

Weekday Masses (3 October - 8 October)

Monday Morar: 10:00 am
 Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
 Wednesday *First Communion on Canna*
 Thursday Mallaig: 10.00 am
 Friday Morar: 10:00 am
 Saturday Arisaig: 10:00 am

Exposition

Friday Morar: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (15 October) Mallaig..... 5:00 pm
 Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

Morar Thursday, from 10.30 am

Sunday Masses 15 / 16 October (29th Sunday of Year - C)

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm Morar
 Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
 Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
 Sunday 3:00 pm Glenuig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Joanna Lindsay (South Uist) 14.10; Jackie MacKellaig (Parkmhor) 16.10; Allan MacKellaig 12.10; Ronald MacLeod 13.10; Catherine Pringle 15.10; Iain MacDonald (Iain the Guard) 06.10; Donald MacKinnon (Benbecula) 13.10.

Eternal rest...



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

28th Sunday of the Year (C)

9 October 2016

Saturday - St Teresa of Avila



She was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of

Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but help coming from the highest levels at the same time. Thus in 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms and many of her followers (including St John of the Cross) were imprisoned and cruelly treated.

At length, in 1580, and with the support of King Philip II, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582.

St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. In addition to all this, she wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches. For a reproach, in the end, is simply our way of offering up to God our incomprehension of what he is giving us.

ROSARY: During October, month of the Holy Rosary, we will be starting each weekday Mass with a decade of the Rosary (1 mystery). Please, find in your busy schedule some time to offer this special prayer in your intentions, especially during the month of October. Rosary has been one of the oldest forms of devotion known to Catholicism. Many graces have been brought to mankind through the intercession of Our Lady and Contemplation on Rosary Mysteries. Our Lady herself has asked many times to pray the rosary.

MISSION SUNDAY: This year World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 23rd October. This special day is an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to join together to pray for the missionary work of our Church and to give what we can to missionaries and churches overseas that need our help.

The World Mission Sunday Collection – one of just three personally requested by our Holy Father each year – supports young and poor churches overseas.

This year World Mission Sunday focuses on the Church in Rwanda and healing the broken-hearted. Over twenty years ago the horrors of the Rwandan genocide shocked the world; one million people slaughtered in just 100 days. Although physical wounds slowly heal, emotional scars remain. Some wounds only God's love heals. This is what makes the work of priests and sisters so vitally important. They help survivors find the strength to forgive. Sadly the past cannot be changed. Yet the spiritual support that comes from experiencing God's love and mercy is helping those whose lives were shattered look to the future with hope.

Through your prayers and generosity on World Mission Sunday you will be helping the Church Heal the Broken-Hearted in Rwanda and elsewhere. We thank you for your compassion and generosity.

FIRST COMMUNION: I will be away to Canna on Wednesday for First Communion (Weather permitting). I will visit the Housebound on Thursday.

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. There are brown Envelopes designated at the back of the church specially for that purpose.

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: There is a 'Backlog' Special Collection taken in Arisaig and Mingarry today. There will be a **Collection for Missio Scotland** uplifted on **15/16 October** in all the parishes.

ARISAIG PARISH:

ARISAIG PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Minutes from the meeting are available at the back. Please take a copy home and give it a good read!
HOUSEKEEPER/CLEANER NEEDED! It was decided that Chapel House in Arisaig will

require some regular maintenance and cleaning, therefore we are looking for someone to help with cleaning the house on a regular basis so that it would not deteriorate. If you know of any reliable person who would be interested in this job, please refer them to me.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers for several 'wee' jobs in the parish. If you would like to help your parish to prosper, you can find a list in Parish Council Minutes.

MORAR PARISH:

MALLAIG CHURCH: When I first came over to Mallaig Church, being clumsy as I am, almost fell of the lectern! That got me thinking – we need a new rail on the other side... I then just mentioned it to some people in the parish and... we have a new railing, beautifully done by Willy MacDonald. I would like to thank parishioners who sponsored the new improvement for their kind gesture.

MORAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There was a meeting last Tuesday in the Chapel House of a newly formed Parish Council. Minutes from the meeting are available at the back. Please take a copy home. Thank you for your attendance.

HEATING/LIGHTING: It was decided at the Parish Council meeting that weekly donations of £20 for the heating and lighting of the church will continue. Please, bring your donations to Fr Stan along with your intention.

MINGARRY PARISH:

SUPPLY PRIEST: I have made a mistake and Fr William Slavin has kindly agreed to do a Supply on 16th and 23rd of October between Mingarry and Glenuig and not this weekend as I originally thought. I hope you will bear with me and forgive me for the confusion.

MINGARRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: I suggest a meeting to take place in Mingarry Church Hall on Sunday, 30th October after 3pm Mass.

INSURANCE BILL: An invoice for the insurance of the properties has arrived at the Chapel House. The amount is £1874.53 for the whole year.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

Morar/Mallaig: £383 (Gift Aid £224)

Arisaig: £284.62 (Gift Aid £245.40)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

'A Write Highland Hoolie!' – first Literary Festival in the district will take place on 21-23 October 2016. Various events will take place during the weekend. To make a booking, please go to the website www.a-write-highland-hoolie.com or call 01687 450263

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