

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9.45 to 10 a.m.

4 to 4.30 p.m.

5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Way of the Cross

Wednesday 7 p.m. (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.*)

Thursday is the Feast of St. John Ogilvie, Priest and Martyr

This Sunday we have our **SCIAF Lenten collection**, one of the most important of the year. We know that you will be as generous as ever. Should you donate by cheque, please make it out to "St. Mary's, Fort William", as the amount collected passes through the parish account.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Alasdair Martin, Michael Masclet, Fraser MacPhee, Isobel O'Hare, Winnie Thompson, Charlie Fitzsimons, Peter Archibald, Catherine MacDonald, Lachlan MacLeod, Thora Finan and Thomas Buchanan.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Please remember that there are sheets at the back of the church **for our readers**, so that they can choose in advance which Holy Week readings they can commit themselves to. We appreciate all the more what they do for their parish.

So far, between Caol and Fort William, we have eight who would like to take a bus to the **Chrism Mass**. We should know by Sunday night if there are more. It may have to be a mini-bus rather than the 29-seater. We will do our best, but time is getting short.

For Reflection

"Once a person learns to read the signs of love and thus to believe it, love leads him into the open field wherein he himself can love. If the prodigal son had not believed that the father's love was already waiting for him, he would not have been able to make the journey home - even if his father's love welcomes him in a way he never would have dreamed of. The decisive thing is that the sinner has heard of a love that could be, and really is, there for him; he is not the one who has to bring himself into line with God; God has always already seen in him, the loveless sinner, a beloved child and has looked upon him and conferred dignity upon him in the light of this love." (Hans Urs von Balthasar)

"The farther I run away from the place where God dwells, the less I am able to hear the voice that calls me the Beloved, and the less I hear that voice, the more entangled I become in the manipulations and power games of the world." (Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Return of the Prodigal Son*)

Images of Motherhood

