



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

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**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY, YEAR C**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

### Mass Times:

#### Sunday:

Portree  
Sunday 10 am

Dornie  
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:  
Sunday 3pm

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Monday  
No Mass

Tuesday  
No Mass

Wednesday  
No Mass

Thursday  
No Mass

Friday  
No Mass

Saturday  
No Mass

### Collection:

Banked- £470.00

**Welcome:** A word of welcome to our parishioners, visitors and friends. Please join us for tea/coffee after Mass. If you are a UK tax payer, kindly take one of the white Gift Aid envelopes from the porch and fill it in. Thank you.

### **Feasts this week**

Thursday- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M); Friday-St Cecilia (M)

### **The Word: Do you Watch and Pray or Work and Pray?!**

Today, Malachi paints two pictures. First, the fate of the evil one. Second, the triumph of the righteous who endures till the end. This simply serves as an encouragement to us in order to continue patiently in good works. Because the promise of victory: "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays." Will be our hope and reward. Secondly, Paul encouraged us to keep working hard in order to earn both our earthly and heavenly living. The Church does not in any way encourage laziness or idleness. Hence, she teaches us that sloth, that is, the reluctance to work, is one of the seven capital sins. Hard work yields good and enduring fruits. Hard work makes a good Christian. It abhors laziness and idleness. Sadly, many Christians no longer appreciate hard work. In order to make fast and cheap money some engage in all sorts of evils like drugs, armed robbery other fraudulent activities. This is what Paul means by: "Now we hear that some of you are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with anyone else's." A lazy Christian yields easily to all sorts of vices. In the gospel, Christ prophesied the end of a time in the history of Israel. He also spoke of the imminent hardships and persecution before, during and after this time. However, He concludes with these encouraging words: "Your endurance will win you your lives." Hence, the Lord encourages us persevere in righteousness, and endure difficult moments

### **Weekly Notices:**

(1) Thank you for the special collection of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Pastoral formation. We raised the sum of £110.42

(2) I shall be travelling to London for the UK Regional meeting of my Religious Congregation Missionaries of St Paul (MSP) from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

(3) The Island chorus will have a repeat of the successful 2018 Vivaldi concert in Portree. The concert programme will include the full Vivaldi's Gloria Suite, Handel's Halleluia Chorus, Mozart's Lacrimosa, and Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus featuring a lot of musicians- On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7:30 @ St Mary's Church, Portree

(4) Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November is the Solemnity of Christ the king/Last Sunday of the year

### **Nugget of Wisdom :**

**Work honours the gifts and talents that God has given to each one of us. (Dignity of Work: St Basil the Great)**

**Quote:** "Work is more than just a job, it is a reflection of our human dignity and a way to contribute to the common good"

**-Paul Long**