



Our Lady of the Assumption

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A
1ST DECEMBER 2019

Mass Times:

Sunday:

Portree
Sunday 10 am

Dornie
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:
Sunday 3pm

Monday
10:30am Portree

Tuesday
10:30am Portree

Wednesday
12:10pm
Broadford

Thursday
10:30am Portree

Friday
10:30am Portree

Saturday
1:00pm Portree

Collection:

Banked- £275.00

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

Tuesday- St Francis Xavier, (M); Saturday- St Ambrose (M)

The Word: Advent Brings to Reality our Hope for Peace!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The term Advent comes from two Latin words *Ad-ventus*, which simply means "to arrive" or *Ad-venire*, meaning "to come." For us Christians, and Catholics in particular, it means expecting the Lord's coming. Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new liturgical calendar. It is a four-week preparation period leading up to Christmas.

The Messiah who we expect this season comes to us with peace. Though "he will wield authority," he will not oppress or exploit us. Rather, He shall transform our culture of war into that of peace: "... *They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*"

Unfortunately, this verse decorates the wall of United Nations building in London, yet peace has eluded our world under its leadership. Instead of living together in harmony, we see more divisions, breakup of unions and friendships. The reason is quite simple, "international morality which is the basis of secularism and humanism" alone without spirituality does not work. It is only the reign of the Christ in every heart and nation that can bring lasting peace.

Weekly Notices:

(1) Today begins the Advent Season. I would be available few minutes before Masses on Sundays for confessions. Please you can equally call the Parish Presbytery to schedule for confession. May God grant you his Advent/Christmas mercies.

(2) Today is the First Sunday of the Month. Please remember to join us to pray the Rosary before Mass and Benediction at the closing of Mass. Thank you for being part of it.

(3) With your help I have been able to constitute the Parish Council, the Parish Finance committee and the Parish Charity Group for South Sudan. I appreciate your support.

(4) Thank you for volunteering to make my movements to Dornie and Broadford for Masses much easier. More volunteer are needed. The list is at the back of the church.

(5) Christmas Masses: Dornie- Vigil 8pm; Broadford 10am; Portree 11:30am

Nugget of Wisdom : "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation..." (Matt.26:41).

"Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die..." Rev 3:2

Quote:

"Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, and in your palaces, peace"

-Psalm 122:7