



Our Lady of the Assumption

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24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

**Mass Times:
24th Sunday**

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

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

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

**Tuesday:
Mass- 10:30am**

**Wednesday:
Mass- 10:30am**

**Thursday:
Mass- 10:30am**

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

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

**Confession is
available
(By appointment)**

**Setting up a
standing order
reduces physical
contacts with raw
cash.**

With gratitude and thanksgiving to God, We gladly welcome you to our Church

Celebrations this Week: Monday - Exultation of the Cross (Feast); Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial); Wednesday - St Ninian (Feast)

The Word: Forgiveness Has no limits nor Measurements!

Last week, the church reminded us of the importance of reconciliation through fraternal dialogue and mutual love. Today she, invites us to reflect on forgiveness. It is a very important element of reconciliation, and a central message of today. There is a popular saying that to err is human, while to forgive is divine. That means that the one who sins acts humanly. It is part of our attributes as humans to err or to sin. On the other hand, the one who forgives acts divinely. To forgive is to participate in a very important attribute and nature of God, that is, His divinity. It is what our God is known for. *"He is compassionate, merciful, love and He forgives"* (Ps 102). God's name is Mercy, says Pope Francis.

The first reading reminds us that for our prayer to be answered, we must forgive others. Secondly, it presupposes that we are all sinners, in need of God's forgiveness. So, for us to be forgiven, first, we must forgive others. Therefore, Sirach urges us: *"Forgive your neighbor the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."* This is a call to liberate others, in other to liberate and heal ourselves too.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of something very important. *"The life and death of each of us has its influence on the other."* Also, our ability to forgive has a great influence on the other, as well as, on ourselves. Hence, it is important to note that, forgiveness has a double effect. It is a single dose medicine that cures one or many persons at the same time. It liberates the one who is forgiven, as well as, heals the one who forgives.

In the gospel, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. This unfolds in the dialogue between Peter and Christ. Peter asked a theoretical question: *"How many times must I forgive my brother?"* Jesus answered him in the most practical way: *"seventy-seven times."* Christ's response, simply reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits. We must forgive all, always and forever

Weekly Notices:

Although life is gradually returning to normal, we still have Covid-19 with us. Let us avoid the temptation of complacency nor relax the protective measures, as we 'assist' God in protecting us. Please continue to pray for our parishioners who are sick and vulnerable, it is our duty to always pray for them.

The offertory and other church offerings take the form of retiral collection. **Please put your offerings in the basket at the exit door. Equally, your gift aid envelopes are available at the back of the church for collections.**

There will be a special collections this Sunday for the training and support of Ecclesiastical students. This special fund helps the Church in training those who help in the continuity of the propagation of the faith.

With gratitude and resignation to God's will, we announce the call to eternal rest of Janice Perry. She received her last sacraments and peacefully returned to her Lord and maker. Let's keep her husband and family in prayers.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Our Father
(PATER NOSTER)

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us. Do not let us fall into temptation but deliver us from all evil"

Quote:

"Wherever there is injury (offense or hurt), Pardon (forgiveness)."

- St Francis of Assisi