

Weekday Services (17th July – 22nd July)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday *Liturgy of the Word with Communion* Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *Liturgy of the Word with Communion* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St Mary Magdalene* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 22nd / 23rd July (16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 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 Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 22nd July 5:00 pm Morar
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week.....Mallaig, Thursday Morning

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Willy MacDonald (Arisaig); Donald Buchanan (Morar) 24.07;
Alan MacDonald (Morar) 18.07; Katie MacLean (Fort William) 19.07.1989.

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

15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

16th July 2017

R) Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!



Saturday – St. Mary Magdalene

Mary of Magdala was healed of “seven devils” by Jesus. She ministered to him in Galilee and was present at his crucifixion. She was in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that the risen Jesus first appeared. The Western tradition is that Mary Magdalene is also “the woman who was a sinner” and the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany. There is no evidence either way, and the tradition is tenuous enough for even such authorities as St Ambrose to hold, with the East, that they are three different people. It seems, therefore, that although the Western tradition is to be respected and is a real inspiration, it may not necessarily be

historical. This kind of ambiguity is inevitable in a religion such as Christianity, which is founded on definite historical events rather than myths which can be adjusted into logicity. We need not worry about it too much: if it had been harmful to us to celebrate the tradition of heroic penitence, the Holy Spirit would not have allowed it.

Even without the extra tradition, Mary Magdalene is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world.

VISITORS: We welcome all the visitors to our area! At the moment, **Rev Emmanuel Alagbaoso**, our Deacon, who hopefully will be ordained a priest for our diocese next year, is staying in Arisaig till end of July. Also during the week we had a visit from a Parish group from **Bavaria** in Germany. They celebrated Mass in Morar with their priest and deacon. **Fr Tomasz Frymark**, who long time ago brought a bus of polish people to Arisaig also visited during the week.

MISSION APPEAL: **Sister Kathryn**, who was with us last weekend has send us a message of gratitude for the time she spent with us and also the money we raised for the Missions. All together I have transferred £682.56.

AWAY TO UIST: I hope to be away to Uist from Monday till Wednesday. Deacon Emmanuel will lead services. It will be good to visit Fr MacKay!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next week we will have our annual Special Collection for the Bishops Fund. I am sure that we will be as generous as always to our bishop and all the activities regarding his Pastoral Work. Please remember to use our Parish Envelopes with the proper box 'ticked'.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION: Mon-Tue parishes will be undergoing Health and Safety inspection. This is to fulfil our Insurance obligations. My thanks to parishioners who helped in recent weeks with some preparations/adjustments.

LITURGY WORKS: Fr Hutson is organising another Choir event in August. Please take a look at the posters in our churches if you are interested in taking part.

NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT, 9th-10th September, organised by the CYSS. Argyll & the Isles are hosting this event. Young people will come from all over Scotland. This event will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, prayers in the St Michael Chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and a tour of the Abbey. For those groups who arrive early on Iona there will be a prayer walk to St Columba's Bay and back in time for the 1pm arrival of those coming directly off the coach. If you are interested please get in touch with our Diocesan Youth Worker or Coordinator. Bishop McGee would like two young people (15-18 yo) from each parish to be present at this event. Please speak to me if you are interested in going.

SPUC MESSAGE: A growing number of organisations is working together to propose the most radical abortion policy. The ultimate aim of the campaign is to permit abortion to birth for any reason. The view is completely at odds with public opinion; a recent opinion poll showed 99% of people were opposed to this idea and in fact 70% of women want the abortion time-limit reduced.

However, this is not deterring the pro-abortion groups who have key people in professional organisations such as the Royal College of Midwives and the British Medical Association which has just voted to support the decriminalisation of abortion. This will have great influence on politicians and wider society.

Politically they have already tested the water with a bill at Westminster to decriminalise abortion to 24 weeks. At present abortion is a criminal offence but it can be carried out under exceptions to the law. The attempt to decriminalise was taken by Diana Johnson and her bill succeeded at stage 1 but fortunately ran out of parliamentary time due to the General Election.

That bill will come forward again and in Scotland similar groups are orchestrating attempts to build momentum for decriminalisation in Scotland.

That is why we need to mobilise people at grassroots level to ensure their voice cannot be ignored. We are launching a petition to harness the public distaste for decriminalisation.

PETITION IS AVAILABLE TO SIGN AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Taken from L'Osservatore Romano:

With the Motu Proprio "Maiores hac dilectionem" on the offer of life, Pope Francis has opened the path to beatification for those faithful who, inspired by charity, have heroically offered their life for their neighbour, freely and voluntarily accepting certain and untimely death in their determination to follow Jesus: he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 Jn 3:16). As we know, for centuries the norms of the Catholic Church have provided that one may proceed to the beatification of a Servant of God along one of three paths:

1) the path of martyrdom, which is the supreme imitation of Christ and the greatest witness of charity. The classic concept of martyrdom consists in: a) the voluntary acceptance of a violent death out of love of Christ on the part of the victim; b) the persecutor's odium for the faith, or for another Christian virtue; c) the clemency and forgiveness of the victim who emulates the example of Jesus, who on the Cross invoked the Father's mercy for his murderers.

2) The path of heroic virtues, exercised "swiftly, readily, gladly and above the common way of conduct, for a supernatural end" (Benedict XIV), and for a corresponding period of time, or until doing so becomes a habitual way of being and acting in coherence with the Gospel. It is a matter of theological virtues (faith, hope, charity), cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance), and "adjunct" virtues (poverty, obedience, chastity, humility).

3) There is then a third path, lesser known and less travelled, which leads, however, to the same result as the other two. It is the way of the so-called *casus excepti*, thus called by the Code of Canon Law of 1917 (cf. cann. 2125-2135). Their recognition leads to the confirmation of an ancient cult, which is subsequent to the Pontificate of Alexander III (†1181) and prior to 1534, as established by Urban VIII (1623-1644), the great legislator of the Causes of Saints. The confirmation of the ancient cult is also called "equipollent beatification".

These three paths are still open and passable, but do not appear sufficient to interpret all possible causes of canonizable sanctity. In fact, recently, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has asked "whether beatification is not deserved by those Servants of God who, inspired by Christ's example, have freely and voluntarily offered and immolated their own life for their brethren in a supreme act of charity, which was the direct cause of death, thus putting into practice the Word of the Lord: 'Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' (Jn 15:13)" (*Positio peculiaris*, p. 3).

This introduces a fourth path, which we could call **the offer of life**. While having several elements that resemble both the path of martyrdom and that of heroic virtues, it is a new path that is meant to value a heroic Christian witness, previously lacking a specific procedure, precisely because it does not demonstrate all the particular traits of the cause of martyrdom nor of heroic virtues.

The path of the offer of life, indeed, partially resembles that of martyrdom because there is a heroic gift of self, up to and including death, but it is distinguishable because there is no persecutor who seeks to impose the choice against Christ. Similarly, the path of the offer of life resembles that of heroic virtues because there is a heroic act of charity (the gift of self) inspired by Christ's example, but it is distinguishable because it is not the expression of a prolonged exercise of virtues and, in particular, of heroic charity. However, it requires an ordinary exercise of Christian life, which makes possible and comprehensible the free and voluntary decision to give one's own life in a supreme act of Christian love, which surpasses the natural instinct of self-preservation, by imitating Christ, who offered himself to the Father for the world, on the Cross. [...]

With this provision, not only have the doctrine of canonizable Christian sanctity and the traditional procedure of the Church for the beatification of Servants of God been amended, but they have been enriched with new horizons and opportunities for edifying the People of God, who in their Saints see the face of Christ, God's presence in history and the exemplary implementation of the Gospel.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
09.07.....	£364 (Gift Aid £238)
Arisaig:	
09.07.....	£359.90 (GA £170.20)
Mingarry:	
09.07.....	£144.30 (Gift Aid £95)