

Weekday Services (29th May – 3rd June)

Monday Morar: 10:15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday *Feast of the Visitation of the BVM* *Mass on Canna*
Thursday *St. Justin* Mallaig: 10:15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 3rd / 4th June (PENTECOST - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
Sunday 2:00 pm Glenuig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday, after morning Mass till 11 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3rd June 10:40 am Arisaig
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week - Thursday Arisaig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Violet MacKenzie 20.04; Sharon MacKenzie 29.05; Lewis MacDonald (Gorten, Arisaig) 29.05.

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

SEVENTH Sunday of Easter (A) 28th May 2017

R) I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!



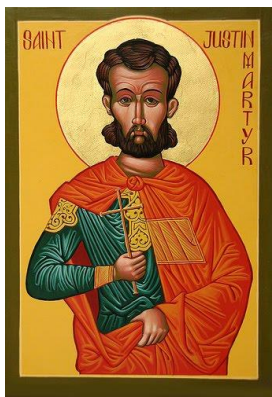
Wednesday – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Assuming that the Annunciation and the Incarnation took place about the vernal equinox, Mary left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to wait upon her cousin Elizabeth, because her presence and much more the presence of the Divine Child in her womb, according to the will of God, was to be the source of very great graces to the Blessed John, Christ's Forerunner.

The event is related in Luke 1:39-57. Feeling the presence of his Divine Saviour, John, upon the arrival of Mary, leaped in the womb of his mother; he was then cleansed from original sin and filled with the grace of God. Our Lady now for the first time exercised the office which belonged to the Mother of God made man, that He might by her mediation sanctify and glorify us. St. Joseph probably accompanied Mary, returned to Nazareth, and when, after three months, he came again to Hebron to take his wife home, the apparition of the angel, mentioned in Matthew 1:19-25, may have taken place to end the tormenting doubts of Joseph regarding Mary's maternity.

Thursday – St. Justin

He was born at the beginning of the second century in Nablus, in Samaria, of a pagan Greek family. He was an earnest seeker after truth, and studied many



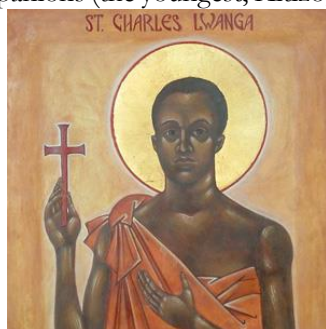
systems of philosophy before being led, through Platonism, to Christianity. While remaining a layman, he accepted the duty of making the truth known, and travelled from place to place proclaiming the gospel. In 151 he travelled from Ephesus to Rome, where he opened a school of philosophy and wrote defences and expositions of Christianity, which have survived to this day and are the earliest known writings of their kind. In the persecution of 165, in the reign of the emperor Marcus Aurelius, he was denounced as a Christian, arrested and beheaded. The transcript of his trial by the prefect of Rome, Rusticus, has also survived.

Justin treats the Greek philosophy that he studied as mostly true, but incomplete. In contrast to the Hebrew tendency to view God as making revelations to them and to no-one else, he follows the parable of the Sower, and sees God as sowing the seed of wisdom throughout the world, to grow wherever the soil would receive it. When we dispute with people who disagree with us, we would do well to assume that they too are seeking wisdom and have found truth of a kind. Since there is only one God and one Truth, it is our task not to contradict or belittle their achievement, but to show them how their strivings and searches are ultimately fulfilled in Christ. This is harder to do – not least, because we have to take the trouble to understand our own faith thoroughly – but it is ultimately more worthwhile.

Saturday – Charles Lwanga and Companions

Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwanga. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kitizo, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and for murdering an Anglican missionary, for “praying from a book,” and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured.

Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: World Communications Sunday takes place on 28 May 2017. The theme is 'Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time' and its inspiration comes from Scripture - Isaiah 43:5 "Fear not, for I am with you.". On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Scottish Catholic Media Office. **Special Collection today** is taken up for the apostolate of communications.

DAY FOR LIFE: Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: During the week, until next Sunday, we are praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation to Pentecost!

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Will take place in Mallaig on 8th June at 4pm. First Communion will be celebrated on the 18th June.

MASS ON CANNA: On Wednesday, I will celebrate Mass with a Burial Rite on Canna. Please feel free to join me if you would like a nice day out! Weather is not guaranteed!

GENERAL ELECTION: A letter from the Bishops of Scotland regarding the General Election is available at the back. Please take a copy and read it at home.

ARISAIG PARISH:

CHURCH CLEANING: New list can be found at the back of the Church.

TEAS/COFFEES: There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to help with teas and coffees after Fr Wynne's Mass on 25th June. If you could put your name on the list to help with serving, baking or some other way to contribute. Thank you for your support.

MORAR PARISH:

BAPTISM: We congratulate the parents and welcome Hamish Alexander MacLeod into our Christian family!

MINGARRY PARISH:

DECISIONS: Very brief Parish Council meeting will take place on 11th June. Decisions need to be made regarding Chapel House improvements ASAP.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
14.05.....	£412 (Gift Aid £260)
21.05.....	£537 (Gift Aid £301.50)
Arisaig:	
14.05.....	£274.96 (Gift Aid £131)
21.05.....	£309.10 (Gift Aid £145)
Mingarry:	
14.05.....	£50 (Gift Aid £15)