



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin', Morar  
St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry  
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

## Weekday Masses (3 October - 8 October)

Monday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
Tuesday – St Francis of Assisi..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday ..... Arisaig: 10.00 am  
Thursday – Our Lady of the Rosary.....Mallaig: 10.00 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10:00 am

## Exposition

Friday ..... Morar: 10:30 - 11:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (8 October) Morar ..... 5:00 pm  
Any other time on request

## Housebound visits this week

Arisaig Parish .....Wednesday, from 10.30 am

## Sunday Masses 8 / 9 October (28th Sunday of Year - C)

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm ..... Morar  
Sunday 10:00 am .....Arisaig  
Sunday 11:30 am .....Mallaig  
Sunday 3:00 pm .....Mingarry

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Patrick Rodden (20.09), Benny Daly (04.10) Tougal,  
Duncan Gillies (28.09), Allan MacLeod (27.09).

*Eternal rest...*

## 27th Sunday of the Year (C)

2 October 2016

### Tuesday - St Francis of Assisi



Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything,

he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive, to set thousands of holy men wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe. Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity.

Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.



### Thursday – Our Lady of the Rosary

The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October.

**AFTER CAREFULL CONSIDERATION, FR STAN THINKS THAT IT SOUNDS ODD REFERRING TO HIMSELF IN 3<sup>RD</sup> PERSON THEREFORE FROM NOW ON THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE ADDRESSED IN 1<sup>ST</sup> PERSON (FIRST WILL BE LAST...)**

**ROSARY:** During October, month of the Holy Rosary, we will be starting each weekday Mass with a decade of the Rosary (1 mystery). Please, find in your busy schedule some time to offer this special prayer in your intentions, especially during the month of October. Rosary has been one of the oldest forms of devotion known to Catholicism. Many graces have been brought to mankind through the intercession of Our Lady and Contemplation on Rosary Mysteries. Our Lady herself has asked many times to pray the rosary.

**NEW ROTA OF SERVICES:** Please, have a look on the notice board for the new order of services in the area. It is a guideline to follow but remember to look for any changes in the Parish Newsletter as these might occur.

**BISHOP MCGEE:** i would like to thank Bishop McGee for his visit to the parishes this weekend. We are all very grateful for the kindness and attention that he has shown to us.

**CLERGY ASSEMBLY IN OBAN:** I have spent a good time in Oban. The talks delivered by Fr Jim Crampsey SJ were very interesting. Fr Crampsey talked about the Ministry of Freedom, Mercy and Papal Encyclical Letter *Amoris Laetitia*. There was also an opportunity for discussion and social gatherings.

**FR JOSEPH MCSHANE RIP:** Anniversary Mass for Fr Joe McShane will be celebrated in Glenfinnan Church on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Please remember our deceased clergy in prayer.

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**ARISAIG PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Last Friday the first meeting of newly formed Parish Council meeting took place. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed shortly. Many areas were covered during our discussions and I am very grateful for your support and encouragement. If anyone is interested in joining the Council, please speak to me after/before Mass or anytime suitable.

**HOUSEKEEPER/CLEANER NEEDED!** It was decided that Chapel House in Arisaig will require some regular maintenance and cleaning, therefore we are looking for someone to help with cleaning the house on a regular basis so that it would not deteriorate. If you know of any reliable person who would be interested in this job, please refer them to me.

**INSURANCE BILL:** An invoice for the insurance of the properties has arrived to the Chapel House. The amount is over £3000 for the whole year.

### MORAR PARISH:

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Starting from October, on every first Sunday of the month, there will be no Childrens Liturgy in Mallaig. Instead, I will have a special Mass for Children to involve them more in the liturgy. This is on trial basis now and we will see how it goes...

**MORAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** I suggest a meeting will take place in Morar Church on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

**INSURANCE BILL:** An invoice for the insurance of the properties has arrived to the Chapel House. The amount is £3238.84 for the whole year.

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**SUPPLY PRIEST:** Fr William Slavin has kindly agreed to do a Supply on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October between Mingarry and Glenuig.

**MINGARRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** I suggest a meeting to take place in Mingarry Church Hall on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October after 3pm Mass.

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**STARTING FROM NEXT WEEKEND, I WILL BE PUBLISHING TOTALS FOR ALL THE COLLECTIONS TAKEN IN EACH PARISH. THIS IS TO HELP PARISHIONERS GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF INCOME IN EACH PARISH. DETAILS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED OF ANY MAJOR EXPENSES.**

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**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Because we have a slight backlog, next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> October) we will have a Special Collection in Arisaig and Mingarry Parish. Because there is a number of them, the amount raised will be divided between the number of the Special Collections. Please bear in mind that normally each of these collections would be uplifted on separate Sundays.

**ARISAIG PARISH:** Ecclesiastical Students Fund (Please use Gift Aid envelopes), Sick and Retired Priests (Please use Gift Aid envelopes), Communications Sunday Collection

**MINGARRY PARISH:** Ecclesiastical Students Fund (Please use Gift Aid envelopes), Sick and Retired Priests (Please use Gift Aid envelopes), Day for Life, Communications Sunday

**MORAR PARISH:** No special Collection next weekend.