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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 (5 December - 10 December)

Monday..... Morar: 10:00 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 05:00 pm
Wednesday *St Ambrose*..... Arisaig: 10:00 am
Thursday *Immaculate Conception of the BVM* 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 (10 December) Morar..... 5:00 pm
Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

Wednesday Arisaig Parish from 10.30 am

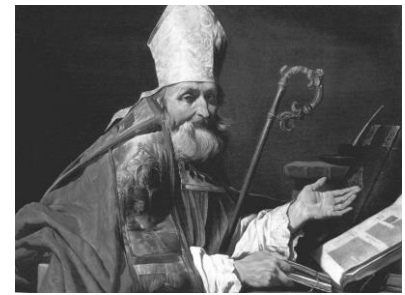
Sunday Masses 10 / 11 December (3rd Sunday of Advent - A)

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ian MacLachlan (Kilmory) who died recently; John Gillies 2/12/1977; Graeme Gillies 3/12; Kate MacDonald 8/12; Suzanne MacLellan 13/12/2014; *Eternal rest...*

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2nd Sunday of Advent (A) 4 December 2016
R) In his days justice shall flourish and peace till 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 Ambrose

He was born in Trier (now in Germany) between 337 and 340, to a Roman family: his father was praetorian prefect of Gaul. Ambrose was educated at Rome and embarked on the standard cursus honorum of Roman advocates and administrators, at Sirmium, the capital of Illyria. In about 372 he was made prefect of Liguria and Emilia, whose capital was Milan.

In 374 the bishopric of Milan fell vacant and when Ambrose tried to pacify the conflict between the Catholics and Arians over the appointment of a new bishop, the people turned on him and demanded that he become the bishop himself. He was a layman and not yet baptized (at this time it was common for baptism to be delayed and for people to remain for years as catechumens), but that was no defence. Coerced by the people and by the emperor, he was baptized, ordained, and installed as bishop within a week, on 7 December 374.

He immediately gave his money to the poor and his land to the Church and set about learning theology. He had the advantage of knowing Greek, which few people did at that time, and so he was able to read the Eastern theologians and philosophers as well as those of the West.

He was assiduous in carrying out his office, acting with charity to all: a true shepherd and teacher of the faithful. He was unimpressed by status and when the Emperor Theodosius ordered the massacre of 7,000 people in Thessalonica, Ambrose forced him to do public penance. He defended the rights of the Church and attacked the Arian heresy with learning, firmness and gentleness. He also wrote a number of hymns which are still in use today. He died on Holy Saturday, 4 April 397.

Thursday – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was conceived without *original sin*, that twist in our nature that makes our will tend not to follow what it knows to be right. It was this grace that enabled Mary to give a true and considered “Yes” to the request, conveyed by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God.



The doctrine was almost universally believed over the centuries but was only formally defined as a doctrine of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854. Because it is so old, it is one of the Marian doctrines that Islam shares with the Catholic Church, though of course the theological details are very different.

SCIAF APPEAL FOR REFUGEES: There are baskets at the back of the church. Please remember about those, who cannot spend Christmas at home because of violence and terror!

ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED: Our accounts for 2016 have now been submitted to the diocese from Mingarry and Morar. Arisaig accounts will follow shortly. I will present the totals and the annual summary at the next Parish Council meetings. I would like to thank you for your continuous support for your parishes.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER: Thanks to help from Parishioners a new photocopier has been acquired for the parishes. This will allow me to produce the newsletter in better quality. It will be equipped with the booklet finisher so now newsletter would be also available to be printed with more pages. The old machine has been playing tricks and it was determined that a repair would not be economical as the availability of the parts for old models is limited. It served Morar well and now will be put to rest...

CONFESSIONS: Fr Campbell will be our visiting confessor before Christmas, he will hear confessions on **Monday, 19th December** and **Wednesday 21st December** at **7pm** in Mallaig and on **20th December** in Arisaig. Fr Slavin will hear confessions in Mingarry/Glenuig as announced by him on Sunday. Please, take the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

<i>24th December</i> - Christmas Night Mass:	<i>25th December</i> - Christmas Day Mass:
Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry - 8.30pm	St. Mary's, Arisaig - 10am
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumins, Morar - 10pm	St. Agnes, Glenuig - 11am
	St. Patrick's, Mallaig - 11.30am

Christmas Carols Singing before each Mass

ARISAIG PARISH:

HEATING/LIGHTING: In memory of Donald Alistair MacDonald. Thank you for generous donation toward our heating and lighting.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: All cards available at our stall fulfil the standard postage requirement. Please make use of our stall.

INTERNET: We are still offline... More prayers needed!

MORAR PARISH:

HEATING/LIGHTING: In memory of Ian (the Guard) MacDonald and Marybell MacDonald.

CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR: A survey was carried out and I await for the quote to have the air source heating to be moved to Morar Church. Along with the existing heating it should make our church nice and warm! Providing the quote would be acceptable, the units will be moved from the Chapel House to the Church. As the new oil heating in the house is quite efficient, I thought it would be a real waste to leave the relatively new air source heating to rust...

RAFFLES: Christmas Hamper is waiting for our Raffle Winner! You can purchase your tickets for 50p at the back of Morar/Mallaig Church.

DUNOON PAYMENTS: Fr Calleja has agreed to transfer the money from Dunoon parish for his vehicle and other expenses owed to Morar. This was done last week which means that there are no outstanding payments on the account. I am grateful to Fr Joe for his cooperation in this matter.

MINGARRY PARISH:

SUPPLY PRIEST: My thanks to Fr Willy Slavin who spent a week in Mingarry for his support and help in the parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Mission Sunday Collection will be uplifted today as it was missed last week.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

27.11.....£387 (Gift Aid £254) / Sound System +£100

Arisaig:

27.11.....£363.55 (Gift Aid £170)

Mingarry:

27.11.....£190 (Gift Aid £140)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

PENINSULA CAROLS:

Sunday, 11th December 7pm – Peninsula Carols at Strontian Village Hall.

Tuesday, 20th December 7pm – Peninsula Carols at Glenuig.

This is an ecumenical Advent celebration looking forward to Christmas. ALL WELCOME!