

*Weekday Masses (28 November - 3 December)*

Monday..... Morar: 10:00 am  
 Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 05:00 pm  
 Wednesday *Solemnity of St. Andrew*..... Arisaig: 10:00 am  
 Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10:00 am  
 Friday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
 Saturday *St. Francis Xavier* ..... Arisaig: 10:00 am

*Exposition*

Friday ..... Morar: 10:30 - 11:00 am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday (3 December) Arisaig ..... 10:30 am  
 Any other time on request

*Housebound visits this week*

*Wednesday* ..... no visits

*Sunday Masses 3 / 4 December (2nd Sunday of Advent - A)*

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

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Sandy MacDonald (Arisaig) 28.11.2013; Archie MacLellan (Seaview) 30.11.1954; *Eternal rest...*

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# 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

## First Sunday of Advent (A)

27 November 2016

Psalm: *In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails*  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all  
 mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

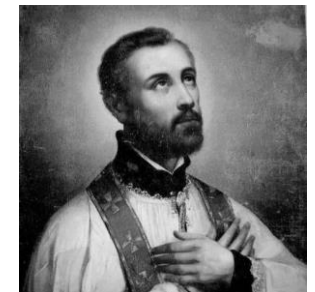


### Wednesday – St. Andrew

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrews now stands.

### Saturday – St. Francis Xavier

He was born in the Basque country of Spain in 1506. He met Ignatius Loyola when he was a student in Paris, and he was ordained priest in 1537. In 1541 the Pope sent him as part of a mission to India, and he spent the rest of his life in the East, preaching the Gospel in Goa and Malacca. He made many converts and fought against the exploitation of the native population by the Europeans. He spent two years on a successful mission to Japan, laying the foundations of many Christian communities; and in 1552, after entering China secretly to preach the Gospel there, he died of fever and exhaustion on the Chinese island of Shanghwan.



**YEAR OF MERCY:** At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis closed the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and released his apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*. Here is just a part of this beautiful message of mercy to all the people: *"The Jubilee impresses upon us the words of the Apostle Peter: "Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Pet 2:10). Let us not hold on jealously to what we have received, but share it with our brothers and sisters in need, so that they can be sustained by the power of the Father's mercy. May our communities reach out to all who live in their midst, so that God's caress may reach everyone through the witness of believers. This is the time of mercy. Each day of our journey is marked by God's presence. He guides our steps with the power of the grace that the Spirit pours into our hearts to make them capable of loving. It is the time of mercy for each and all, since no one can think that he or she is cut off from God's closeness and the power of his tender love. It is the time of mercy because those who are weak and vulnerable, distant and alone, ought to feel the presence of brothers and sisters who can help them in their need. It is the time of mercy because the poor should feel that they are regarded with respect and concern by others who have overcome indifference and discovered what is essential in life. It is the time of mercy because no sinner can ever tire of asking forgiveness and all can feel the welcoming embrace of the Father. During the Jubilee for Socially Excluded People, as the Holy Doors of Mercy were being closed in all the cathedrals and shrines of the world, I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the **Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the World Day of the Poor**. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.'*

**ADVENT:** In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-coloured vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

**SCIAF REFUGEES CRISIS APPEAL:** In response to the letter from Bishop Toal, president of Sciaf, we will hold a retiring collection next Sunday. We will have baskets at the back of our churches for that purpose **next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**. As this is not a Diocesan/Parish Special Collection, please, do not use parish Gift-Aid envelopes.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Christmas cards are still available for purchase. Please, take a look at our stalls.

**JERUSALEM MASS SHEETS:** Until 8<sup>th</sup> January we will begin a trial period of having Jerusalem Mass Sheets. These contain the parts of Mass on each Sunday. Please take the opportunity of giving a greater attention to the prayers that are being used during Mass. I will try to explain each Sunday during Advent the meaning of different parts.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** Last Sunday I read out all names that were placed on our November List. I think it was good to hear some of the names mentioned/prayed for during our Masses. Some names have not been mentioned for a long time and I have received a good feedback from parishioners regarding the way we prayed for them.

**ARISAIG PARISH:**

**PLUSNET UPDATE:** Chapel House is still without internet. I have no idea how long it will take to fix the problem... Delays... Delays... Delays... More prayers needed! I also have no idea who the Patron Saint of Internet is, but maybe **Carlo Acuti** will intercede for us? Last week his beatification process ended on diocesan level in Milan. This 15 year old boy/young man died from leukaemia. Being a computer genius, in his short life, he has helped a lot of charities to begin their existence on the Internet, but the main focus of his life was the Eucharist! He died considered by many to be a Saint!

**MORAR PARISH:**

**HEATING/LIGHTING:** In memory of Angus John and Ewan MacDonald. Thank you for your generosity and help with providing the parish means to have our churches heated over the cold winter period.

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Sound system has arrived and I was able to install it. I hope you will notice the difference in the sound quality. My thanks to Mae, who helped me to adjust it to the correct volume. It might take another week for the loop system to work properly as it requires a new wire which has been ordered. It might take some time to observe and make necessary adjustments/settings. Thank you to all who donated toward that purpose.

**MINGARRY PARISH:**

**SUPPLY PRIEST:** Fr Willy Slavin will be celebrating Masses between Mingarry and Glenuig till Christmas. I am sure that you will do your best to make him feel welcome and appreciated for his kind offer to supply over the next month.

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**COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
20.11.....	£433 (Gift Aid £273)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
20.11.....	£222.30 (Gift Aid £103)
<b>Mingarry/Glenuig:</b>	
20.11.....	£65 (Gift Aid £40)

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**PENINSULA CAROLS:**

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – Peninsula Carols at Strontian Village Hall.  
 Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – Peninsula Carols at Glenuig.  
 This is an ecumenical Advent celebration looking forward to Christmas. ALL WELCOME!