

*Weekday Masses (23 January - 28 January)*

Monday..... *Ecumenical Service in Acharacle 11.30am*; Morar: Mass 6.30pm  
 Tuesday *St Francis de Sales* .....Mallaig: 5pm  
 Wednesday *Feast of the Conversion of St Paul* .....Arisaig: 10 am  
 Thursday *Sts Timothy and Titus* .....Mallaig: 10:00 am  
 Friday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
 Saturday *St Thomas Aquinas* .....Arisaig: 10:00 am

*Exposition*

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

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday (28 January) Morar ..... 5:00 pm  
 Any other time on request

*Housebound visits this week*

*Sunday* .....Mingarry

*Sunday Masses 28 / 29 January (Fourth Sunday of the Year - A)*

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm ..... Morar  
 Sunday 10:00 am .....Arisaig  
 Sunday 11:30 am ..... Mallaig  
 Sunday 2:00 pm ..... Mingarry

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Constance MacDonald (died recently); Elsie Edwards (died recently); Allan MacDonald (Craigmhor); Iain MacLellan (Birmingham) 15.01; Margaret MacLellan (Birmingham) 19.01; Donald MacDonald (Cnoc-na-faire) 22.01; Iain MacMaster (Mingarry, Birthday Anniversary) 26.01; *Eternal rest...*

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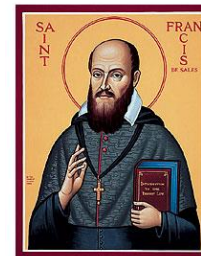
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar  
 St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry  
 St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

## Third Sunday of the Year (A)

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

*R) The Lord is my light and my help.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**



### Tuesday - St Francis de Sales

He was born near Annécý, in Savoy, studied the law, and was ordained to the priesthood despite the opposition of his father. His first mission was to re-evangelize the people of his home district (the Chablais), who had gone over to Calvinism. Always in danger of his life from hostile Calvinists, he preached with such effectiveness that after four years most of the people had returned to the Church. He was then appointed bishop of Geneva, and spent the rest of his life reforming and reorganising the diocese,

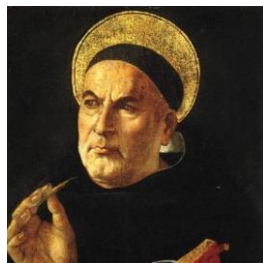
and in caring for the souls of his people by preaching and spiritual guidance. St Francis taught that we can all attain a devout and spiritual life, whatever our position in society: holiness is not reserved for monks and hermits alone. He wrote that “religious devotion does not destroy: it perfects,” and his spiritual counsel is dedicated to making people more holy by making them more themselves. In his preaching against Calvinism he was driven by love rather than a desire to win: so much so, that it was a Calvinist minister who said “if we honoured anyone as a saint, I know of no-one since the days of the Apostles more worthy of it than this man.” St Francis is the patron saint of writers and journalists, who would do well to imitate his love and his moderation: as he said, “whoever wants to preach effectively must preach with love.”

### Thursday - St Timothy and St Titus

Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after



the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.



### Friday - St Thomas Aquinas

He was born of a noble family in southern Italy, and was educated by the Benedictines. In the normal course of events he would have joined that order and taken up a position suitable to his rank; but he decided to become a Dominican instead. His family were so scandalised by this disreputable plan that they kidnapped him and kept him prisoner for over a year; but he was more obstinate than they were, and he had his way at last. He studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St Albert the Great. It was a time of great philosophical ferment. The writings of Aristotle, the greatest philosopher of the ancient world, had been newly rediscovered, and were becoming available to people in the West for the first time in a thousand years. Many feared that Aristotelianism was flatly contradictory to Christianity, and the teaching of Aristotle was banned in many universities at this time – the fact that Aristotle’s works were coming to the West from mostly Muslim sources did nothing to help matters.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** ‘In 1908, Rev. Paul Wattson, then an Anglican religious in Graymoor, New York, began a Church Unity Octave with the support of Anglican and Catholic prelates, including Cardinal William O’Connell of Boston. The octave began on January 18, then the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome, and concluded on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The following year, Wattson and other members of his Society of the Atonement became Catholic, and in 1910, Wattson was ordained to the priesthood. Observance of the octave spread rapidly. In 1916, Pope Benedict XV, renaming it the Chair of Unity Octave, extended its observance to the entire Church. The octave is now known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (formerly the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity) have jointly prepared material for the week of prayer. The theme of the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us” (cf. 2 Cor. 5:14-20); the materials this year were developed in Germany.’ (Catholic World News)

**BLUE IS NOT THE BEST COLOUR FOR A PRIEST:** As you have probably noticed by now, the new car has arrived. It is the same model as the last one except that it is privately owned. This means that none of the parishes have suffered financially due to my accident. Having a lot of problems lying ahead with different expenses, I did not want to add to them. I will have to cut back on posh holidays – used to be a scout so not afraid of tents ☺ I wish to thank you again for all your support. A word of special thanks goes to Mairead MacDonald (Kinsadel). She travelled all the way to London with me to pick up the car and then back to Morar. I must admit that I was too afraid to travel on my own. I still do not feel comfortable on my own and need to give it some time to gain back some confidence – not speed!

**NEW PHOTOCOPIER:** The new photocopier has arrived!

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**HEATING UPDATE:** Unfortunately I do not have good news as regards the state of the boilers in the parish. Despite fixing attempts the House Boiler is still not working properly. The Church boiler is working fine at the moment but as it is an old one and over the years there have been multiple repairs, we have to start thinking about contingencies for the future – and pray that it works as long as possible! What seems to me as a bit unexpected is the state of the boiler in the Club Room – the boiler is leaking and currently flooding the room. Scott Andrews will have to take the whole boiler apart to look for the source of the leak – if it is the boiler part itself – it will need to be replaced. This is now the priority as Fr Campbell has to be provided with heating and hot water!

**PARISH COUNCIL:** I am still working on fixing the date. I will let you know ASAP. I would like to visit Fr MacKay as his condition continues to deteriorate, I will be also in Fort William on the following week for Fr MacKinnon’s birthday! He is celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> on 28<sup>th</sup> of January. Ad multos annos!

### MORAR PARISH:

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7pm in Chapel House in Morar.

**NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** At the back of the Church you can find new envelopes. Please make sure that you pick up the right one. If you cannot find your envelope, speak to me after Mass.

**CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR:** The works continue... There have been some problems in getting the units connected under the floor so they had to be connected through the wall of the Church. Hopefully everything will go well now in the upcoming week.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Bishop McGee will be with us on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Mass in Mallaig. We will be delighted to have him and also to have our children confirmed!

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**PARISH COUNCIL:** I suggest a meeting to take place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, after Mass in Mingarry.

**HEATING:** Bill Hall from Alba Air Energy sent me an email regarding the repair of the broken unit in Mingarry Church. He was supposed to come on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> to fix it. Then Monday turned into Tuesday, Wednesday...etc. The workmen that are working on the heating in Morar are ready to fix it anytime, but they do not have the part that is supposed to be delivered by Bill Hall.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This year, it is the Catholics' turn, and we will be hosting a short ecumenical service entitled "Crossing Barriers" on Mon 23rd Jan 11.30am at the Acharacle Community Centre. The service will be followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship. If you can help, read etc. please let me know. Jean Whitton 01967 431321. I will be staying in Mingarry overnight on Sunday to attend the service in Acharacle on Monday.

### COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
15.01.....	£408 (Gift Aid £275.50)
Arisaig:	
15.01.....	£241.80 (Gift Aid £146)
Mingarry/Glenuig:	
15.01.....	£150.50 (Gift Aid £89.50)