



Our Lady of the Assumption

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A
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Mass Times:

Sunday:

10:00am
Live Streaming

For Daily Masses
Check Online page

10:30am
8:00pm

Collection:

Banked- £200.00

Welcome to join us at our Facebook Page for Mass live Streaming.

Celebrations this week: Wednesday-Annunciation of Our Lord (Solemnity)

The Word: Wait and be Patient in Joyful Hope!

"Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who love her!" (Is 66, 10). Today is fourth Sunday of Lent called "**Laetare**" Sunday. This Sunday is marked by a relaxation from the penitential character of the Lenten season. This Sunday, the Holy Mother Church exhorts us to be joyful and relax because Christ our shepherd illuminates us, and heals our blindness. There is much to learn today from our first reading. First, Samuel obeyed God by going to where he was sent to go to, specifically to Jesse's tribe. Humbly and patiently, he followed and obeyed God's instructions. He did not rush into fast decision by anointing any other person. Instead, he waited patiently until the right candidate arrived. **So, we must be patient in carrying out God's command. Also, we must not allow physical appearance to deceive us.**

In today's gospel, Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind. Here Jesus proves that he cares for the wellbeing of his flock. This is especially, for the sick, the weak and the marginalized. Again, today he broke another cultural and religious barrier in order to save the blind man. He healed him on a Sabbath day. Without minding about the consequences, he attended to the very important need of the blind man.

Weekly Notices:

***Dear Parishioners, Greetings of hope and faith in God. No doubt, this is a difficult moment for all of us. The fact that we are a family cannot be truer than this period. We are in this together. You are always in my prayers. I would still be praying for you in the morning hours privately at 10:30am and in the evening at 8pm. I will stream live Adoration or Holy Mass or Stations of the Cross or Rosary on Facebook. You could join us on our Parish Facebook page – Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Portree, Isle of Skye. May God bless you.**

Parish Finance:

Whilst public worship is unavailable, the costs of maintaining your parish and its estate will be diminished only slightly in the coming months, but we will not have the weekly collection to support it. Of course you can still make contributions directly to Father Noel.

Would you please consider making a standing order in favour of your parish to ensure the continued smooth running of your parish's finances. It is simple to set up, you remain in complete control, and you can even gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer. This might become even more important as we are unlikely to benefit from the usual contribution from visiting tourists in the immediate future.

The Parish's Account Number is: 65626953 and the sort code is 83-91-25.

(For St Duthac Dornie = Acct number is 0087917502; Sort Code- 80-08-71)

Thank you for considering this way of continuing your financial contribution to your parish.

***Finally, thank you for helping me pass my driving test. I have gotten my permanent license.**

Nugget of Wisdom : Jesus' disciples asked him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?" From this question, it obvious that the notion was that his suffering was caused by sin. However, Jesus' response proved otherwise. God permits somethings to happen for the manifestation of his glory

Quote:

"He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8