



Our Lady of the Assumption

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3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A
26TH JANUARY 2020

Mass Times:

Sunday:

Portree
Sunday 10 am

Dornie
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:
Sunday 3pm

Monday- 27th
10:30am Portree

Tuesday- 28th
10:30am Portree

Wednesday- 29th
12:10noon
Broadford

Thursday- 30th
10:30am Portree

Friday - 31st
10:30am Portree

Saturday - 28th
01:00pm Portree

Collection:

Banked- £-.00
(not yet available)

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.

Celebrations this week

Tuesday- St Thomas Aquinas (M); Friday- St John Bosco (M)

The Word: Come To Christ the Light and Diminish Your Shadows!

In the study of formation of shadows in optical physics, it is known that as an object draws closer to light, its shadow diminishes and it becomes real. Whereas, the farther away it moves from light, the longer its shadow becomes. The good news has the potentials to cast off our shadows. It is, "*Christ who lives in us.*" (Gal 2, 20). He is the joy of our salvation.

In the first reading, Isaiah raises our hope. This hope comes from the fact that the God has manifested his light on us. It is a message of deliverance from the power of darkness that formerly harassed us. Isaiah declares: "*The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shown.*" The light which is God himself is capable of achieving so many impossible changes in our lives. However, we have to present ourselves before it. God's light breaks our yoke. It shows us the way. It clears our doubts and fears, and increases our confidence in God and in ourselves too. The church enjoins us to draw closer to Christ the real light. This is in order that the reality of our life might become fully manifested. This is also, in order that the shadows that dominate our lives might diminish. Therefore, the church, exalts us not to be contented with the physical lights. Rather, we should seek and walk in the light of God, the good news. This is the light which draws us to Christ.

Weekly Notices:

- (1) I am glad to be back to Skye after some holidays. I bring greetings of love from Nigeria especially from my mum and siblings.
- (2) I thank Fr Tim Byron, SJ for holding forth while I was away and to all of you who made his stay in our parish memorable. God bless you.
- (3) The Missionaries of St Paul celebrates the feast of her patron St Paul (*Conversion of St Paul- Jan 25th*). We join Paulines all over the world to mark this celebration.

Nugget of Wisdom :

No good Christian community receives the light and remains the same because "In His light, we shall see light" (Ps. 36, 9).

Quote:

"I am the light of the world. The man who follows me will not walk in darkness" (Jn 8, 12).