

Weekday Services (24th July – 29th July)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *Feast of St James* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday *St Joachim and Anne* Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St Martha* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 29th / 30th July (17th 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, 29th July 5:00 pm Morar
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week..... no visits

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Willy Hamish MacDonald (Arisaig) died recently; Rhoda Morrison (Elgol, Skye) died 17/7/17; Beatrice Wilkinson 23.07.2016; George Wilkinson 23.07.1972; Jessie Wilkinson 26.07.1967; Stan Proudfoot 12.07; Effie MacDonald 16.07; Hugh MacLeod 24/07/1990; Joe Culley 26/07/1966; Netta MacKellar 27/07/2002.

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

16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

23rd July 2017

R) O Lord, you are good and forgiving..

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!



Wednesday – St. James

He was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. He was buried in Jerusalem, and nothing more is known about him until the ninth century.

At this time we learn of a tradition that the relics of St James were brought to Spain some time after his martyrdom, (perhaps early, perhaps as late as 830), and his shrine at Compostela in Galicia grew in importance until

it became the greatest pilgrimage centre in western Europe. In every country there are churches of St James and known, well-trodden pilgrim routes. In Paris, the Tour St Jacques marks the start of the route and the Rue St Jacques points straight towards Compostela. In England, pilgrim routes lead from all parts of the country to the major ports that were used on the pilgrimage. This network of routes is a vital witness to the fact that the Middle Ages were not the static stay-at-home time that we often think them to be: everyone must have known someone, or known someone who knew someone, who had made the pilgrimage. The scallop-shell, the emblem of St James, has become the emblem of pilgrims generally.

In 1987 the pilgrimage routes to Compostela were designated by the Council of Europe as historical cultural routes of international importance. The Confraternity of St James continues to work to restore and upgrade the refuges on a route which is still in active pilgrim use today.

Thursday – St. Joachim and Anne

An ancient tradition, already known in the 2nd century, gives these names to the parents of the Virgin Mary. The cult of St Anna became popular in the 6th century in the East, and in the 10th century in the West, where she is the patron saint of Brittany; Joachim was added a long time later – too often the fate of fathers.

Although the information about Mary's parents is found in an early apocryphal writing that gives many miraculous and highly-coloured stories about the early life of the Virgin Mary, there is no reason to suppose that such a straightforward fact as her parents' names should be wrong, since there is nothing to be gained from falsifying it. It does not



occur in the Gospels simply because the most reliable evangelists (the only ones whom we have allowed into the Bible) felt they had more important things to talk about.

But what, after all, could be more important than the parents who brought up the Virgin Mary to be the woman she was? At the moment of consenting to the Incarnation she took the most important decision ever taken by any human being, and the fact that she took it is, to a great extent, the work of her parents. The Holy Spirit gave her the strength to take the decision; but her parents' training gave her the wisdom to choose.

Those of us who have children must seek to bring them up to the best of our ability, to meet challenges that, like Anna and Joachim, we have no way of even imagining.



Saturday – St. Martha

Martha was the sister of Mary of Bethany and Lazarus. In the West, her feast day comes a week after that of St Mary Magdalene because of the old and probably erroneous tradition that Mary Magdalene was the same person as Martha's sister.

But at least Martha and Mary both get celebrated *somehow*. What about poor Lazarus? He deserves our sympathy for being brought back to life by Jesus so as, later, to have to die all over again. What he thought of being brought

back to Earth is not recorded. The presence of the incarnate Lord must have made up for the postponement of Heaven, but – where less dramatic circumstances are concerned – we should think of Lazarus when we prepare to make spectacular acts of charity on behalf of people who may not necessarily appreciate our interventions.

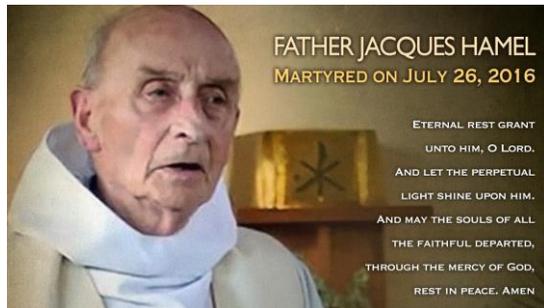
VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. Our Deacon, **Rev Emmanuel Alagbaoso**, who is enjoying his rest in Arisaig, will be preaching this weekend in all our parishes.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today we have a Special Collection for the **Bishop's Fund**. We support Bishop McGee in all his pastoral work. I am sure that we will be as generous as always towards him.

FR MACKAY: It was truly a blessing to be on Uist in such lovely weather. I was glad to see Fr Donald and spend a day with him. He is weak in body but very strong in Spirit. He was very grateful to hear that so many of us have offered prayers and can truly testify to their power! There are so many of us, who suffer from painful conditions and are undergoing treatment. We offer our prayers for their recovery. We also ask St. Luke, patron saint of doctors, to intercede for their wisdom and support.

COOP BANK CHARGES: My thanks to all who help with our Parish Collections. Coop Bank, which holds all our accounts has been undergoing many changes in the past few weeks. This has caused few unpleasant changes to us. At the moment, each account is charged around £15 a month in different fees. So far, I have avoided additional charges by not using cheques to pay for any bills, as these are charged separately. I asked the Bank to present a full list of any additional charges that we will be incurring. It seems like nowadays no bank is willing to support charities free of charge!

LITURGY WORKS: Another Pastoral Music weekend will take place in August. Please take a look at the posters at the back.



HEALTH AND SAFETY: Thank you for the help of Parishioners who helped during our inspections last week. We now await final reports and once received, will be discussed at our Parish Council Meetings.

MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES: Since I came to Morar/Arisaig/Mingarry I know that there has been a change in the way that Mass Intentions are being announced. As it was easy to be done for Fr Joe and Fr Tony as they did not have three parishes. The dilemma then appears what happens when there are two or more anniversaries on the same day? Do I chose? Therefore as I announced at the beginning I will not be announcing Mass intentions each day. Instead I read out the names we pray for on a Sunday and put it in the Parish Newsletter. And then if there is a Funeral and Mass has to be offered for the deceased person do I announce a second Mass? I can assure you that I keep a record of all the Mass Intentions and I always try to say them on that day if possible. If you would like to know exactly the Mass was/will be said, please do not hesitate to ask me. Some people already do so.

A Mass Intention is the most precious gift we can have as Catholics. Every single Eucharist has to be offered for someone (needs to be a Sacrifice) living or dead or in any other intention (ex. For peace in the family, for conversion). If there is no intention provided, the priest calls upon one anyway. Every Sunday I offer one for all the Parishioners. We must not forget that our presence at the Eucharist and reception of it can also be offered for someone, hence when the family gathers on the Anniversary Day, it still is a form of our prayer as well as a testimony to others (*Where two or more are gathered in my Name...*)

I can assure you that any Anniversary you hand over to me is offered as a Mass Sacrifice.

ARISAIG PARISH:

NEW CANDLES: Many thanks to all donors for their generosity. All the candles have now been offered in Memory of loved ones. Two altar Candles have been donated in Memory of Donald Alistair MacDonald, Two Altar Servers Lights have been donated in Memory of Helen and Lawrence McGeough. Six candles on the High Altar have been donated in Memory of Wynnie MacPherson. I will order a commemorative plaque to be placed on the High Altar with donors' names.

MORAR PARISH:

CAT WAS AWAY: As much as I enjoyed my trip to Uist, it was a surprising view that welcomed me back to Morar. Upon making some enquiries it was discovered that some campers/tourist have organised themselves a barbecue in the parking area. Despite the fact that permission was not sought, donation of rubbish was made to the parish grounds. I really enjoy visitors and quite often time and opportunity permitting am happy to offer them a cup of tea, however over the past few weeks more and more rubbish is being dumped on the parish grounds – baby diapers are truly TOXIC! I would like to ask you for your help to be a bit more vigilant regarding these sort of activities taking place around our churches.

BAPTISM: We welcome **James Anderson** to our Christian community! We congratulate his parents on the Occasion of his Baptism. It is always a great joy for the whole Parish!

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	16.07.....	£325 (Gift Aid £206)
Arisaig:	16.07.....	£314.41 (GA £176.34)
Mingarry:	16.07.....	£170 (Gift Aid £100)