

Weekday Services (11th – 16th September)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
 Tuesday Mallaig: 5:00 pm
 Wednesday *St John Chrysostom* Arisaig: 10.15 am
 Thursday *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* Mallaig: 10.15 am
 Friday *Our Lady of Sorrows* Morar: 10.15 am
 Saturday *St Ninian* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 16th/17th September (24th 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 Glenuig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 16th September, 5pm..... Mallaig
 Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week..... Morar, Thursday

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Margaret Ann MacPherson (died 8/9/2017); John Tailor (died 8/9/2017); Angus MacDonald (Mallaig) 10/9/2005; John MacDonald (Gorten) 10/9/2010; John Paul Houston 15/9/2012; Patrick MacDonald (Kinsadel) 7/9; Mary MacLeod (Fort William) 15/9/1962; Joan Campbell (South Uist) 16/09.

Eternal rest...

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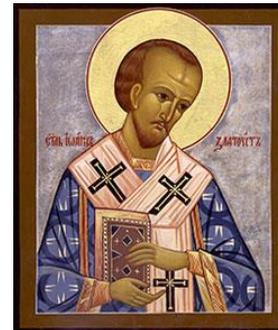
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar
 St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry
 St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

23rd Sunday of the Year (A)

10th September 2017

R) O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
 Alleluia!



Wednesday – St John Chrysostom

He was born in Antioch. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher. He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships. His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname “Chrystostom” (the Greek for “golden mouth”).

Thursday – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture?

First, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race.

Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorize and theologize all we like; but all our theorizings and theologizings are nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

This day twelve years ago was my First Day in Seminary in Gdansk, Poland.



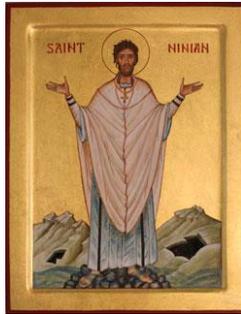


Friday – Our Lady of Sorrows

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages, and the hymn Stabat Mater was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated today, the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.

Saturday – St. Ninian

He was born in Cumbria and was ordained bishop in Rome in 394. He landed at Whithorn in Galloway in 397 and built a white-painted stone church there which was called Candida Casa, “White House.” From this centre he preached the Gospel in Scotland.



FR PERRY GILDEA: We welcome Fr Perry, who is spending his break in Morar. He kindly offered to say Mass in Arisaig this Sunday to give me a long lie... Many thanks and welcome.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. At the moment we have Rev Deacon Emmanuel Alagbaoso preparing for priesthood at the Scots College in Rome and Ronald Campbell, who is studying for Priesthood at Venerable Beda College in Rome.

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. If you like our Parishes, please follow our page on Facebook! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend we will have a Special Collection for Ecclesiastical Students Fund. This is a Diocesan Special Collection that allows us to pay for all the fees required to educate present and future priests. We are very grateful for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVER’S COLLECTION: Between Arisaig and Morar/Mallaig we have raised £335.20. Many thanks for your generosity. Trip to take place on Saturday, 30th September but will be confirmed next week.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA: We pray for all the youngsters who are on Iona this weekend!

MARY TOAL’S 90th BIRTHDAY: It was a lovely celebration last Sunday in Roy Bridge and I am glad I could make it. Lovely dinner as well!

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Everyone is welcome on Monday, 11th September at 7pm in the Club Room for our Parish Council Meeting.

MORAR PARISH:

MARGARET ANN MACPHERSON RIP: With great sadness I got the news about Margaret Ann. She was very much in the heart of Mallaig Church Community. We offer our prayers for her and also her Mother Isa, and auntie Chrissy who were looked after by Margaret Ann. May she rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL: I suggest we meet on Monday, 18th September at 7pm. Please make a note of it in your diary.

PROBLEMS WITH WATER: I am very grateful to Douglas and MacKellaig builders for their help with putting up a new sign in Morar. They also spent a day trying to fix the issues with the Cattle Grid. It turned out that the drain has been completely blocked and now requires a major repair to avoid drainage issues. This has to be repaired so I asked Douglas to carry on with the repair.

MINGARRY PARISH:

NEW APPOINTMENT: Still no word...

The following words were spoken by Pope Francis on 12th March this year. I thought that since we will be celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we might use it as a good reminder:

‘By now decisively headed toward Jerusalem, where he will be sentenced to death by crucifixion, Jesus wanted to prepare his own for this scandal — the scandal of the Cross — this scandal which is too intense for their faith and, at the same time, to foretell his Resurrection by manifesting himself as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus was preparing them for that sad and very painful moment. In fact, Jesus was already revealing himself as a Messiah different from their expectations, from how they imagined the Messiah, how the Messiah would be: not a powerful and glorious king, but a humble and unarmed servant; not a lord of great wealth, a sign of blessing, but a poor man with nowhere to rest his head; not a patriarch with many descendants, but a celibate man without home or nest. It is truly an overturned revelation of God, and the most bewildering sign of this scandalous overturning, is the cross. But it is through the Cross that Jesus will reach the glorious Resurrection, which will be definitive, not like this Transfiguration which lasted a moment, an instant.

Transfigured on Mount Tabor, Jesus wanted to show his disciples his glory, not for them to circumvent the Cross, but to show where the Cross leads. Those who die with Jesus, shall rise again with Jesus. The Cross is the door to Resurrection. Whoever struggles alongside him will triumph with him. This is the message of hope contained in Jesus’ Cross, urging us to be strong in our existence. The Christian Cross is not the furnishings of a house or adornments to wear but rather, the Christian Cross is a call to the love with which Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity from evil and sin. In this Lenten season, we contemplate with devotion the image of the Crucifix, Jesus on the Cross: this is the symbol of Christian Faith, the emblem of Jesus, who died and rose for us. Let us ensure that the Cross marks the stages of our Lenten journey in order to understand ever better the seriousness of sin and the value of the sacrifice by which the Saviour has saved us all.

The Blessed Virgin was able to contemplate the glory of Jesus hidden in his humanness. May she help us stay with Him in silent prayer, to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his presence, so as to bring a reflection of his glory to our hearts through the darkest nights.’

COLLECTIONS:

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| Morar/Mallaig: | |
| 03.09..... | £422 (Gift Aid £222) |
| Arisaig: | |
| 03.09..... | £237.10 (GA £109.70) |
| Mingarry: | |
| 03.09..... | £85 (Gift Aid £50) |