



Our Lady of the Assumption

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**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A
15TH MARCH 2020**

Mass Times:

Sunday:

Portree
Sunday 10 am

Dornie
Sunday 12:45 pm

Broadford:
Sunday 3pm

Monday- 16th
10:30am Portree

Tuesday- 17th
10:30am Portree

Wednesday- 18th
10:30am Portree

Thursday- 19th
10:30am Portree

Friday - 20th
10:30am Portree

Collection:

Banked- £--.--
(Not yet available)

Welcome: We welcome all our visitors to our parish. Please do join us for tea/coffee after Mass at the back of the church. 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 Patrick (Feast); Thursday: St Joseph Spouse of Mary (Solemnity)

The Word: Jesus Christ, the Eternal living Water!

In today's gospel, Jesus presents himself to the Samaritan woman as the Eternal Living Water. This underscores the importance of Christ in our life. The lesson from this, is we must not discriminate against people on the basis of their race or culture. Jesus knew quite well who the woman was (a Samaritan) and her life history. Yet, he approached her for a drink. Jesus' aim was actually, to draw her closer to himself, the Eternal Living Water. Hence, by breaking the silence and going against the social customs, and prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus becomes the gift of God to this woman and her people. Like Jesus therefore, we must be ready to take risks. This is by challenging the unjust rules of social structures and norms. It is by breaking down walls that excludes people, and by opening up possibilities to others. This is, so that they can experience Christ.

Weekly Notices:

[1] Dear congregation, an appeal from Meal's meal -www.marysmeals.org

I am a Community Ambassador and Speaker for the charity Mary's Meals. I am also helping the charity with the Backpack Project. I would very much appreciate any donated items and I am happy to collect. Second hand items are welcomed. The items needed are for children aged between 4 years and 12 years and are as follows: Children's Backpacks, Notepads, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Erasers, Rulers, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencil Cases (or empty video cases to make into pencil cases), Towels, Shorts, Skirts, T-shirts, Dresses, Flipflops, Sandals, Soap (solid), Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Small Ball e.g. tennis ball, Spoons, Kind regards -Sue Dalton, 01470 521570, sueatharlosh@gmail.com

[2] Next Sunday 22nd March there will be a Special Collection for Papal and Episcopal charities (SCIAF). We always appreciate your generosity.

[3] Please collect the SCIAF's appeal WEE BOX pack from the church porch or back of the church if you are yet to do so.

[4] **Sunday Stations of the Cross schedule: Portree 9:45am; Dornie 12:30pm; Broadford 2:45pm.**

Nugget of Wisdom :

Jesus said "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Quote:

*Men's skins have many colors, but human blood is always red.
White, black and yellow men - they all cry salt tears. -Claude Aveline*