

Weekday Services (14th August – 19th August)

Monday *St Maximilian Kolbe*..... Morar: 10.15 am

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM (15th August)

Monday (*Vigil-Mass*) Mallaig: 7:00 pm

Tuesday Arisaig: 10:15 am

Tuesday Mingarry: 12:00 noon

Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am

Friday Morar: 10.15 am

Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 19th/20th August (20th 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 Glenuig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 19th August 5.00 pm Mallaig

Any other time upon request

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM:

Eternal rest...

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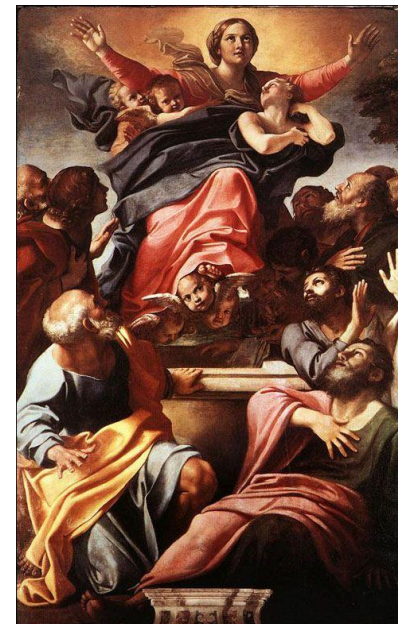
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar
St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

19th Sunday of the Year (A)

13th August 2017

R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!**



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
– Holyday of Obligation**

Regarding the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death, nothing certain is known. The earliest known literary reference to the Assumption is found in the Greek work *De Obitu S. Dominae*. Catholic faith, however, has always derived our knowledge of the mystery from Apostolic Tradition. Epiphanius (d. 403) acknowledged that he knew nothing definite about it (*Haer.*, lxxix, 11). The dates assigned for it vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Two cities claim to be the place of her departure: Jerusalem and Ephesus. Common consent favours Jerusalem, where her tomb is shown; but some argue in favour of Ephesus. The first six centuries did not know of the tomb of Mary at Jerusalem.

The belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is founded on the apocryphal treatise *De Obitu S. Dominae*, bearing the name of St. John, which belongs however to the fourth or fifth century. It is also found in the book *De Transitu Virginis*, falsely ascribed to St. Melito of Sardis, and in a spurious letter attributed to

St. Denis the Arcopagite. If we consult genuine writings in the East, it is mentioned in the sermons of St. Andrew of Crete, St. John Damascene, St. Modestus of Jerusalem and others. In the West, St. Gregory of Tours (*De gloria mart.*, I, iv) mentions it first. The sermons of St. Jerome and St. Augustine for this feast, however, are spurious. St. John of Damascus (*P.G.*, I, 96) thus formulates the tradition of the Church of Jerusalem:

St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

Today, the belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is universal in the East and in the West; according to Benedict XIV (De Festis B.V.M., I, viii, 18) it is a probable opinion, which to deny were impious and blasphemous..

Tuesday – St. Maximilian Kolbe

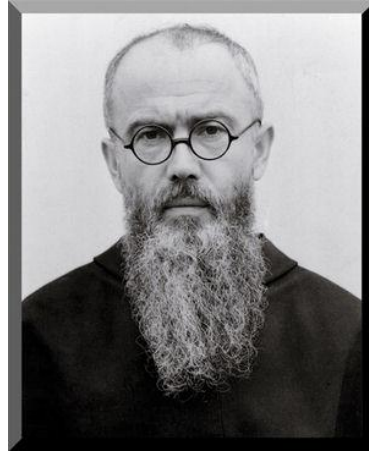
He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years.

He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad. In 1927 he founded a community, a "city of Mary," at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station. In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a "Garden of the Immaculate," which survived the atomic bomb.

He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health. When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews. In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners. The man he saved was present at his canonization. Maximilian Kolbe's martyrdom is the least important thing about him. We are none of us likely to find ourselves in a position to emulate his sacrifice, and speculation as to the heroic way in which we would have behaved in his place is a pernicious waste of time. What is important is that he acted the way he did because of who he was – or, rather, because of who he had become. It is because of who he had become that we revere him as a saint: he would have been a saint (though perhaps not canonized) even if he had not been martyred. And that process of becoming is something we can all emulate. We can all become people for whom doing the right thing is obvious, natural, and easy. It requires no heroism, no special gifts: just perseverance, and prayer.

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! This week my most important guests arrive – my parents! They should be with us on Wednesday and will be staying with me in Morar. Also on Tuesday Bishop McGee will be staying in Morar during his pastoral visitation to the small isles. On Thursday, my best friend from Seminary with his wife, parents and son – Stanislaw are arriving. They will be staying in Arisaig. During Communism in Poland, instances are recorded when the High Party official was arriving that the grass was being painted green. I am not going as far as painting the grass but in a last minute attempt – having the corridor in Morar painted. Getting ready for my parents!

FR MACKAY: Fr Donald's condition is very poor. He has been transferred back to his home on Uist, where he will be cared for and looked after.



APPOINTMENTS: Bishop McGee has appointed a Parish Administrator to St. Peter's, Daliburgh – Fr Ross Crighton.

NEW SIGNS/POSTS: New signs have been commissioned. Thank you for your inputs and comments. I am always grateful for your support! Many thanks to **Margaret and Ian MacEachen** for their contribution toward the new posts in Arisaig.

MARY MACKILLOP MASS: Thank you for your attendance at Mass last week in Caol. Weather was most hospitable so that made it so much better to enjoy the barbecue!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend we are holding 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 you Parish Gift-Aid envelopes as this is a Diocesan Collection.

TUESDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. IT IS A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION. NEED I SAY MORE? MASS TIMES AT THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER. REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES!

ARISAIG PARISH:

MASS PARTS SUNG: 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!

VISIT TO EIGG: On Tuesday, Bishop McGee will celebrate Mass on Eigg. This will be his first pastoral visit to the Island.

MORAR PARISH:

VISIT TO CANNA: On Wednesday, Bishop McGee will celebrate Mass on Canna. This will be his first pastoral visit to the Island.

PAINTING: Many thanks to Duncan MacDonald who agreed to paint the Chapel House on such short notice in preparation for my parent's visit. Ivory Cream is the selected colour. It was a last minute call which helped me to contemplate on the Wedding Feast in Canna. Many thanks to Rita for pleading in my name – even Jesus could not say 'no' to his mother!

MINGARRY PARISH:

VISITORS: Fr Andrew MacKenzie is very grateful for our hospitality. He enjoyed his stay in Mingarry.

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.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
06.08.....	£314 (Gift Aid £233)
Arisaig:	
06.08.....	£286.20 (GA £136.80)
Mingarry:	
06.08.....	£101.70 (Gift Aid £25)