

**Weekday Services (31<sup>st</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August)**

Monday *St Ignatius of Loyola* ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday *St Alphonsus Liguori* ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday *St. John Mary Vianney – Requiem Mass* ..... Mingarry: 12 noon  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August (FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - 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: no exposition this week*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 10:35 am ..... Arisaig  
Any other time upon request

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

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Ewan MacMaster (Mingarry) 25/07/2017; Bill MacInness (Canada); Niamh Henderson (Birthday) 29/07; Keith Eddie (Mallaig) 24/07.

*Eternal rest...*

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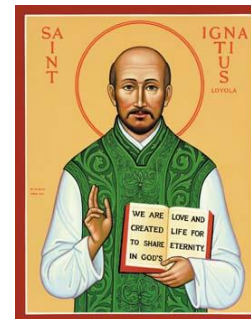
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar  
St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry  
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

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

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

*R) Lord, how I love your law!*

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**



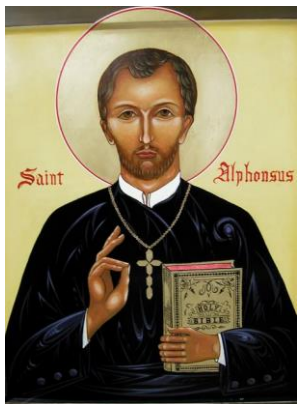
## Monday – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ignatius (or Inigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin.

Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks.

Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first Superior General until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hard words or contempt for people's errors".

Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship, and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.



## Tuesday – St. Alphonsus Liguori

He was a Neapolitan lawyer who lost a court case in a spectacular fashion, when it turned out that a key document in his case had been misinterpreted by him and in fact proved his opponent's case instead. He immediately left the law and studied for the priesthood. But God is not proud, and accepts people even on the rebound: Alphonsus became a priest.

He preached in the rural districts around Naples, and it was his boast that he never delivered a sermon that the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand. His bishop asked him to establish an order of missionaries to work in the countryside, and the Congregation of the Most

Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists) was formally established in 1749.

He was a bishop from 1762 to 1775, insisting on the dignified and unhurried celebration of the Mass and the firm treatment of persistent wrongdoers.

The Redemptorists proved to be a quarrelsome congregation: their formal establishment had been delayed by more than a decade because of internal dissension. After his retirement Alphonsus had to try to make peace within the congregation. Unfortunately his old failing returned and he signed a new Constitution for the Redemptorists without reading it properly (though, to be fair to him, he was 80 and in poor health at the time). The result was that the Redemptorists split into two separate congregations, both of whom rejected Alphonsus: peace was not restored until some time after his death.

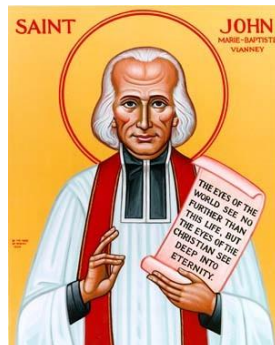
Nevertheless, in spite of all this storm and trouble, Alphonsus lived an exceptionally holy life. He was also an outstanding moral theologian, and won back sinners to the fold by patience and moderation. His work needs to be better known today, when there seems to be no rational middle course between puritanism and permissiveness.

## Friday – St. John Mary Vianney

He was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise.

In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage.

The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the medal of the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor.



**VISITORS:** We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. If you like our Parishes, please follow our page on Facebook!

**NEW SIGNS/POSTS:** Recently I have been investigating the possibility of putting up new signs with Mass Times outside our Churches. They would all have the same template

so that they would be easily recognisable as Catholic Churches among our visitors. They will also have a changeable Mass times part which would make them future-proof for any changes. The estimated cost of one sign with fittings is £300. I would like to order 2 for Arisaig and one for Morar, Mallaig, Glenuig and Mingarry. If you have any comments regarding the new signs, please speak to me after Mass. I find it important, especially considering that we are a tourist area to attract visitors. A lot of them, especially those that do not use internet have made comments that they should be more visible.

**MARY MACKILLOP MASS:** I have received a phone call from Sister Diane Moore from Caol last Friday. She has invited us to Celebrate a Mass on Mary MacKillop's Feast Day in Caol on 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10am at St. John's. I will try to attend so there will be no Mass that day in Mallaig. If you would like to attend you would be most welcome especially since there is also a barbecue at the Convent afterwards! Maybe even Kangaroo meat?

**CAT UPDATE:** I was reminded recently that I have not provided you with any updates regarding my cats. Captain and Cat are both well. They are providing me with a supply of dead rodents on regular basis to prove they are worth their pay. Their current salary is 4 Sachets of meat jelly a day.

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome among us John, Lesley and Adrienne Lynch, who moved into their new home in Tougal. We wish them a lot of happiness and new friendships in our area!

### MORAR PARISH:

**NEW PATEN IN MEMORY OF NIAMH HENDERSON:** During our Vigil-Mass in Morar we have blessed a new Ciborium in memory of Niamh. So it happens that it is also her birthday. She was always close to the altar so it was appropriate that Mairi and Hamish, her parents will bring it during Mass in a procession.

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**NEW PRIEST:** Bishop McGee paid me a visit last week and informed me that he is 98% sure he has found a priest for Mingarry. Appointment will be made mid-Autumn. We have to make sure that all the house improvements are done by then.

**NEW HEATING:** The heating system has been installed in the Priests House. The total cost of it was £4651.50. This expense was necessary to make the house ready for the new priest, but at the same time was a significant expense for the Parish. If you would like to make a donation toward the new system, it would be greatly appreciated. There are still a few things that need to be done in the near future.

**EWAN MACMASTER RIP:** One of our Parishioners has passed away. Ewan was a very good and gentle soul. He lived in Acharacle with his brother. We will all know his other brother, Canon Iain MacMaster. Funeral will take place on Friday at 12noon in Mingarry. Eternal rest...

### COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
23.07 .....	£463 (Gift Aid £306.50)
Bishop's Fund.....	£344
Arisaig:	
23.07 .....	£310 (GA £144)
Bishop's Fund.....	£110
Mingarry:	
23.07 .....	£144.30 (Gift Aid £95)
Bishop's Fund.....	£48.87