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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 Masses (21 November - 26 November)

Monday *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Morar: 10:00 am
Tuesday *St. Cecilia* Mallaig: 05:00 pm
Wednesday Isle of Eigg
Thursday *St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions* 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 (26 November) Morar 10:30 am
Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

Mingarry No visits. I visited our housebound last Friday

Sunday Masses 26 / 27 November (1st Sunday of Advent - A)

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
Sunday 2:00 pm Mingarry

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Fr John Dewar 23.11; Katie MacLean (Glenuig) 12.11;
Angie MacDonald (Arisaig & Oban) 22.11.2016. *Eternal rest...*

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Christ the King (C)

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Psalm 121: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!



Monday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

Tuesday – St. Cecilia

Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the *Passion of Saint Cecilia*, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

As with early martyrs, nothing much is known about Cecilia except her existence and her name; with the additional complication that so many stories have grown up round her that any remaining historical facts are obscured. No-one knows quite why she should suddenly have become popular in the middle of the sixth century, some



200 years after her death, and her association with music is also a mystery.

Thursday – St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions



The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Over the centuries the names of most of them have been lost, but their memory is still alive in the Catholic community.

Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. Each one of them was a soul individually created and loved by God, with a life and gifts uniquely his or her own; but with such a huge crowd one can only classify. By nationality, there were 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish and 10 French. By status, there were 8 bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen and women. By mode of death, 75 were beheaded, 22 strangled, 6 burned alive, 5 torn to pieces while still alive, and 9 died of torture in prison.

ADVENT 2016: When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptist’s] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (Catechism, no. 524; original emphasis). I would like to ask the Sacristans in all the Parishes to organise/prepare the Advent Candle Frames.

JERUSALEM MASS SHEETS: Hopefully next Sunday we will begin a trial of Jerusalem Mass Sheets. These will have all the Mass parts and readings for each Sunday. This is a courtesy of Catholic Printing and will only be produced till 8th January. I would be open to your comments about them for the future if you find them helpful. Mingarry Parish has already been using them for a while.

NATIVITY SCENE: It is about time we start our rehearsals for the annual Nativity Scene. If you would like your child to be a part of this wonderful experience, please feel free to speak to

Shivon or other Children’s Liturgy Leaders. It is a great opportunity for your child to develop acting skills and also enrich the community with this tradition.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: First Confirmation Class will start on Thursday, 24th November in the Chapel House in Morar at 4pm. Hopefully the Confirmation will take place at the end of February. My thanks to the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday and their participation in the preparation programme. Special thanks to Lindsay who is going to prepare our children.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Our Masses during this month are offered for our deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray.

ARISAIG PARISH:

MINUTES: Minutes from the Parish Council meeting are available at the back of the Church.
NO INTERNET IN THE CHAPEL HOUSE: As part of my efforts to lower the bills I have decided to change broadband provider in the Chapel House to PlusNet. Unfortunately this has caused a lot of problems and now the house has been without broadband since 7th November. PlusNet is blaming local BT Wholesale team for delays but I have no means to speak to anyone about it but PlusNet and be patient... Not the best response given to an impatient priest like myself. Please, I would kindly ask for your prayers in the matter.

MORAR PARISH:

HEATING/LIGHTING: In memory of Archie MacLellan (Seaview).
SOUND SYSTEM: Thank you for your generosity. Altogether we have been able to raise £585 for the Sound System and microphones. I was told that the equipment is on its way from Poland and the total cost after traditional Polish bargaining was lower than expected (£1365). You can still donate toward it.
PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting will take place on Thursday at 7pm in Morar. Depending on the numbers attending it will be either in the Chapel House or the Church.

MINGARRY PARISH:

SUPPLY PRIEST: Fr Willy Slavin has offered to come and help in December in the Parish. He will be coming Saturday night and staying till after Mass on Sunday. That means that in addition to our regular rota of services, there will be additional Masses in December on Sunday. I have attached/emailed the information on Mass Times till end of 2016.
HOUSE HEATING: Please, If I could ask parishioners to make sure that the heating is turned on in the house on Friday so that Fr Slavin would find it warm Saturday night. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
13.11	£332 (Gift Aid £119) / Sound System £385
Arisaig:	
13.11	£317.05 (Gift Aid £181.70)
Mingarry:	
13.11	£122 (Gift Aid £70)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- Thank you to all who supported the HCPT whist in Mingarry, we raised an amazing **£560** with donations still coming in, this money is very much appreciated by group 43 in Oban, for there pilgrimage at Easter.