

# 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 (20 February - 25 February)

Monday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
Tuesday .....Mallaig: 5:00 pm  
Wednesday .....Arisaig: 10:00 am  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10:00 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10:00 am  
Saturday .....Arisaig: 10:00 am

Exposition after Mass on Friday in Morar till 11am.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (25 February) Morar ..... 5:00 pm  
Any other time on request

## Housebound visits this week

Thursday .....

## Sunday Masses 25 / 26 February (Eight Sunday of the Year - A)

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

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Ann Black 09.02; Derek MacMillan; Brigid Lee 12.02;  
Angus MacKellaig (Parkmhor) 20.02; Iain MacDonald (Cnoc na faire) 25.02;  
Eternal rest...

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## Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)

19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

R) *The Lord is compassion and love.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

## Wednesday

### Feast of the Chair of St Peter

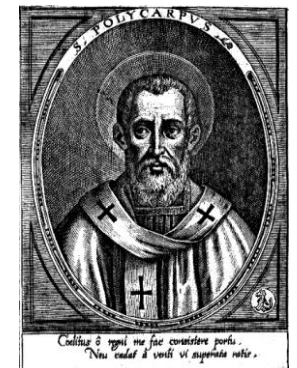


From the earliest times the Church at Rome celebrated on 18 January the memory of the day when the Apostle held his first service with the faithful of the Eternal City. According to Duchesne and de Rossi, the "Martyrologium Hieronymianum" (Weissenburg manuscript) reads as follows: "XV KL. FEBO. Dedicatio cathedrae sci petri apostoli qua primo Rome petrus apostolus sedit" (fifteenth day before the calends of February, the dedication of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle in which Peter the

Apostle first sat at Rome). The Epternach manuscript (Codex Epternacensis) of the same work, says briefly: "cath. petri in roma" (the Chair of Peter in Rome).

## Thursday St Polycarp

He was a disciple of the Apostles, bishop of Smyrna, and a friend of St Ignatius of Antioch. He went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the celebration of Easter. He was martyred in about 155 by being burnt to death in the stadium. Polycarp is an important figure in the history of the Church because he is one of the earliest Christians whose writings still survive. He bears witness to the beliefs of the early Christians and the early stages of the development of doctrine.



**FR MACKAY:** Last Thursday, Fr Donald had a serious surgery in Glasgow. It was discovered that the tumour has fractured his hip. To give him some pain relief, it was decided to operate. Hopefully it will bring him some comfort. We continue to pray for all the sick in Our Parishes, especially those suffering from cancer.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Masses this year will be celebrated on **1st March** as follows: 10am – Arisaig; 12noon – Mingarry; 7pm – Mallaig.

**ARISAIG PARISH:**

**HEATING UPDATE:** I honestly do not know how to write about it but it seems that the heating in the Chapel House (boiler) is still malfunctioning. If I was in Ireland, I would blame Leprechauns... in Denmark – Trolls... At St. Mary's, Fort William – Gremlins... but in Arisaig? Maybe someone will provide me with the correct answer.

**VISITORS:** My friends have really enjoyed their stay in Arisaig... despite heating problems. They are grateful to the whole parish for its wonderful Highland hospitality.

**MORAR PARISH:**

**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. There is a list at the back of the church in Mallaig for volunteers. Please help if you can!

**CONFIRMATIONS:** On 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am Mass Bishop McGee will confirm 3 of our children. They have prepared posters and ask you for your prayers for their intention. There will be teas/coffees at the back of the Church after Mass. Please, stay behind so that this joy might become a part of the whole Parish Community. If you would like to volunteer with preparation, speak to Lyndsay Murray who will be responsible for the whole event. She will also coordinate with the parents to help with the preparations.

**MINGARRY PARISH:**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council would be on **12<sup>th</sup> March**, after Sunday Mass in Mingarry.

**SUPPLY:** Fr Slavin will celebrate the Mass in Mingarry on 26<sup>th</sup> February in my absence due to Confirmations in Mallaig. I thank him for his support.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** World Day of Prayer - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7pm Acharacle Community Centre. Church of Scotland are organizing this year's service and have asked Mingarry to cover the short, dramatized Bible reading. This is not acted out but uses different voices to read the parts. We need at least

4 and preferably 6 volunteers - most parts have only one sentence! Let Jean Whitton know if you can help.

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Iacopo Scaramuzzi  
VATICAN CITY

Peace “should not be understood as the absence of worries, disappointments, failures, or suffering” because it is a “gift” based on the “assurance “that “even in the hardest and most devastating moments, God’s mercy and goodness are the greatest of all.” This was highlighted by the Pope at the general audience in Paul VI Hall, as he continued on a series of reflections on “Christian hope”. A hope, remarked Francesco, that “does not disappoint” because it is founded on love “that God has for each of us.”

“It’s easy – says the Pope - to say “God loves us “, we all say that, but just think about it: can each of us say:” I’m sure that God loves me “? It is not so easy to say - but it is true! It is a good exercise to say: God loves me, and that’s the root of our safeness, the root of hope. The Lord has abundantly poured into our hearts his Holy Spirit, who – Francis pointed out - is the love of God as creator, as a guarantor, for it will nourish in us the faith and keep this hope and certitude alive: God loves me. “Also in this bad time?” God loves me. “And me, who has done this horrible thing?” God loves me. Nobody can take this certitude away from us, and we must repeat it as a prayer, “I am sure that God loves me, I am sure that God loves me. ”

[...]

“Now - concluded the Pope - we understand why the Apostle Paul exhorts us to always boast about all this. I brag about God’s love because God loves me. The hope that we have been given does not separate us from others, nor leads to discredit or marginalize them. Instead, it is an extraordinary gift for which we are called to become “channels”, with humility and simplicity, for everyone. So our greatest pride is to have as a Father a God who has no favourites, that does not exclude anyone, but opens his home to all human beings, beginning with the last, for as his children we learn to console and support each other. And do not forget: hope does not disappoint, okay? “.

**COLLECTIONS:**

Morar/Mallaig:	
12.02.....	£483 (Gift Aid £316.50) / Catholic Education £205
Arisaig:	
12.02.....	£245 (Gift Aid £130) / Catholic Education £87.97
Mingarry:	
12.02.....	£143.50 (Gift Aid £95) / Catholic Education £8