



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

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**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

### **Mass Times:**

#### **Sunday:**

Portree  
Sunday 10 am

Dornie  
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:  
Sunday 3pm

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Monday  
10:30am Portree

Tuesday  
10:30am Portree

Wednesday  
No Mass

Thursday  
No Mass

Friday  
No Mass

### **Collection:**

Banked- £425.00

**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**

**Monday-** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (S); **Friday-** St Lucy (M);  
**Saturday-** St John of the Cross (M)

### **The Word: Prepare The Way For The Lord!**

The Advent period inaugurates another way for us; the way of repentance which the Gospel Reading (Matt. 3:1-12) tells us today. The way of repentance often seems to be the hard way, but it remains the only way if our journey to God must give us an eternal reward. The call to the way of repentance is not an instruction many of us would like to get. The instruction of John the Baptist is clear, "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." Many of us might have heard this right from our childhood, and it could sound like "one of those things we already know." But looking at the instruction through the lens of the season of Advent it would make a whole new meaning for us especially with regards to the next instruction which tells us to prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight.

Preparing a way for the Lord demands that we break with our old ways. It is a call to detach and depart from sin. There is a need for us to examine our lives this period of Advent. As John the Baptist suggested in his pre-messianic Oracle, there should be a reasonable change in the way we do things; that means reconstructing our relationship with God and adopting the Advent way. St. Paul in the Second Reading today (Romans 15:4-9) reminds us that the call to repentance and preparing the way for the Lord is an instruction that we ought to accept and put into practice. It is a message of salvation that will bring us closer to one another for the glory of God. As we light the second candle of the Advent may we be conscious of the fact that we need to mend the way to our heart for the coming of our Lord and saviour. Repentance is important at this time because the Lord cannot afford to be born in a sinful heart.

### **Weekly Notices:**

- (1) This is Advent Season please choose a convenient time and make your confessions; before or after Masses or call the Parish Presbytery to schedule for confession.
- (2) I will be away to Inverness on Wednesday for Deanery Meeting for Aberdeen diocese
- (3) Thank you for helping to make my movements to Dornie and Broadford for Masses much easier. I appreciate your sacrifice. The list of volunteers is at the back of the church.
- (4) Christmas Masses: Dornie- Vigil 8pm; Broadford 10am; Portree 11:30am

(5) Tomorrow Monday is the Solemnity of Immaculate conception. Mass is at Portree

### **Nugget of Wisdom :**

*Life is full of WAYS. There are right WAYS and wrong WAYS.*

*The way you follow determines your destination.*

### **Quote:**

*" There is a way that seems right but the end of it is destruction"*

*-Proverbs.14:12*