



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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Mass Times:

**No Masses until advised.**

**Daily Masses on other days celebrated privately in the parish**

**Live streamed Mass 10am daily with Bishop McGee from Oban.**  
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### **Church open:**

**15 mins before Masses**

**Also any other time on request**

**Confessions: Available on appointment**

### **Collection:**

**S.O.: £600.00 (estimated)**

### Feasts this week

Monday, St. John of God

Also St. Duthac, a Scottish saint, noted for his zealous apostolate in Ross-shire, the first Bishop of Ross. On his death in 1065, he was buried in Tain, named after him in Gaelic, 'Baile Dhuich' Also patron saint of Dornie.

Wednesday, St John Ogilvie, Scottish Jesuit priest and martyr during the Reformation; hanged at Glasgow Cross in 1615.

Thursday, St. Casimir, patron of Poland.

As I mentioned last week, I have recorded Mass from Our Holy Redeemer's for the BBC Scotland programme "The Service". The episode has been edited and dubbed and will be aired at noon on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) and will be available on BBC iplayer for a month after that.

I received encouraging news from Bishop Brian: "We know that our Churches will be open for Easter Sunday (including the Vigil). We are hopeful that we will open for Good Friday and we are also pushing for Holy Thursday. Palm Sunday is more unlikely." I will update you on this when I know more. Also, we will likely have restricted numbers of attendees, so we may have to use a booking system as we did at Christmas, or even the Eventbrite system. All I can say at the moment is "Watch this space".

A message from the Scottish bishops: "The opening of churches is a sign that the sacrifices endured so far are bearing fruit and gives us hope and encouragement to persevere. We pray that the Risen Christ, for whom we long during this holy season of Lent, will bless and bring healing to our nation."

Next Sunday is SCIAF Sunday. Normally there would be a collection for SCIAF, but this can wait until after Easter. There is a slide presentation given by Marian Pallister last week, which I will send out to you next Sunday.

As this is the first Sunday of the month, there is the usual bundle of Sunday bulletins from the Redemptorists for you.

As a suggestion for Lent, rather than giving up too much (I think we have given up a lot all year), it may be more fruitful to focus on finding time to read Scripture or spiritual reading. We all have the time and it is a good discipline for us to foster.

If there are people who want to go to Confession, during this time when the church is closed for public worship, please phone me and we can arrange it.

"In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated."

Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2021

Confession	On appointment only,
Divine Office	Week 3
Sunday readings	Exod 20:1-17, Ps 18 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25
Weekday readings	Third week of Lent