

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS
ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS
IN TODAY'S WORLD

CHAPTER THREE

IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

Ideologies striking at the heart of the Gospel

100. I regret that ideologies lead us at times to two harmful errors. On the one hand, there is the error of those Christians who separate these Gospel demands from their personal relationship with the Lord, from their interior union with him, from openness to his grace. Christianity thus becomes a sort of NGO stripped of the luminous mysticism so evident in the lives of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and many others. For these great saints, mental prayer, the love of God and the reading of the Gospel in no way detracted from their passionate and effective commitment to their neighbours; quite the opposite.

101. The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.[84] We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

St Margaret's- Roybridge, St Joseph's- Spean Bridge,
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6th January 2019

Feast of The Epiphany of Our Lord

<u>Masses</u>		
Wed, Fri	- St Margarets	10am
Tue, Thu	- St Josephs	10am
Sat Vigil	- St Josephs	6.30pm
Sunday:	- St Finnans	9.15 a.m.
	- St Margarets	11.30am
Confessions: before Vigil Mass, Sunday 11.30 Mass, also on request.		
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Pope Francis ‘Gaudete et Exsultate		

Welcome!

To all who are visiting our parish – a warm welcome!

Please sign our visitors' book.

Next Sunday: 13th January, Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord

Roybridge

Readers: Margaret Sargent, Mark Reynolds

Prayers: Tony Sargent

Ex Mins: Rory MacDonald, Catrina MacDonald, Margaret Watt

Spean Bridge:

Reader: Lindsay

Prayers: Sara

Ex Mins: Alison, Liz

Anniversaries: we pray for all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time, we remember Ann Kennedy whose anniversary is Wed 9th January and Jock & Jessie MacAskill.

We pray for the sick: for those at home, in hospital, those who have asked for our prayers. We pray that all our sick will be comforted and strengthened.

No Mass Monday: Fr Danny will be attending the memorial mass in St Columba's, Oban for Fr Gerard MacKay RIP

Burns Supper first meeting: The first meeting to discuss the forthcoming Burns Supper was well attended with plenty of promises of help from those who could not make the meeting itself. We need volunteers for various roles on the night. These include: stewards on the door; servers of the meals; a few more offers to cook neeps and tatties; help putting out tables, chairs etc.. the previous evening, Friday; **contributions to the Grand Raffle**; raffle ticket sellers on the night. All help will be gratefully received.

Meeting after Mass Sunday 6th January. Please do come along as we prepare for our much enjoyed Burns Supper once again. Meet in the winter chapel opposite chapel house kitchen door.

Special Collection: this weekend for the work of Justice & Peace.

Pastoral Council: meets this Tuesday 8th January 7pm

Unlocking the Mystery of The Bible: the program begun in Advent continues this Wednesday evening, 9th January at 7pm.

BURNS SUPPER

Roy Bridge Memorial Hall,
Saturday, January 26th 2019 at 8.00pm

Ceilidh (local guest artists) & Dance,

Music: Iain Joseph

Grand Raffle

Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of St. Margaret's Church

All proceeds to the Parish

TICKETS £10

Tickets available after mass or from David MacFarlane, Catrina

Macdonald, Angela MacIsaac, Margaret Sargent and Lorna MacGregor

And from Chapel House.

The Wise Men

Did you ever wonder what would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men?

If it was then it may have worked out something like this:

- they would have asked for directions
- arrived on time
- helped deliver the baby
- cleaned the stable
- made a casserole
- and brought practical gifts!

Or, it may have gone something like this:

- They would have been late getting started (It's tough to get your make-up just right so that it doesn't clash with the camel).
- After a quick (6 hours) stop at M & S for the gift, half way to the oasis the camel would have broken down (no one checked his water level).
- After finally arriving at Bethlehem (They had to stop and ask directions 12 times), they stopped at a beauty parlour to get their hair done (They couldn't see the baby looking like that).
- When they saw the stable they immediately turned around and went back to a Holiday Inn and got a room for everyone (There was no way they were going to stay in a dump like that).
- The 3 wise women finally arrived back at the stable only to find that the new parents had left for Egypt.

The last laugh - As someone once said: 'It's obvious that it was three wise women, has anyone ever found 3 wise men?'

We pray for God's grace and strength to be wise women and men who search for God in our daily lives.