

**Weekday Services (3<sup>rd</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> July)**

Monday *Requiem Mass of Donald MacLellan RIP* ..... Morar: 11.00 am  
Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday ..... *Mass on Canna*  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> July (14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A)**

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:**

*Morar: Friday after Mass*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 5:00 pm ..... Morar  
Any other time upon request

*Housebound visits this week..... Arisaig, Thursday Morning*

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald MacLellan (Riverside); Donnie MacEachen 1.07.1967;  
Ishbel MacDonald 10.07; Ronnie and Katie MacMaster; Eilidh MacLeod.

*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

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

*R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

**Monday – St. Thomas**

The apostle Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God.

Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence (it was written to provide evidence for certain heretical Gnostic teachings), it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. If you are writing something that you intend to use to convince people of a controversial doctrine, you do not invent completely new facts: instead, you weave the existing facts and traditions into something that suits your purpose. Thus the very fact that the heretics used a journey of St Thomas to support their case shows us that, in the third century at least, there would have seemed nothing implausible about such a journey. The journey would have been easy enough – important trade routes lay that way – and if some of the apostles went west, to Rome, the centre of the world, there is no reason why some others should not have chosen to go east, to the edge of the known world. We will probably never know for certain; but the Christians of Kerala have called themselves for centuries "St Thomas Christians", and they may very well be right.



**VISITORS:** We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. At the moment, Fr Pawel Nowak and Leszek Grula are staying in Arisaig (till 7<sup>th</sup> July), they will be followed by a Comboni Sister and Rev Emmanuel Alagbaoso (till end of July), our Deacon who hopefully will be ordained a priest for our diocese next year.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Today, 2<sup>nd</sup> July we will be holding a Special Collection for **Peter's Pence**. This is to cover our Annual Donation to the Holy See to help with all the Papal Works! Thank you for your generosity. Next Special Collection will be our next week Mission Appeal.

**MISSION APPEAL:** Next Sunday, Sister Kathryn, a Comboni Missionary will be making a mission appeal in all our Parishes. I am sure we will give her a warm welcome and we will also get some knowledge about her congregation's Missionary work.



**BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE AND THE JACOBITES:** Over a week ago myself and some parishioners attended a grand opening of the new temporary exhibition at the National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh. More than 300 spectacular objects including paintings, costumes, jewellery, documents, weapons and glassware will bring to life the events of this turbulent period in European history. Among them are our Morar Vestments which we have

kindly loaned to the Museums. Some conservation work was done on the Vestments to preserve them for years to come. We are grateful to the Museum for finding sponsors to have these works professionally done.

**FR WYNNE:** It was a great privilege for us to host Monsignor Wynne in Arisaig last Sunday and be part of his Diamond Jubilee Celebrations! Fr Wynne will be spending his Retirement in Fort William in his family home. I am sure that he would be delighted to have someone calling in for a cup of tea. Fr Wynne wrote a beautiful letter to thank us for the presentation and reception in Arisaig. We keep him in our prayers!



**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL:** Bishop McGee has entered into a 6 year agreement with the Missionaries to have their presence in the diocese. The Superior is sending Fr Francis Agadauja in September.

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Deacon Emmanuel arrived in the diocese for the summer. We look forward to greeting him as he will be spending part of his summer holidays in Arisaig (10<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July). Ronald Campbell has just finished his second year at the Beda College. Philip Bua from Nigeria, who has been living in the diocese since January has now been invited to apply for seminary. There is also a further potential student and two inquirers. I know that you will pray for these men and that our diocese will be blessed with many more vocations. Should there be anyone in our parishes who might be interested in diocesan priesthood, please do not hesitate to speak to me or our Diocesan Vocations Director.

**NEW DIOCESAN TREASURER:** Mr Duncan MacLeod has been appointed as the new Diocesan Treasurer. He will take on his post starting next month.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH:** Bishop Brian is inviting young people from the diocese accompany him and to work in the Live With Hope HIV/AIDS Clinic in Kericho, Kenya. The trip will take place during July 2018 and is open to those aged between 18-25 years. This will be a fantastic experience but will also demand commitment and hard work. If you would like to find out more then please read the detailed background information on the diocesan website and follow the instructions.

**NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT,** 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September, organised by the CYSS. Argyll & the Isles are hosting this event. Young people will come from all over Scotland. This event will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, prayers in the St Michael Chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and a tour of the Abbey. For those groups who arrive early on Iona

there will be a prayer walk to St Columba's Bay and back in time for the 1pm arrival of those coming directly off the coach. If you are interested please get in touch with our Diocesan Youth Worker or Coordinator. Bishop McGee would like two young people (15-18 yo) from each parish to be present at this event. Please speak to me if you are interested in going.

As part of the preparation for the Synod on Youth please encourage your young people (15-18yo) to take part in the following survey:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CYSSYS/>

**SPUC MESSAGE:** A growing number of organisations is working together to propose the most radical abortion policy. The ultimate aim of the campaign is to permit abortion to birth for any reason. The view is completely at odds with public opinion; a recent opinion poll showed 99% of people were opposed to this idea and in fact 70% of women want the abortion time-limit reduced.

However, this is not deterring the pro-abortion groups who have key people in professional organisations such as the Royal College of Midwives and the British Medical Association which has just voted to support the decriminalisation of abortion. This will have great influence on politicians and wider society.

Politically they have already tested the water with a bill at Westminster to decriminalise abortion to 24 weeks. At present abortion is a criminal offence but it can be carried out under exceptions to the law. The attempt to decriminalise was taken by Diana Johnson and her bill succeeded at stage 1 but fortunately ran out of parliamentary time due to the General Election.

That bill will come forward again and in Scotland similar groups are orchestrating attempts to build momentum for decriminalisation in Scotland.

That is why we need to mobilise people at grassroots level to ensure their voice cannot be ignored. We are launching a petition to harness the public distaste for decriminalisation.

**PETITION IS AVAILABLE TO SIGN AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

**ARISAIG PARISH:**

**CHRISTINA JOHNSTONE RIP:** Thank you for your attendance at Chrissy's Funeral. We offer our prayers for her and her entire family.

**NEW CANDLES:** Some time ago, I ordered 8 new Oil Candles to match the ones on the altar, which were bought in memory of Donald Alistair MacDonald. These have now arrived and been put on the High Altar and as Altar Server's ones. If you would like to donate them in memory of someone, please speak to me after Mass.

**MORAR PARISH:**

**DONALD MACLELLAN RIP:** Reception of the Body will take place today at 5pm in Morar. Donald's Funeral will be on Monday, 11am in Morar. We will remember him in our prayers.

**MINGARRY PARISH:**

**FR DENIS BLACKLEDGE:** Many thanks to Fr Denis for offering Mass in Mingarry last Thursday.

**COLLECTIONS:**

Morar/Mallaig:	
25.06.....	£426.60 (Gift Aid £261.20)
Arisaig:	
18.06.....	£298 (GA £175)
25.06.....	£345.55 (GA £111)
Holy Day of Obligation (29.06).....	£69.20
Funeral Collection (shared between the Parish and Arisaig Defibrillator Fund).....	£322.50
Mingarry:	
25.06.....	£140 (Gift Aid £75)