



The Church of the Visitation, Taynuilt

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Newsletter for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Mass
Sunday at 4 pm

Weekdays

Mass on Wednesday at 10:30 am
1st Wednesday of the month Mass in Craig Lodge at 12:30 pm

Confessions
Sunday 3:20 pm
before Mass

Contact the parish on Facebook, as well as the parish Website.



Please use the QR code below to make donations to the parish.



Mass

1st Wednesday of the month parish Mass is celebrated in Craig Lodge Community at 12:30 pm

A warm welcome to all our visitors to The Church of the Visitation. We are glad you worship with us, may almighty God bless you. Please, join us after Mass on Wednesdays for Tea/Coffee. Our gratitude goes to our parishioners who made this possible, God bless you!

Christmas Gifting for families in need:

In order to support local families struggling this Christmas, please can you donate any spare dried food or goodies and suitable Christmas presents for school aged girls and boys. Leave them at the back of church and they will be delivered after sun 22nd Mass. many thanks for your support.

The Rag Bag Donations

The new Rag Bag bin is ready to receive further donations of clothes, shoes and handbags. There is a box in the porch where items can be left. They must be in a securely tied plastic bag and of good quality and clean. Only the following are accepted Men's, Ladies, Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

The collections for last Sunday

Standing Orders **£490**
Offertory **£80.00**
Lectionaries Donation **£5.00**

Collection for Christmas Flowers will be taken up this week (15th).

Box for Christmas gifting is at the back of the church.

UP Coming Events

- 22nd Dec.
 - Reconciliation Service (Confessions) at 2:30 pm
- 24th Dec.
 - Christmas Carol at 5 pm
- 25th Dec.
 - Christmas Day Mass at 10 am

REFLECTIONS

THIS SUNDAY'S QUOTES

Pope Francis: “The Word of God calls us to make straight the paths of our lives, to remove the obstacles that keep us from encountering Christ.” December 6, 2015

Pope Francis: “Let us allow the Word of God to take root in our hearts, bearing fruit in the form of faith, hope, and love.” December 8, 2013

Pope Francis: “As we journey through Advent, may we be filled with the confidence that God who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.” December 9, 2018

Pope Francis: “In the wilderness of our lives, may the Word of God bring forth streams of living water, nourishing and refreshing all who seek Him.” December 5, 2021

Pope Francis: “The message of repentance and forgiveness proclaimed by John the Baptist prepares us to receive the salvation offered by Christ with open hearts.” December 6, 2020

Pope Francis: “As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us reflect on the message of hope and redemption brought to us through the Word of God.” December 4, 2016

On this third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy invites us to joy. Listen carefully: to joy. The prophet Zephaniah addresses these words to a small group of the people of Israel: “Sing aloud, O Daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!” (3:14) Shout with joy, rejoice, exult: this is this Sunday’s invitation. The inhabitants of the Holy City are called to rejoice because the Lord has taken away his judgments against them (cf v. 15). God has forgiven, he did not wish to punish! As a result the people no longer have any reason for sadness. There is no longer reason for desolation, but rather, everything leads to joyful gratitude toward God who always wishes to deliver and save those he loves. And the Lord’s love for his people is endless, tantamount to the tenderness of a father for his children, of a groom for his bride, as Zephanaiah again says: “he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing” (v. 17). This is — so it is called — the Sunday of joy: the third Sunday of Advent, before Christmas.