



## *Our Lady of the Assumption*

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**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, A  
26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**Mass Times:  
17th Sunday**

**Portree -  
Vigil: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am**

**Dornie-  
Sunday: 12:45pm**

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**Monday:  
Mass: 10:30am**

**Tuesday:  
Mass 10: 30am**

**Wednesday:  
Mass 10:30 am**

**Thursday:  
Mass 10:30 am**

**Friday:  
Mass: 10:30am**

**Saturday:  
Vigil: 6:00pm**

**Confessions will  
be available  
before Mass (If  
pre-arranged)**

**Setting up a  
standing order  
reduces physical  
contacts with  
money.**

**We are glad to Welcome you back to our Parish as we re-open for Holy Masses Celebrations this Week:** Wednesday - St Martha (Memorial), Friday - St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial), Saturday - St Alphonsus Mary Liguori (Memorial)

**The Word: Wisdom is a Hidden Treasure!**

This gospel is a continuation of Jesus' use of parables to teach us about the Kingdom of God. It is a call to be as wise as Solomon is in the first reading. Without wisdom, we cannot seek the kingdom of God. It is also a call to value what is most precious to us, and for which God has chosen us. The parables are intended to instruct us to prefer the kingdom of heaven to this world, and to ensure that nothing prevents us from entering into it. The kingdom of God is indeed a treasure hidden from the wise of this world. Only those who are wise according to God's standard look for it, and find it. To find it, we must first value it, and when we have found it, we must hide it in our hearts. Therefore, let us ask God for understanding and wisdom as Solomon did, so that we may be wise enough to discern what is good for us, and to make God's kingdom our priority.

**Weekly Notices:**

Due to the covid 19 protocols as issued in the guidelines for re-opening of our churches, reception into the church might take a little longer. We therefore remind us of the need to arrive at the church a few minutes earlier to enable us go through the reception guidelines and start the Mass as scheduled.

We are in solidarity with all of our parishioners in the shielding category and as a result of that are yet to rejoin us. We have them in our hearts and minds as we continuously pray for them.

We thank our covid19 co-coordinators and welcoming volunteers. Do not forget that you could help out as a volunteer. We continue to keep in our prayers all the sick and the vulnerable in our parish for God's healing mercies

We are operating a one-way system inside the church. The volunteering stewards are there to show us the sitting arrangements and movements especially during Holy Communion

**The offertory will take the form of retiral collection. Please drop your offerings in the basket at the exit door. However, Setting up standing orders are very much encouraged. Do not forget to gift-aid your donations. Thank you.**

Bishop Brian will ordain Tony Livesey a permanent deacon here in Portree on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. There will be no social celebration after the ordination Mass, but will take place when life is a little easier. There will be limited sitting spaces due to the 2 metres distance sitting arrangement. Please do not feel offended if you do not get the invitation. We hope to stream live the ordination Mass on our Parish Facebook page and You-Tube channel

**Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Virtues**

**The Four Cardinal virtues are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance; while the Three Theological virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity.**

**Quote:**

***Patience is the Companion of Wisdom – St Augustine***