

Weekday Masses (6 February - 11 February)

Monday *Sts. Paul Miki and Companions* *no Mass*
 Tuesday *no Mass*
 Wednesday (*providing there is a ferry from Uist to Mallaig*)...Arisaig: 5:00 pm
 Thursday *St. Scholastica*Mallaig: 10:00 am
 Friday *Funeral Mass of John Dempster*.....Arisaig: 1:00 pm
 Saturday *World Day of the Sick*Arisaig: 10:00 am

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*No Exposition this week*  
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (11 February) Morar 5:00 pm
 Any other time on request

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*Housebound visits this week*  
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Thursday*Morar from 11.00 am*
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*Sunday Masses 4 / 5 February (Sixth Sunday of the Year - A)*

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

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** John Ignatius Dempster (Arisaig) 01.02.2017; George Dodgeshon (Roshven, died recently); Donald McDonnell (Bracara) 02.02.1970; Chrissie McKelvie 02.02.1997; Hugh McKelvie 11.02.2002; *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

**Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

*R) The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**



**MONDAY**

**Sts Paul Miki and Companions**

He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

**FRIDAY**  
**St Scholastica**

She was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.



**VISIT TO UIST – SECOND ATTEMPT:** I plan to go to Uist to pay an overdue visit to Fr MacKay. Plan to travel on Monday from Uig to Lochmaddy and return on Wednesday from Lochboisdale to Mallaig. I hope that both the weather and CalMac will not cause any disruption to my travel. I would like to ask you to keep praying for Fr MacKay as he continuously struggles with his illness. Please note the Mass changes this week!

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK / OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called “de Massabielle.” Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick. On this occasion, **next Saturday, during 10am Mass in Arisaig**, I will administer the **Sacrament of the Sick** to everyone who wishes to receive it.

**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.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:** Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. There is going to be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** for that purpose.

**GIFT AID:** If you would like to become a Gift Aid donor and help in supporting your parish, you can use the forms available at the back of the church. To become a Gift Aid donor you have to be a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations in that tax year is your responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify the charity if you want to cancel your declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code. Thank you very much for supporting your Parish using a Gift Aid Scheme.

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT:** The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God’s purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and adults at risk.

### **ARISAIG PARISH:**

**JOHN IGNATIUS DEMPSTER RIP:** Last Wednesday, one of our long standing parishioners died in the MacKintosh Centre. John had been struck by a sudden and rapid illness. He was very well known and respected among our community. His funeral will take place on Friday, 10 February, at 1pm. We remember

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Minutes from the meeting are available at the back of the church.

**HEATING UPDATE:** New boiler in the Club Room was fitted last Thursday. My thanks to Henry and Jamie Young, who fitted in the new boiler. Thanks also to Alistair Neil MacKay, who did the electrical connection.

### **MORAR PARISH:**

**CHURCH HEATING IN MORAR:** My thanks to Alistair Neil MacKay, who was able to connect the new heating system in Morar. We are in testing phase of the new/refurbished system.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** This year is St. Patrick’s turn to host the World Day of Prayer on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. I would appreciate if maybe you could volunteer to help (tea/coffee, cakes, readings etc.). Please speak to Isa and Peggy, who will be coordinating the preparations.

**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 **12<sup>th</sup> March**, after Sunday Mass in Mingarry. I can’t make it on the 12<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> is the Confirmation date in Mallaig.

**HEATING:** I am happy to inform you that the heating has been fixed! There will be no charge for this repair, but from now on, if anything goes wrong with the heating, the units will be out of warranty. We are also free to use a repair service of our choice. Units might require an annual service in the future. Any future decisions regarding the heating can now wait until our Parish Council meeting.

### **COLLECTIONS:**

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| Morar/Mallaig: |                        |
| 29.01.....     | £385 (Gift Aid £260)   |
| Arisaig:       |                        |
| 29.01.....     | £275 (Gift Aid £171)   |
| Mingarry:      |                        |
| 29.01.....     | £114.40 (Gift Aid £93) |