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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 Services (7th August – 12th August)

MondayMorar: 10.15 am
Tuesday *St Dominic / St Mary MacKillop*.....Caol: 10.00 am
Wednesday *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday St Lawrence Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday *St Clare*Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St Blaen*..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 12th/13th August (19th 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, 12th August 10:35 am Arisaig
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week.....Morar, Thursday Morning

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ewan MacMaster (Mingarry) 25/07/2017; Morag Ann Buchanan 30/7/2017; Derek MacMillan 2/8/2002; Jo Houston 10/8/2006.

Eternal rest...

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A) 6th August 2017
R) The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!



The Transfiguration of Christ

It is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17:1-6), St. Mark (9:1-8), and St. Luke (9:28-36), while St. Peter (2 Peter 1:16-18) and St. John (1:14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it.

About a week after His sojourn in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes.

St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphothe*, which the Vulgate renders *transfiguratus est*. The Synoptics explain the true meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow," according to the Vulgate, or "as light," according to the Greek text. This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. False Judaism had rejected the Messiah, and now true Judaism, represented by Moses and Elias, the Law and the Prophets, recognized and adored Him, while for the second time God the Father proclaimed Him His only-begotten and well-loved Son. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (Matthew 16:21), and who spoke with Moses and Elias of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemani, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

Tuesday – St. Dominic

He was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop (Diego de Azevedo) in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France. While the official missions lived in formality and splendour, Dominic and Diego lived in extreme poverty, and prepared with great diligence for the debates that they held with their opponents. When the suppression of Albigensianism was undertaken by invasion and war of a particularly savage kind, Dominic continued to try to preach

and persuade. In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, dedicated to saving souls by preaching and persuasion. Like the Franciscans, founded a few years before, the Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. At a time when the settled Benedictine monasteries had grown into great and rich institutions, this was a revolutionary and to some a subversive concept. The Friars made a lasting impact on the life of mediaeval Europe, and the Dominicans in particular altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West. Dominic died at Bologna on 6th August 1221.

Tuesday – St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne and worked as a governess and a teacher to support her family. In 1866 she founded St Joseph's School, the first free Catholic school in Australia. With Father Julian Tenison Woods she founded an order of nuns, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. They opened many schools and other charitable institutions, which continue to this day. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010: the first Australian saint.

Wednesday – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

She was born into a practising Jewish family. She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg, but her academic career was impeded because she was a woman. Reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptized on 1 January 1922. She taught at a Dominican girls' school and studied Catholic philosophy. She became a lecturer at the Institute for Pedagogy at Münster but was thrown out of her post in 1933 as a result of the Nazi régime's anti-Semitic legislation. She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to the Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. While a Carmelite she wrote an important philosophical book, seeking to combine the phenomenology of her former teacher Edmund Husserl with the philosophy of Aquinas, and she also wrote on St John of the Cross. On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism. In retaliation the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 9 August 1942.

Thursday – St Lawrence

Laurence was one of the seven deacons of the Church of Rome and was executed on 10th August 258, four days after Sixtus II and his companions. By now, few of the facts of his life are known for certain: he was probably a Spaniard from Toledo. A basilica was built over Laurence's tomb fifty years after his death, by the Emperor Constantine, and the anniversary of his martyrdom was kept as a solemn feast. By the sixth century, it was one of the most important feasts throughout much of western Christendom. His name occurs in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

Friday – St Clare

She was born at Assisi and came under the influence of Saint Francis. She left home at the age of 18 and, under Francis's guidance, began a community that grew to become the order of the Poor Clares (she was later joined both by her sister and by her widowed mother). In its radical attachment to poverty the Rule of the order was much more severe than that of any other order of nuns. In 1215 Clare obtained from the Pope the privilege of owning nothing, so that the nuns of the order were to be sustained by alms and nothing else. Such a rule was (like the Franciscan rule) both a challenge to established structures and a risk to those who followed it, and successive Popes tried to modify it. In 1247 Pope Innocent IV promulgated a new Rule that allowed the ownership of communal property: Clare rewrote it. A later attempt at mitigation in 1263 partly succeeded (perhaps because Clare was dead by then): some communities followed the old, strict rule and some followed the new. Clare was a noted contemplative and a caring mother to her nuns. She died at Assisi in 1253.

Saturday – St Blaan

Saint Blane (Old Irish Bláán) was born on the Isle of Bute, a nephew of St Cathan, and was educated in Ireland under Saints Comgall and Kenneth. He became a monk, went to Scotland, and was eventually bishop among the Picts.

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! **Fr Andrew MacKenzie**, director of the Priests for Scotland will be taking a break in Mingarry this week with some friends.

FR MACKAY: Fr Donald's condition is very poor. The recent scan has discovered a brain tumour. At the moment he is in the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow but hopes to return home to Uist on Wednesday. Please note that I might go and see him this week depending whether he will be in Glasgow or Uist.

NEW SIGNS/POSTS: New signs have been commissioned. Thank you for your inputs and comments. I am always grateful for your support!

MARY MACKILLOP MASS: I will attend Mass on Mary MacKillop's Feast Day in Caol on 8th August at 10am at St. John's. Please make an effort to attend. You would be most welcome especially since there is also a barbecue at the Convent afterwards! Maybe even Kangaroo meat? What I am sure of is that there is going to be enough food for everyone! **SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Next week we will hold a Special Collection for Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese. This is to cover the expenses of the Priests, who worked in our parishes during their ministry. We are grateful for everything they have done for us. I am sure we will be as generous as always. Please use your Parish Gift-Aid envelopes as this is a Diocesan Collection

ARISAIG PARISH:

MASS PARTS SUNG: Starting this Sunday we will be singing the Sanctus and the Lamb of God during Mass. Please try to join in with me to the best of your ability. We all have voices to be heard!

MORAR PARISH:

MORAG ANN BUCHANAN RIP: Thank you for your presence and support to the family during the Requiem Mass last Saturday. Morag Ann was well know and very much a part of our community. We commend her to the Lord.

MINGARRY PARISH:

VISITORS: **Fr Andrew MacKenzie**, the Director of Priests for Scotland, responsible for vocations to the priesthood in the whole of Scotland and also for priests coming from abroad to serve. He will be taking a break with his friends in Mingarry. He will be staying in the house from Monday till Friday of this week. We wish him good weather. It seems that he will be able to test the new heating.

NEW HEATING: The heating system has been installed in the Priests House. 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.

EWAN MACMASTER RIP: Thank you for your presence and support during Ewan's Requiem Mass. It meant a lot to Canon Iain and Ronald to see so many of our community there. Eternal rest...

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
30.07.....	£498 (Gift Aid £342.50)
Arisaig:	
30.07.....	£215.57 (GA £106.30)
Mingarry:	
30.07.....	£223.50 (Gift Aid £110)