



# The Church of the Visitation, Taynuilt

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Newsletter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday Mass**  
Sunday at 4 pm

### Weekdays

Mass on Wednesday at 10:30 am  
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!*

### Lenten Events and Schedule

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday 3pm.
- Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 3:30 pm
- Prayer of the faithful during Lent, will be spontaneous prayers from the congregation members.
- Lenten Reflection and Dinner, The Third Sunday of Lent, 25<sup>th</sup> March. The reflection starts at 6 p.m., and dinner is at 7 p.m.
- Chrism Mass St Columba's Cathedral Oban on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.
- **Holy Week:** Holy Thursday 7pm and night prayer at 10 pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 8:30, Easter Sunday 10 am

### SCIAF Sunday (Scottish Catholic International aid Fund).

Next Sunday is special collection towards the work of SCIAF. In Colombia, many people are impacted by ongoing violence and conflict. With your help, we can give shelter, food and water for those caught up in violence, provide safe havens for children affected by conflict, and help communities rebuild their lives, long into the future. For more information on how you can support communities in Colombia, please visit SCIAF's website [sciaf.org.uk](http://sciaf.org.uk)

### Diocese of Argyll and the Isles Pilgrimage to Rome, Jubilee 2025.

From 22 – 26 Sep, only £1200pp (5 days,) Led by Bishop Brian McGee . Download the booklet for details. <https://www.catholicroughbounds.org/documents/8029.pdf>. Before making the payment you MUST contact Fr Stanislaw Pamula at [morar@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:morar@rcdai.org.uk) to make sure your space is guaranteed.

### Lent Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Pray the Stations of the Cross every Monday in Lent: 7.45pm, on Zoom. We will be praying for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes brief reflection from a member of the clergy each week. Starts 10 March. Register here: <https://bit.ly/stations25>

## Grief to Grace

A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 29th April to 4th May 2025 – Perth Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at [margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org)

## Safeguarding Matters

The February issue of Safeguarding Matters is available at the back of the church and online at [SCSSA.org.uk](http://SCSSA.org.uk)

## In God's Image v2

In God's Image v2 has been updated regarding safeguarding induction training

Revised IGI document in place. We have set the following link to always provide the current version...

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/@Publications/IGI/In%20Gods%20Image%20V2%20-%20Current.pdf>

## The collections for last Sunday

Standing Orders £160.00

Offertory £50.00

Retiring Collection/Donation £39.95.

Building Fund for March will be taken up this week (23rd).

# REFLECTIONS

## Freeloaders

Most of us have heard of the term “freeloader.” It refers to a person who takes and takes, but makes little or no effort to put back. If you go to lunch with a freeloader, more often than not they will forget to bring their money. In today's Gospel Jesus told a story about this pattern of life, but the freeloader in this instance is not a person, but a fig tree. The tree drains strength and sustenance from the soil and it never gives anything back, it never produces any figs. We know Jesus was not concerned about fruitless fig trees. His concern was people who take without giving. It troubled Him to see people do bad things, but it troubled Him just as much to see people do nothing, just stand by.

*A joke about Pastor's temptation and policeman's forgiveness:* In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn't find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. **Forgive us our trespasses.**” When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: “I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. **Lead us not into temptation.**”