

Parish Services _____

Weekday Masses (26 December - 31 December)

Monday *Feast of St. Stephen* Morar: 10:00 am
Tuesday *Feast of St. John* Mallaig: 05:00 pm
Wednesday *Feast of the Holy Innocents* Arisaig: 10:00 am
Thursday *Christmas Octave* Mallaig: 10:00 am
Friday *Feast of the Holy Family* Morar: 10:00 am
Saturday *Christmas Octave* Arisaig: 10:00 am

Exposition

Friday Morar: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Any time on request

Housebound visits this week

No visits this week

Sunday Masses 31 December / 1 January (SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - A)

Saturday 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
Sunday 2:00 pm Glenuig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Bella MacLellan (Seaview) 25.12.1964; Ronald MacDonalld 26.12; Angus MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 27.12; Irene MacKellaig 28.12; Donald MacNeil 28.12 *Eternal rest...*

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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

CHRISTMAS 2016 (A)

25th December 2016

Christmas Night Mass:

R) Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Christmas Day Mass:

R) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!



Christmas Wishes

This is my Christmas card to all the parishioners and all the friends of the parishes, near and far.

I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all!

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Masses so special: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers, and the young servers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches and all who donated to the flower displays.



Monday – St. Stephen: He was one of the deacons appointed by the Apostles to organize the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul.

Tuesday – St. John: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus “the sons of thunder.” John is involved in many of the central events of Jesus’ life, including the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the discovery of the Resurrection. He is “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and the one to whom he confided the care of his mother Mary. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles; later he was exiled to the island of Patmos. He is said to have died at Ephesus. He wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the Apocalypse. As tradition goes, on the Feast of St. John the Church would **bleed the wine** to drink. I would like to continue with that tradition so if you would like to have your wine blessed, please bring your bottle/es to Mass in Mallaig on **Tuesday**.



Wednesday – Holy Innocents: The Holy Innocents are the children who were slaughtered at the orders of King Herod, in the hope that by killing every boy born in Bethlehem at the same time as Jesus, he would succeed in killing the new-born King of the Jews.

STORMY WEATHER: The recent severe weather has led to a number of little glitches in the Chapel House. The new printer and two Internet routers suffered from the lightning strikes and had to be replaced/repared.

CRIB COLLECTION: Please remember the Crib’s Missionary Children collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next week we have the annual collection for the Church’s work in Justice and Peace, a mission dear to the heart of Pope Francis.

ARISAIG PARISH:

INTERNET: We are still online. As an apology from Plusnet for delays in providing the service we have received a Fibre Optic connection, £50 donation and 3 month free Internet service. Thank you to all who helped to achieve that goal.

NEW HEATING CONTROL: My thanks to Alistair Neil MacKay, who helped to install the new, smart thermostat in the Chapel House. This will allow the Chapel House to have a better frost protection in the house over winter.

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION: I am very touched by this unexpected gift that I have received for Christmas from Morar and Mallaig. Thank you very much for your generosity.

NATIVITY SCENE: Thank you to all who helped in organising the Nativity Scene presented by our children. It was wonderful to have so many children involved!

CHILDREN’S MASS: Next Mass is going to be postponed till 8th January.

LIGHTS: My thanks to Alistair Neil who was able to install a new street light outside Morar Church. I have been worried especially for those who attend the Vigil Masses as lack of lighting was quite dangerous. I hope that this will provide the additional safety to all our parishioners.

CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR: I have received no word as to when the installation will take place. So far, Bill Hall from Alba Air Energy has failed to respond to my queries.

MINGARRY PARISH:

SUPPLY PRIEST: My thanks to Fr Willy Slavin for his support and help in the parish.

MASS ROTA: Our usual Mass Rota will be back in place starting from January. My thanks to Anna Stead for organising the new schedule and its distribution.

CHAPEL HOUSE: Many thanks to those who continually ‘keep an eye’ on the Chapel House and help with cleaning/maintenance.

ELECTRICITY: British Gas, who is our Electricity Supplier, has failed to deal with the issue of the wrong meter readings in Mingarry Church. I had to complain now to the Ombudsman who will take over the matter. Unfortunately this means that for at least next two months the situation will be unresolved.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE: Many thanks to Frances and Angus Peter and all involved in organising the beautiful Carol Service at St. Agnes last week. We had a wonderful time!

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
18.12.....	£369 (Gift Aid £229)
Arisaig:	
18.12.....	£258.97 (Gift Aid £118.60)
Mingarry:	
18.12.....	tba

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Mae MacDonald from Morar and **Merac MacDonald** from Arisaig are both retiring from doing Morning School Runs. We are very grateful in our communities for their long service to our children. Thank you for keeping them safe and always on time at school in all sorts of weather!