

REFLECTION

St. Philip, Apostle

We read about St. Philip in the opening chapter of the St. John's Gospel: "The next day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (Jn 1:43-46).

In St Philip, we see a man who is eager to share about Christ to others. After his encounter with Jesus Christ, he shares his excitement with Nathaniel. However, Nathaniel shows contempt for Jesus stating "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" To Nathaniel's contempt Philip simply points 'Come and See'.

No doubt, intellectual arguments provided a significant contribution to the Church when heresies arose throughout the past 2000 years, but what attracted people to Christianity was the Christ-like nature of the saints. 'Come and See'; this is a fraction of how our Christ was!

When St Ignatius of Antioch was devoured by the beasts in Rome- his martyrdom proclaimed loud and clear to the onlookers- 'Come and see, this is how long-suffering Christ was'.

Not only in times of tribulations, but in peaceful times too have the saints through their virtues in daily life, brought people to Christ. The lives of saints proclaim loud and clear 'Come and see, this is a fraction of how prayerful Christ was, as evident during His earthly life'.

The ultimate aim of a Christian is to become saints, to become Christ-like! It is very difficult! Had it been easy, Christ would have never said –"The gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt 7:13).

May the prayers of the holy Apostles, saints and martyrs help us to become Christ-like, that we too may boldly proclaim to the world- 'Come and see, this is Christ'!

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A
30th April 2017

SUNDAY MASSES

BROADFORD:
6pm Vigil

PORTREE
Sunday 10 am

DORNIE
Sunday 12:45pm

MONDAY,
1pm Portree

TUESDAY,
10:30am Portree

WEDNESDAY,
10:30am Portree

THURSDAY,
12:10pm Broadford

FRIDAY,
10:30am Portree

CONFESSION
before and after Mass
And on request

SATURDAY,
6pm Broadford

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in your prayers Rebecca Forrester and Gordon MacKenzie, who were married in St. Duthac's, Dornie, yesterday. We wish them many years of happiness together.

Please pray for our new deacon, Emmanuel Alagbaoso, who is being ordained this weekend in Rome. He will continue his studies for the next year and will be ordained as a priest for our diocese next summer.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, so it is a good time to pray for Ronald Campbell, now in his second year, and also for Philip, who is still touring the diocese, and will soon decide whether to apply for the priesthood. Let us keep praying for Vocations, that more men will hear the voice of Jesus calling them to serve Him in the Priesthood.

At our latest discussion group, we decided it would be a good idea to show the film, "I, Daniel Blake", in the parish, to give the opportunity for another social evening like we had when Philip was here, as well as to highlight the ongoing problem faced by so many in our society who need to resort to foodbanks to survive. We are looking at Monday 15th May at 6pm. Please bring a plate of food, and some items for the foodbank.

Portree Church of Scotland are organising an afternoon tea on Saturday 13th May, from 2:30 to 4pm, to which all are welcome. It is 'a chance to fellowship and chat with fellow Christians of different outlooks. Bring a friend'

To those of you who dedicated plants for Easter, you are welcome to take yours home. Any that remain are at the mercy of my erratic watering regime.

I would like to count and send the money from the Wee Boxes soon. If there are any still out there, please can you bring them in as soon as possible. Thanks to those of you who have already done so.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Entrance:	12	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Offertory:	223	In bread we bring you
Communion:	298	Lord Jesus Christ
Recessional:	410	Praise my soul, the king of heaven

Green Isle Pilgrimage

Mass will be celebrated on the Green Isle in Loch Shiel on Sunday, 4th June, 2017. The boat will depart from Glenfinnan Pier at 1pm sharp and will return at approximately 6.30p.m. giving people about one hour on the Island.

To secure a place on the boat, please contact Mairi Weir on 01397 772368. The cost is £25 per person to be paid in advance. Cheques should be made out to Lochsheil Cruises or cash to be paid by 29th May. Please send payment to Mairi Weir, Camus Na Ha, Fort William, PH33 7NN.

Twenty-five people maximum will be allowed on the boat. Please bring a packed lunch with you and waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather.

The approach up to the island is a bit steep. Walking sticks are recommended. Teas and coffee are available on the boat.

Feasts this week

Monday, St. Joseph the Worker

Tuesday, St. Athanasius

Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was Bishop of Alexandria from 328 to 373, at the height of the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ, and began spreading word that Jesus Christ was not truly divine, but merely created in time by the Eternal Father. Athanasius' work on the true divinity of Christ led to the writing of the Nicene Creed, which we still use as the cornerstone of our faith.

But that was not the end of the issue, as the Arian heresy did not go away. In defending the orthodoxy of the Church, Athanasius had to suffer much and was sent into exile 5 times. He died in 373, in Alexandria. He is the patron saint of theologians.

Wednesday, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles