

# 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October)

Monday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday ..... No Mass  
Wednesday *St Francis of Assisi* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday *Requiem Mass of James Connelly RIP* ..... Arisaig: 2.00 pm  
Friday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday *Our Lady of the Rosary* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

## Sunday Masses 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October (27<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am ..... Arisaig  
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week ..... Arisaig, by Thursday

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** James Connelly (died recently); Addie Allan (died recently);  
Duncan Gillies (Mallaig) 28.09.1980; Helen MacDonald (Glasgow) 26.08.1970; Mark &  
Irene Clougherty; Carmine MacDonald (Mallaig) 06.10.2006; Roderick MacDonald  
01.10.2002; Ian MacDonald (Morar) 06/10/12; Dugald MacPherson (Arisaig) 06/10/89

*Eternal rest...*

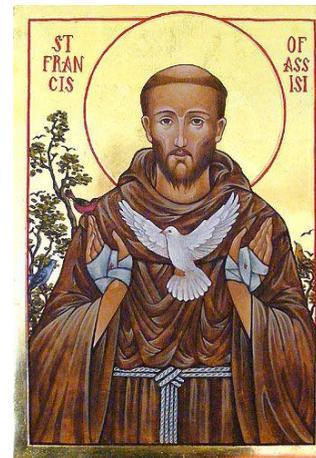
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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

R) Remember your mercy, Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!



## Wednesday – St Francis of Assisi

Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position

and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive, to set thousands of holy men wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe.

Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity.

Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.

## Saturday – Our Lady of the Rosary

The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October.



**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:** Please remember about the Rosary in the month of October. There is a plenary indulgence for recitation of these in the Church, the family or pious association. Five decades of the Rosary must be prayed continuously. The prayers of the Rosary must be prayed vocally and one must meditate upon the Mysteries of the Rosary. If the recitation of the Rosary is public, the Mysteries of the Rosary must be announced. Plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. Three other conditions must be fulfilled: a Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, Prayers for the Pope's intentions. In addition, one must be free of all attachments to sin, even venial sin. If this complete integrity is not present or if the above conditions are not fulfilled the indulgence is only partial. Both a plenary and partial indulgence may be applied to the dead.

I know that these requirements sound difficult to fulfil but above everything else it is important to pray the Rosary. I am sure that if our prayers are sincere, they have a special meaning to God through the intercession of Our Lady. In October, we will recite a decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass. Masses on Saturdays will be special Votive Masses to Our Lady.

**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.

**BISHOP MCGEE:** Wee alteration to Bishop's schedule: Arisaig – Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November; Morar – Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November; Mingarry – Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please make a note of this in your diaries. Parish Council meetings will take place at 5.30pm in Arisaig and Morar; Mingarry tba.

**CONFIRMATIONS/CONFESSIONS/COMMUNIONS:** There will be a meeting of parents willing to have their children Confirmed on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in Morar.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRIP:** We enjoyed our trip to Fort William. Photos from the day are available on Parish Facebook page. Many thanks to all who made this day possible.

**DEANERY MEETING ON SKYE:** Unfortunately due to the preparation for the Funeral Mass I will not be able to attend the meeting this week. We wish our priests a good and fruitful discussion about Bishop McGee's agenda.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** This year falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We will have a Special Collection that day however the Missio Scotland Office have been very busy in sending us some information about its work in advance. There are leaflets at the back of our churches as well as money boxes and Gift Aid envelopes. Please, remember that if you decide to take one, it will have to be delivered back no later than on the of the Collection. You can't use your Parish Gift Aid envelopes for this Collection, instead there are Missio envelopes at the back.

**FIRE SECURITY CHECKS/CERTIFICATES:** I have agreed to a 5 year contract with Chubbs to provide us with annual checks of fire equipment. I have approached multiple companies and the offer from Chubbs seemed to be the most preferential. The contract will cover all of the Parishes and Buildings (Chapel Houses, Halls, Churches). This way the total cost is less than half of what each parish was paying before. Let us hope this agreement will be fruitful. I would like to ask for your help to allow the Engineer to inspect the premises (in case I am absent, someone would let him in and show around).

**MUSIC:** Come and learn some new hymns and practise some more familiar ones. All welcome to a music session on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Church of Scotland Church Hall. Light lunch available from 1pm, singing from 1:30-3:30pm. Feel free to come for as long as you can manage. No obligation to join the choir afterwards! If you are joining us for lunch, please let Margaret know so we can make sure there is enough food. 01687 462254 - or sign the list at the back of church in Mallaig. Come and help us 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' [Ps 100].

**EXAMS... EXAMS...:** I have been busy recently studying for exams required by the Home Office to be granted citizenship. Last Friday I was in Edinburgh to pass Life in the UK exam (got 91%. Forgot about Bannister's achievement) and next Tuesday I am going to Glasgow to take twice postponed Language Skills exam. It takes about 6 months for the application to be processed and plenty of fees... £1282...+£150...+£50...+£19.20... Hope Fr MacKinnon won't charge me for countersigning my application. All I can say is that it is not cheap to be British! No holidays!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Many thanks for all who help to keep our Churches tidy. I must say that it is not easy to fight with all these cobwebs at the windows... hoovers...

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**JAMES CONNELLY RIP:** We have been saddened by the news of Jimmy's death. His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm.

### MORAR PARISH:

*Quiet here before the storm?*

### MINGARRY PARISH:

*Running out of ideas of what to write if nothing to report ☺*

#### COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
17.09.....	£393 (Gift Aid £252.50)
Arisaig:	
17.09.....	£287.30 (GA £156)
Mingarry:	
17.09.....	£213 (Gift Aid £120)