



Our Lady of the Assumption

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A
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Mass Times:

Sunday:

Portree
Sunday 10 am

Dornie
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:
Sunday 3pm

Christmas Week

Monday- 23rd
10:30am Portree

Tuesday- 24th
8pm Dornie
(Carols-7:45pm)

Wednesday- 25th
10am Broadford
11:30am Portree
(Carols 9:45am
and 11:15am)

Thursday- 26th
10:30am Portree

Friday - 27th
10:30am Portree

Saturday - 28th
01:00pm Portree

Collection:

Banked- £295.00

Welcome: To our visitors and everyone please join us for tea/coffee after Mass at the back. 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

Wednesday- Nativity of our Lord (s); **Thursday-** St Stephen; **Friday-** St John;
Saturday- The Holy Innocents

The Word: A Sign and An Instrument!

Today God gave us the greatest and most definitive signs about the Messiah: "A maiden is with child, and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, which means God is with us!" It is important to note that this sign was given to king Ahaz only after he humbled himself by refusing to put God to test. Hence the lessons here include that, we must allow God to be God without trying to preempt him. Second, we must learn to trust in God's judgment, and his good will for us. Third, we need not run after signs anymore because, God has given us the fullness of revelation in Jesus Christ. The fourth, is that, if we humble ourselves, God will reveal to us, "the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ" (Eph 1, 9). In the Gospel, Matthew narrates "how Jesus was born." Like Paul, Matthew in his infancy narrative traced Jesus' lineage back to the dynasty of King David. This is also meant to assure us (as Paul did), that Jesus is really the promised messiah. In this narrative, Mathew highlighted the very important and central role played by Mary and Joseph. They were God's instruments for fulfilling His mission of salvation for us. This teaches us that God is active in our history and lives, and that He comes to us through human instruments. Finally, as we expect the coming of the Messiah, each one of us must make himself available as a worthy instrument.

Weekly Notices:

(1) There will be infant baptism of little Kachiside Michael (a grandchild to a family friend) on Sunday 29th December 2019 at 10am Portree Mass

(2) We shall be setting up the Christmas crib on Monday after 10:30am Mass. Please you are welcomed to join us and give a helping hand and also any helpful ideas and suggestions.

(3) I shall be away from the eve of the New Year on holidays. We might have Eucharistic services on the first three Sundays of January (5th, 12th and 18th) if I do not succeed in getting a priest to stand in for me while I am away. Thank you for your understanding.

(4) New Year Masses: Vigil in Portree 7pm 31st December; Dornie 12:45pm; Broadford 3pm – January 1st

(5) The last year of Fr Ronald's seminary formation and his Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving were filmed. Sgoil nan Sagart will be shown on BBC Alba on the three consecutive evenings of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and 27th December at 8.30pm.

Nugget of Wisdom : (The instrument)

"Here am I, the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Quote: (The Sign)

"...Look, a virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14