Lastly, I hold you all in my heart and assure you of my prayers wherever I go, please do pray for me too, for the will of God in my life. God bless you all."

We pray for Philip that he finds God's call for him (hopefully as a priest of our diocese!) and wish him every blessing as he continues on his journey. Philip, we have been blessed to have you with us, and you will always be welcome in this parish, and we will continue to pray for you.

### Easter Timetable

Holy Thursday,	8pm, Portree
Good Friday,	3pm Portree 3pm Dornie
Easter Vigil,	9pm, Broadford
Easter Sunday,	10am Portree 12:45pm Dornie

### MUSIC FOR MASS

<b>Entrance:</b>	299	Lord Jesus think on me
<b>Offertory:</b>	59	Breathe on me, breath of God
<b>Communion:</b>	209	I am the bred of life
<b>Recessional:</b>	556	When I survey the wondrous Cross