



# Our Holy Redeemer, Stornoway Ar Fear-Saoraidh Naomh, Steòrnabhagh

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**Mass Times:**  
**Sunday:**

Feasts this week:  
Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord.

**Masses celebrated privately in the parish**

It feels very odd to be composing a newsletter when there is no news, and no public Mass in the parish. As you know I will be celebrating Mass every day by myself. Even though there is no availability for you to attend Mass in person, it is a consolation that the Sacrifice of the Mass is being celebrated in Stornoway every day.

**Live streamed Mass 10am every day with Bishop McGee from Oban**

Bishop Brian is offering a live streamed Mass from his oratory in Oban at 10am every day, which you can participate in. Please go to the diocesan website, [www.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.rcdai.org.uk) or you can access it through the diocesan facebook page. Of course there are plenty other Masses available for you to watch online as well as Mass on EWTN and some other channels.

**Confessions: Available on appointment**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Davies. He used to live in the parish until he moved to England 25-30 years ago. His funeral will be here but so far no date has been given. Please pray for his family, especially his daughter Nicola, who lives on the island. May he rest in peace.

**Collection: Sunday Offertory: £324.92  
Votives: £18.08  
Papers £8.00**

We should have been having our SCIAF collection at Mass today, but you can still donate to them at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) or on the phone, 0141 3545555, or by post to FREEPOST SCIAF, (or SCIAF, 7 West Nile St., Glasgow, G1 2PR. You can also leave an envelope marked SCIAF through my door and I will donate through my PayPal account when it is all in. Even though we are experiencing difficult times ourselves, the poorest people in the world are no less hungry than they were before Covid-19 came.

**Banked: £351.00  
S.O.: £125.00**

Thanks to those of you who came to the Lenten talk on Thursday, just squeezed in before the curfew came into force. It was a very sad Mass knowing it was the last public gathering until who knows when. I will compose the third talk on Isaiah 53, and then email all three to you in a couple of weeks, possibly during Holy Week.

Thanks to those of you who have switched to a Standing Order. There are some more forms in the porch as well. Please use the donations box inside the church door if you want to keep using cash for your collection.

Thanks to Frances and Neil for bringing in hundreds of books for a book stall. They are in the parish rooms, 30p each / £1 for 4. The money raised will go to parish funds.

I am putting a couple of boxes on the back pew of the church for donations for the foodbank. There will be many people who have lost their jobs or taken a paycut, and children who used to get a free school meal who won't get that now that the schools are closed. Thank you very much.

“Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God in order to defeat the temptations of the evil one”.

Pope Benedict XVI

Confession	On appointment only, and only in the Confessional
Divine Office	Week 4.
Sunday readings	p164 of the Mass book.
Weekday readings	Week 4 Lent.