

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

Weekday Masses (16 January - 21 January)

Monday..... *no Mass*
Tuesday *St Anthony*Mallaig: 5pm
WednesdayArisaig: 10 am
ThursdayMallaig: 10:00 am
Friday Morar: 10:00 am
Saturday *St Agnes*Arisaig: 10:00 am

Exposition

Friday Morar: 10:30 - 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (21 January) Mallaig 5:00 pm
Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

ThursdayMallaig from 11.00 am

Sunday Masses 21 / 22 January (Third Sunday of the Year - A)

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 amArisaig
Sunday 11:30 amMallaig
Sunday 2:00 pmMingarry

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Iain Hughes (died recently); John Culley 16.01; Hugh MacPherson 20.01.1968; *Eternal rest...*

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Second Sunday of the Year (A)

15th January 2017

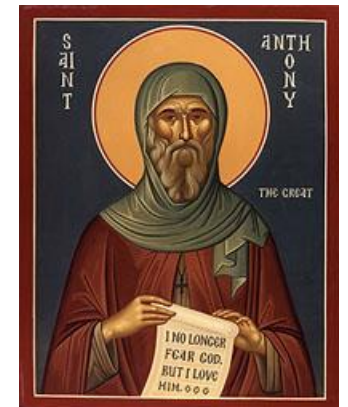
R) Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Tuesday - St Anthony, Abbot

St Antony is the originator of the monastic life. He was born in Egypt: when his parents died, he listened to the words of the Gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, but he overcame them. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He gave support to the victims of the persecutions of Diocletian, and helping St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He lived to be over a hundred years old, and died in 356.

The Gospels are full of wise sayings of Jesus that seem to be ignored, and one of the most poignant of these was in his meeting with that young man who asked over and over again, insistently, “What must I do to have eternal life?”. When, in the end, Jesus told him that if he wanted to be perfect he would have to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor, the young man went away, sorrowing; because he was very rich. What could be more of a waste than that? You tell someone what he has to do, and he is afraid to do it. And yet...



250 years later, St Antony hears the story, and does give away all that he has, and becomes the founder of monasticism. And then again, over 1,000 years later, St Francis of Assisi hears the story, and gives away his possessions (and some of his father's) and revolutionises Christianity again.



Saturday - St Agnes

As with so many of the early Roman martyrs, very little is now known about Agnes' life. Partly this is because the details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired, and partly because if you are martyred at the age of 12, your life has not really acquired that many details in any case. Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not

hide away but stepped forward and took it.

That is really all that is known: but it is enough. We who are used to compromising with the world at every turn, and would find excuses to avoid any inconveniences that our faith might cause us, let alone martyrdom ("yes, of course I would die for my faith in principle, but wouldn't I be able to do more good in the long run if I stayed alive just now?"), should admire the simple wisdom of Agnes, realise that there are moments where compromise and moral ambiguity just will not do, and pray for the strength to live up to such moments when they happen.

VISIT TO SOUTH UIST AND OTHER MISHAPS: As you probably heard, unexpected circumstances prevented me from going to Uist. I hope to give it another go as soon as weather permits. Also, last Monday, I had a serious car accident near Beasdale on my way to fix Fr MacKinnon's computers, copiers etc. I am most of all grateful to God for saving my life! In fact I ended up just with a wee scratch on my head... Unfortunately I cannot say the same about the car – write-off. I am so grateful for your prayers and support. I am still a bit shaken up...

CRIB: Christmastide is over! Thank you for removing the decorations.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER: Finally, after a long wait, the new copier will be installed in the Chapel House on Tuesday. It should make my life much easier! Service will be provided by Danwood Group.

ARISAIG PARISH:

GRAVEYARD PATH: It looks like the path has been finished. It is certainly a huge improvement and I am very grateful to the Community Council for organising the works.

PARISH COUNCIL: I suggest a meeting to take place on Monday, 30th January. Exact time in the evening will be announced next week.

HEATING UPDATE: Scott Andrews is coming on Wednesday, 18th to have a look at the boiler. He will also service the church boiler and the one in the Club Room.

MORAR PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: As I have to travel to London on Monday, I have to postpone the meeting. I suggest we meet on the 23rd. Better to ask forgiveness than permission!

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES: At the back of the Church you can find new envelopes. Please make sure that you pick up the right one. If you cannot find your envelope, speak to me after Mass.

CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR: I have received word from Alba Air regarding the air source heating. The works are to begin on Monday and last through the week. My thanks especially to Alistair Neil who will provide power supply to the units outside. Two electric fans from the choir and the one next to the baptismal font will be removed. Air Source heating units will be put in their place so that our beautiful church interior would not suffer too much. Meanwhile, Scott Andrews will service the boilers in Morar and Mallaig.

MINGARRY PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: I suggest a meeting to take place on Sunday, 12th February, after Mass in Mingarry.

HEATING: Bill Hall from Alba Air Energy sent me an email regarding the repair of the broken unit in Mingarry Church. He is supposed to come on Monday, 16th to fix it.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This year, it is the Catholics' turn, and we will be hosting a short ecumenical service entitled "Crossing Barriers" on Mon 23rd Jan 11.30am at the Acharacle Community Centre. The service will be followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship. If you can help, read etc. please let me know. Jean Whitton 01967 431321.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
08.01.....	£463 (Gift Aid £310.40) / Crib £162
Arisaig:	
08.01.....	£265.15 (Gift Aid £112.50) / Crib £85.40
Mingarry/Glenuig:	
08.01.....	£155 (Gift Aid £113) / Crib £110
