

Weekday Masses (30 January - 4 February)

Monday..... Morar: 10:00 am
 Tuesday *St John Bosco*Mallaig: 10:00 am
 Wednesday *no Mass*
 Thursday *Presentation of the Lord*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 (4 February) Arisaig10:30 am
 Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

ThursdayArisaig from 11.00 am

Sunday Masses 4 / 5 February (Fifth Sunday of the Year - A)

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ronnie MacDonald (Glenan) 21.01.2005; John Buchan (Mallaig) 30.01; Archie & Barbara MacLellan 31.01.2015; *Eternal rest...*

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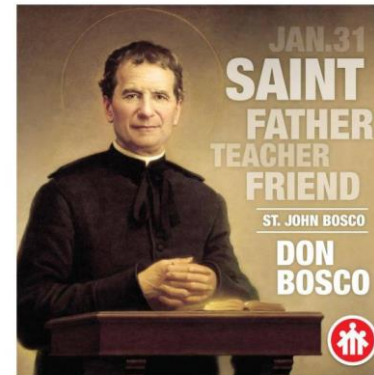
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar
 St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry
 St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

29th January 2017

R) How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!



Tuesday St John Bosco

He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

FR MACKINNON'S 70th BIRTHDAY: Please note the Mass Time changes this week due to my absence on Tuesday/Wednesday.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

SCIAF BOXES: I realise that there is still a lot of time till Lent, but since Sciaf has already sent over this year's boxes, you can pick them up at the back of our churches. Maybe you can take an extra one for someone you know and would like to give support to Sciaf.

JERUSALEM MASS SHEETS: After some consultation, I have decided to continue with the Mass Sheets to be used at our Sunday masses. As the sheets are covered by copyright, I am unable to photocopy them myself but have to order and pay the printer. To minimise the cost, I will be taking the Mass sheets after each Sunday Mass to the next parish. I would be grateful if you could keep them in good shape so that they could be shared among the parishes – in a true spirit of RECYCLING! If you wish to contribute to cover the cost of these sheets, please make a donation and put it into our 'stall' boxes at the back of the church.

VOCATIONS: To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. At the back of our Churches, you can find a new vocation's magazine where you can read a bit more about our Seminarians. At the moment, we have **Emmanuel Alagbaoso**, from Nigeria, preparing to be ordained a deacon on 30th of April for our diocese. Emmanuel studies at the Scots College in Rome. We also have **Ronald Campbell**, from Benbecula, who is at his second year at the Beda College in Rome. We remember about our Seminarians and pray for more vocations to the priesthood, especially in our own diocese.

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting will take place on Monday, 30th January at 7pm in the Club Room.

HEATING UPDATE: Scott Andrews thinks that he has located the fault that is causing the boiler to malfunction in the Chapel House. As the boiler is 'quite unique' and for over 10 years has been out of manufacturing process, the parts have to be specially ordered. I am unable to say when will it happen but hope sooner rather than later. The boiler in the Club Room has to be replaced as soon

as possible, therefore I have asked for some quotes and accepted one from Henry Young. He will replace the broken down boiler once it is delivered. Unfortunately this is a significant and unexpected expense for the Parish. I hope we can discuss it further at the Parish Council meeting.

MORAR PARISH:

CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR: The workmen have finished installing the units on Saturday at 4.45am. Many thanks to Alistair Neil MacKay who will now provide electrical connection to the new/refurbished system and hopefully next week we should have a running system providing everything works well.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: Minutes are available at the back of the church in Morar and Mallaig.

FLOWERS: Please, remember about our flower donation box at the back of the Church. The flowers that make our churches look so beautiful need our contributions.

MINGARRY PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Due to some of my Commitments the nearest possible date for the Parish Council would be on **12th March**, after Sunday Mass in Mingarry. I can't make it on the 12th February and 26th is the Confirmation date in Mallaig.

HEATING: As I would like to encourage you to read the Bible, I have decided to use a quote instead of a long explanation. Please refer to Ecclesiastes 8:7.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Many thanks to Jean and Mike Whitton for organising and leading the Ecumenical Service in Acharacle. It was a meeting full of **Christian Spirit!**

Unfortunately I have received an email from Rev. Ogg informing me, that '[...] At an Acharacle Kirk Session meeting this week, there was discussion and review of both the Week of Christian Unity and the World Day of Prayer services. Each involves a goodly number of people taking part by reading and or providing refreshments and it's getting harder to find those people. Those who attend are usually those taking part and very few others. The World Day of Prayer feels quite contrived and stilted, and we are quite concerned about the vast majority of donations going to perpetuate the WDP and not to the country concerned. Involvement in the Week of Christian Unity has only been this and last year and has been reviewed by the KS each year. Discussions indicated neither event is really supported other than by participants and, with the amount of work involved in organisation, a decision was made not to participate in the future. The KS at Ardnamurchan will discuss it's involvement in the World Day of Prayer at it's KS meeting in a couple of weeks. The congregation at Acharacle will be encouraged to join with your congregation if the events continue at Mingarry.[...]'

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
22.01.....	£389 (Gift Aid £252)
Arisaig:	
22.01.....	£206 (Gift Aid £98)
Mingarry:	
22.01.....	£80 (Gift Aid £60)