

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. Columba's, Isle of Canna – St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

Weekday Services (13th November – 18th November)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *Requiem Mass of Mima Gillies* Arisaig: 12 noon
Thursday *Feast of St Margaret* Mallaig: 10:15 am
Friday *St Elizabeth of Hungary*..... Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 18th/19th November (33rd 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, 11th November, 5.00pm Mallaig
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week..... Mallaig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mima Gillies (died 8 Nov 2017); Elizabeth Morrison (died 8th Nov 2017); Alistair MacDonald (Portnadoran) 5.11.2008; Polly Pringle (Arisaig) 18.11.1986.

Eternal rest...

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32nd Sunday of the Year (A) **12th November 2017**
R) For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!



Thursday – St Margaret of Scotland

She was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.

Friday – St Elizabeth of Hungary

She was a daughter of the King of Hungary. She was given in marriage to Ludwig, the Landgrave of Thuringia, by whom she had three children. She frequently meditated on heavenly things and when her husband died she embraced poverty and built a hospice in which she cared for the sick herself.



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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Our Masses during that month will be offered for our deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. I will be reading out the names before each Sunday Mass.

SCIAF REMEMBRANCE MASS: SCIAF will be holding their annual Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, ML1 5AJ at 7 pm. We would like to invite you to attend this Mass which is being concelebrated by Bishop Toal, Fr McGachey and SCIAF Chaplain Fr Mackle. The Mass will take place in memory of all those touched by SCIAF's work both here in Scotland and around the world.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: I know there is still a lot of time till Christmas but remember that just like last year, Christmas Cards will be available in Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig Stalls. It is a great opportunity to support your Parish as well as using Religious Cards for Christmas. There is a lot to choose from.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Diocesan Secretary (£18,000 P/A). The RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Secretary, based in the Diocesan Offices in Oban. This is an important full-time post (35 hours), which will provide full secretarial support to the Bishop as well as admin and secretarial support to the Diocesan and Curia Offices. Please see Church notice board, H1Jobs or visit the Diocese website at www.rcdai.org.uk for further information. The closing date for applications is at 5pm on Friday 24 November 2017.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: I am happy to announce that more and more people are showing their interest to go to Poland on a Pilgrimage. I already have pledges from people in Fort William who wish to go. I hope that we will be able to get the required 30 people to go.

ARISAIG PARISH:

MIMA GILLIES RIP: With great sadness we received Word of Mima's death. She was a truly Christian Soul and very much a part of this Community for a long time. Remembered and spoken kindly off by so many people. We keep the whole family in our prayers. Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday, 15th November at 12 noon.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Please make a note in your diary for 23rd November. We will have a Mass with the Bishop at 10.15am at St. Mary's. Bishop will be available after Mass to hear Confessions. We will visit our housebound together afterwards. Between 2-3pm Bishop will be available to speak in private to anyone who wishes to. At 5.30pm we will have a meeting of the Parish Council. The visit will end with Dinner.

ROOM SHIFT: Many thanks for all those who were willing to help with the room swap.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Many thanks for your presence at the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. We remember about our service men and women who gave up their lives to protect us and future generations.

MORAR PARISH:

ELIZABETH (BETTY) JOSEPHINE MORRISON RIP died peacefully at 9pm on Wed 8th Nov 2017, in Burrell Mead Residential Home, West Wickham, S.E. London, where she had become resident from Feb 2013. Betty's parents were Angus Morrison (dec) and Lizzie Ross (dec). Her Funeral Mass will be in St Anthony of Padua Church, Anerley, S.E. London on 27th Nov and then she will be interred in Morar Cemetery, at a date yet to be arranged, beside her parents and her brother William Morrison.

MORAR VESTMENTS: I was contacted last week by the Museum. Our vestments will make their way back at the beginning of December.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Please make a note in your diary for 27th November. Bishop will be hearing confessions in Mallaig at 9.30am. We will have a Mass with the Bishop at 10.15am in Mallaig. After Mass, he will visit the Primary School in Mallaig and visit some of our housebound parishioners. Afterwards he will visit the High School. Between 4-5pm Bishop will be available to speak in private to anyone who wishes to in Morar Chapel House. At 5.30pm we will have a meeting of the Parish Council. The visit will end with Dinner.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please, pick up your new Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church or pass them on to our parishioners. These envelopes are only valid till 1st April 2018. After that date, GA donors will be assigned with new numbers. At the moment an annual cost of producing these envelopes is £200. A lot of it is because we use non-consecutive numbers. Starting from 8th April 2018 we will be assigned new numbers so that we could lower these costs. Hope that you will not be too cross with me for making these changes...

MORAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL: I know that it seems odd for me to get involved in the 'earthly matters' but last week I attended a Community Council meeting in Morar (consider myself a resident!). I was there to make a personal appeal as well as to speak up for the Community as regards access to Superfast Internet. I must be honest when I say that it would be impossible for me to administer and supervise 11 properties in my parishes without access to internet. However, Scottish Highlands yet another year has been selected as an area with a poorest access to the internet. I believe that as a community we can do something to influence people in charge of Public Funds to finally look into our situation. Did you know that at the moment only a minority of Morar will benefit from faster internet and the next rollout could take as long as 5 years to improve it? I have offered to help the Community Council to help to allow more people to access the Superfast Internet but we need your help to do it. If you register your interest on <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/in-the-loop/> it will help us to prove that we are concerned with the matter. Please, help us to improve our area!

MINGARRY PARISH:

BISHOP'S VISIT: Details will be given in the coming weeks.

SONGS OF ADVENT – from Luke's Gospel. Amid all the 'secular' preparations for Christmas take time out for some spiritual preparation. This 4 session, ecumenical course looks at 4 songs found at the beginning of Luke's Gospel – the songs of Zechariah (Benedictus), Mary (Magnificat), the angels (Gloria) and Simeon (Nunc Dimittis). 7pm at The Chalet, Church of Scotland, Acharacle on the following Mondays: November 13th & 20th, December 4th and 18th. Details Jean Whetton 431321.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
05.11.....	£444 (Gift Aid £285)
Pastoral Formation.....	£218 (Gift Aid £90)
Arisaig:	
05.11.....	£228.50 (GA £73.85)
Pastoral Formation.....	£104.21 (Gift Aid £19)
Mingarry:	
05.11.....	£122 (Gift Aid £60)
Pastoral Formation.....	£60.40 (Gift Aid £7)