

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 (11th December – 16th December)

Monday *Requiem Mass of Morag Lawday RIP*..... Arisaig: 1.00 pm
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *St Lucy*..... Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday *St John of the Cross* Mallaig: 10.15 am
Burial of Ashes of Elizabeth Morrison..... Old Cemetery Morar: 11.00 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 16th/17th December (3rd Sunday of Advent - B)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm..... Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
Sunday 9:30 am *Bishop McGee* Glenuig
Sunday 11:00 am *Bishop McGee* Mingarry

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday, 11th December, 6.00 pm *Fr MacKinnon* Mallaig
Tuesday, 12th December, 11.00 am *Fr MacKinnon*..... Arisaig
Saturday, 16th December, 5.00 pm..... Mallaig

Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week..... Morar

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Elizabeth Morrison (died recently); Morag Lawday (died recently); Mary MacDonald (died recently); Kate MacDonald 09/12; Joseph MacLeod (Kinlocheil) 11/12/1953; John Gillies 2/12/1977; Sandy MacLellan (Mallaig) 16.12;

Eternal rest...

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2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

10th December 2017

R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



Wednesday - St Lucy

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defence of the faith. Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life.

After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.

While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen.

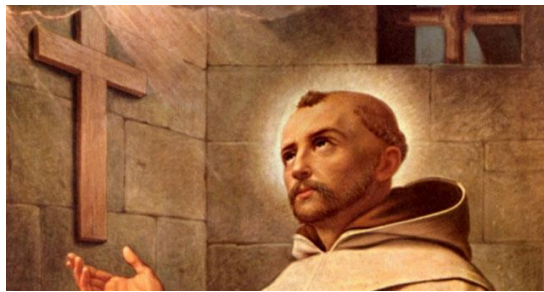
The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death.

Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on.

Thursday

St John of the Cross

He was born in Fontiveros, in Spain, in about 1542. He spent some time as a Carmelite friar before, in 1568, Saint Teresa of Ávila persuaded him to pioneer the reform of the Carmelite order. This was a difficult task and a dangerous one: he suffered imprisonment and severe punishment at the hands of the Church authorities.



He died at the monastery of Ubeda in Andalusia on 14 December 1591: the monks there had initially treated him as the worst of sinners, but by the time he died they had recognised his sanctity and his funeral was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm. His works include two major mystical poems – he is considered one of the great poets of the Spanish language – and detailed commentaries on them and the spiritual truths they convey. He was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.

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!

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Available at the back of the Churches.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS: many thanks to all who attended the practice last Saturday. There will be a 20-minute run-through, for anyone who was unable to be there, after Mass in Mallaig on **Sunday 10th December**. The final rehearsal will be on **Tuesday 19th** in Arisaig at 7pm.

IMPORTANT! PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Our Deposits have now been sent over to Poland to book our flights and accommodation.

WINTER IS COMING: The past few days has shown us that what we might face this year is a harsh winter. That will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

APPOINTMENTS: I am pleased to inform you that **Fr Francis Agadauja** has received all the necessary paper work to begin work in our diocese. Fr Francis is a Missionary of St Paul. He comes from Nigeria and is ordained three years. On Saturday 16th Bishop McGee will bring him to Mingarry and stay overnight. He will celebrate Mass with him on Sunday 17th December at Glenuig (9.30am) and at Mingarry (11am). Fr Francis is very happy with his appointment.

ARISAIG PARISH:

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: This year our visiting Confessor will be Fr Donald MacKinnon. He will hear confessions at St. Mary's, Arisaig on 12th December at 11am.

MORAG LAWDAY RIP: Morag's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, 11th December at 1pm. We offer our prayers for Morag and her family.

ARISAIG SCHOOL VISIT: I will visit the School on Wednesday to speak to Children about Christmas. I am very grateful for this invitation.

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: This year our visiting Confessor will be Fr Donald MacKinnon. He will hear confessions at St. Patrick's, Mallaig on 11th December at 6pm.

ELIZABETH MORRISON RIP: The burial will take place on 14th December at 11am at the Old Graveyard in Morar.

MORAR VESTMENTS: They are back!

MALLAIG DINNER: I enjoyed Christmas Meal at the Fisherman's Mission. I am grateful to the organisers for making me feel part of the Fisherman's Community.

MORAR SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH: Many thanks for the invitation. I am looking forward to this encounter.

ADJUSTED ROTA: There is an adjusted Cleaning Rota available.

MALLAIG HIGH ALTAR CANDLES: A few weeks ago, I ordered new oil candles for the High Altar in Mallaig (same as in Arisaig before). It took a long time to clean and prepare the old wax candle while the new ones only need oil. If you would like to offer any of these candles in memory of your loved ones, please speak to me asap. The cost of one Candle is £50. There will be a commemorative plaque hidden behind the altar with the donor's intentions.

FAREWELL: This coming week, our daily Mass goes will be moving into their new house down in Motherwell. We thank Catherine and Michael Lunny for their kind and warm presence among us within the past year. They will still be visiting us in Morar but their permanent home is going to be down south.



HEATING&LIGHTING: For Donald John MacEachen who is very ill in Ayr Hospital

MINGARRY PARISH:

I wish to thank all the parishioners for the cards and thank you notes and emails that I received from Our Lady of the Angels and St. Agnes', Glenuig. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I wish the Parish all the best in the future with your new Parish Priest. It would not be possible for me to carry out the load of pastoral responsibility without your support. I will keep all the parishioners in my prayers and ask for your prayers in return. Remember that anyone is welcome in Morar over a cup of tea!

MASS TIMES CHANGE: Please, not the change in Mass times next weekend. This is the new Rota that will be in operation at least till Easter. Remember that the Priest will need someone to give him a lift to Glenuig and back in the Morning. I am sure you will have a system in operation. Christmas Mass Times: 24th Dec – 4th Sunday of Advent (9.30am Glenuig and 11am Mingarry); 24th Dec – Christmas Night Mass (8.30pm Mingarry), 25th Dec – Christmas Day Mass (11am Glenuig)

BATHROOM: The Bathroom in the Chapel House has been installed along with a new water cylinder. During the week an electrician will come to connect the immersion heater and the pump. Some water was spilled during the installation and a ceiling downstairs will need to be painted. I hope some parishioners can do this before Thursday to cover the stain. My thanks to Henry and Jamie Young along with MacKellaig Builders for being able to help out in this 'last minute' situation.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Many thanks for your help and participation!

SONGS OF ADVENT: Sun 10th Dec 7pm - Peninsula Carols – An ecumenical Advent Celebration looking forward to Christmas – Strontian Village Hall. There will be a retiring collection for Mary's Meals.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
03.12.....	£446 (Gift Aid £323)
Arisaig:	
03.12.....	£338.50 (GA £201.50)
Mingarry:	
03.12.....	£100 (GA £35)