

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

## Weekday Services (5<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June)

Monday *St Boniface* ..... Morar: 10:15 am  
Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 5:00 pm  
Wednesday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday *Feast of Dedication of Oban Cathedral*..... Mallaig: 10:15 am  
Friday *St Columba* ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

## Sunday Masses 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> June (TRINITY SUNDAY - A)

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

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday, after morning Mass till 11 am.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 05:00 pm ..... Morar  
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week - Thursday ..... Morar

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Ann MacEachin (Tullochgorm) 03/06/2017; Joan Bremner 02/06/2009; Nettie Currie 01/06; Archie 06/06 and Barbara MacLellan; Ewan MacDonald 09/06/2004.

*Eternal rest...*

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## PENTECOST (A)

4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

*R) Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**



## PENTECOST

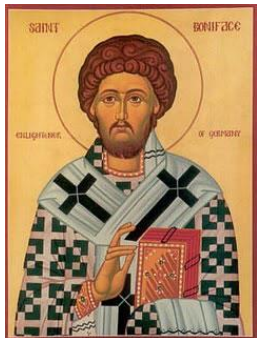
A feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Whitsunday is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptised during the vigil; Pentecost ("Pfungsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter).

Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century, although there is no evidence that it was observed, as there is in the case of Easter; the passage in 1 Corinthians 16:8 probably refers to the Jewish feast. This is not surprising, for the feast, originally of only one day's duration, fell on a Sunday; besides it was so closely bound up with Easter that it appears to be not much more than the termination of Paschal tide.

That Whitsunday belongs to the Apostolic times is stated in the seventh of the (interpolated) fragments attributed to St. Irenæus. In Tertullian (On Baptism 19) the festival appears as already well established. The Gallic pilgrim gives a detailed account of the solemn manner in which it was observed at Jerusalem ("Peregrin. Silviae", ed. Geyer, iv). The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V, Part 20) say that Pentecost lasts one week, but in the West it was not kept with an octave until at quite a late date. It appears from Berno of Reichenau (d. 1048) that it was a debatable point in his time whether Whitsunday ought to have an octave. At present it is of equal rank with Easter Sunday. During the vigil formerly the catechumens who remained from Easter were baptised, consequently the ceremonies on Saturday are similar to those on Holy Saturday.

The office of Pentecost has only one Nocturn during the entire week. At Terce the "Veni Creator" is sung instead of the usual hymn, because at the third hour the Holy Ghost

descended. The Mass has a Sequence, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" the authorship of which by some is ascribed to King Robert of France. The colour of the vestments is red, symbolic of the love of the Holy Ghost or of the tongues of fire. Formerly the law courts did not sit during the entire week, and servile work was forbidden. A Council of Constance (1094) limited this prohibition to the first three days of the week. The Sabbath rest of Tuesday was abolished in 1771, and in many missionary territories also that of Monday; the latter was abrogated for the entire Church by Pius X in 1911.



## Monday – St. Boniface

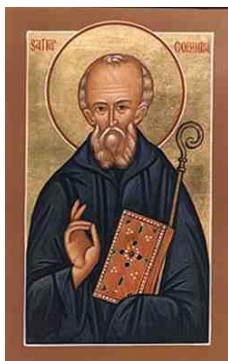
For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so, at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface.

Boniface left England, never to return, and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He himself was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and then, over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 5 June 754.

He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany.

## Friday – St. Columba

Columba (Gaelic Colm Cille) He was born in Gartan, in County Donegal, and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland as a missionary, "an exile for Christ." His greatest foundation was Iona, from where he converted much of western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel as far as northern England. He died at Iona in 597. He was renowned as a poet and scribe as well as a spiritual guide. In Gaelic literature he appears as Ireland's most popular saint, noted for his great personal love of all creatures, both human and animal.



**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:** Bishop McGee has returned to Oban and left St. Mary's, Benbecula. **Fr Philip Massawe** (Spiritual priest) arrived in Scotland on June 1st and will stay on Benbecula until September. A permanent appointment will be made afterwards. No news with regard to **Fr McGlone's** arrival to Mingarry.

**MASS ON CANNA:** I had a very peaceful trip to Canna last Wednesday. Weather was beautiful. Some parishioners also joined me so I did not feel too lonely on the boat.

**SAD NEWS:** Some time ago I got word that **Fr Anthony Boylan**, who was an often visitor to Mingarry Parish and supplied in all our parishes in the past, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment. We remember him in our prayers asking God for his recovery. We also remember about **Fr Donald MacKay**. He has spent the past two weeks on South Uist and will be traveling on Monday via Mallaig to Glasgow for his treatment. We also remember about **Betty MacBeth** in MacKintosh Centre. There are so many in our community who are also struggling with illness. May Christ, the Divine Physician, give them comfort and relief from suffering.

**EILIDH MACLEOD RIP:** You may have heard already that the Funeral for the repose of the soul of Eilidh MacLeod, who died in the Manchester Concert Attack, will take place in Barra on Monday the 5th of June at 11.15 a.m.

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**ANN MACEACHIN RIP:** We remember in our prayers Ann, who passed away on Saturday, and the whole family. Details regarding the funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

**CUTTING TREES:** Following our observations at the last Parish Council meeting I have commissioned some trees to be cut on the seaside of the fence. The works should take place within a month.

**TEAS/COFFEES:** There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to help with teas and coffees after Fr Wynne's Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> June. If you could put your name on the list to help with serving, baking or some other way to contribute. Thank you for your support.

### MORAR PARISH:

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Will take place in Mallaig on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS/CORPUS CHRISTI:** On **18<sup>th</sup> June** in Mallaig we will be celebrating First Communions. During Mass, we will be also holding a procession around the Church with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be teas/coffees at the back of the Church afterwards. Please, consider spending some time after Mass to show your support to children who are making their First Communions.

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**DECISIONS:** Very brief Parish Council meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Decisions need to be made regarding Chapel House improvements ASAP.

#### COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
25.05 Ascension & 28.05.....	£528 (Gift Aid £256)
Arisaig:	
25.05 Ascension.....	£132.65 (Gift Aid £35)
28.05.....	£309.10 (Gift Aid £145)
Mingarry:	
25.05 Ascension.....	£0
28.05.....	£194.33 (Gift Aid £110)