



# The Church of the Visitation, Taynuilt

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**Newsletter for Sunday the Baptism of the Lord**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday Mass**  
Sunday at 4 pm

**Weekdays**  
Mass on Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### Led by the Spirit Collated Report and Bishop's Response

Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Led by the Spirit (LBS). The individual parish reports from LBS Phase 3 have now been collated and published on [www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk) Bishop Brian has published his response and a draft Action Plan for implementing LBS's fruits. This can also be seen on [www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk) If you wish to be consulted on the Action Plan please join the online meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm. To register please click on <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890?pwd=3Tf9kzMKefNyYxw>

### Justice and Peace collection

Thank you so much for the Second Collection to support the Bishop's Conference of Scotland, the Commission for Justice and Peace, we raised **£57.00**

### 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 **£35.00**  
Holy Childhood **£45.00**  
Justice and Peace **£57.00**

# REFLECTIONS

## **Making a Commitment**

Making a commitment is the most important part of any great task that we undertake. But it's not the only thing. We need to acquire education and knowledge. We need to practice and develop our skills. The highly challenging task of being a mother or a father draws up from deep within us everything we have. We don't enter parenthood with an Operators Manual given us when a child is born. We get an Operators Manual when we buy a VCR but we certainly don't get one with the birth of a child. And getting married and having a family is an adventure in which we are trained on the job. We can never adequately know ahead of time all what we'll need to know in order to be good husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Certainly in the seminary I didn't receive all that I needed in order to develop into being a reasonably decent priest. I've had to learn that while on the job (something that many people had to suffer!).

But in spite of all that we may have or not have, the one thing that is absolutely essential is commitment. Nothing at all of lasting value happens without commitment. It may not be everything that's needed, but it is the key element. Nothing else will work without it. And there's nothing easy about commitment. The culture that surrounds us sends us many messages that work against the keeping of our commitments. I'm not saying that all movies and all TV shows are bad. There are really good movies about commitment and keeping one's promises. But clearly our surrounding culture promotes self-interest, not self-sacrifice. (*Fr. Charles E. Irvin*)