

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 (4th – 9th September)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 9th/10th September (23rd 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, 9th September, 5pm..... Morar
Any other time upon request

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Gerald Fanning (died recently); William Pringle (Arisaig) 05.09.1997; Donald Gallacher (South Uist) 07.09.2010; Iain MacDonald (the Land) Birthday Anniversary 08.09; Maria Pamula (Krakow) 05.09.2016.

Eternal rest...

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22nd Sunday of the Year (A) 3rd September 2017
R) For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.. Alleluia!



Friday – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.



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! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.

My parents would like to thank everyone for the hospitality and kindness they received. We had a lovely time together and were able to visit the area. One of the most memorable days was that on my Mother's Birthday, when we visited Arisaig Gardens.

BASKET / BACK TO WORK: Holiday period has slowly come to an end and also all my visitors have now safely returned home. This means that regular duties return! There is a basket at the back of the Church toward Altar Server's day out. Thank you for your generosity.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MCGEE:

'Before Christmas I would like to spend a day in each parish. This would help me to learn more about individual parishes as well as deepening my understanding of the diocese as a whole. The format would be arranged mainly by the parish priest but I would specifically like three elements: (i) to celebrate Mass (ii) have time with each priest and deacon to listen and share with him and (iii) to meet with the parish Pastoral Council or, if one does not exist, a representative group of parishioners. I want to listen directly to our people and likewise to discuss with them some of my own thoughts. In order to give me a fuller taste of your parish please organise, at your own discretion, pastoral/spiritual encounters (e.g. visit schools, hospitals, housebound, groups etc). I have attached a provisional list of dates for each parish to be visited. I will presume that the date is suitable unless you contact me by Thursday 7th September to rearrange.' Bishop McGee suggested Thursday, 27th Nov for Arisaig; Friday, 28th November for Mingarry and Saturday, 29th November for Morar Parish.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA: There are still some spaces left on the Youth Pilgrimage to Iona (9-10 Sep). Please speak to me if you would like to participate. Parish will cover your fees!

YOUTH MINISTRY: Denise Roberts will be stepping down as the Diocesan Youth Leader after the National Youth Pilgrimage to Iona in a few week time. I thank Denise for her dedication in this role and wish her well as her role at Craig Lodge develops. I also thank the Craig Lodge Community which paid most of her salary.

CLERGY ASSEMBLY: The Assembly will be led by Fr Tim Byron SJ with the theme: 'Renewal under Pope Francis in the Global Church and the Local Church'. Fr Tim will examine those who have influenced Pope Francis's thinking; reflect on aspects of Romano Guardini, Yves Congar and Henri De Lubac and their influence on *Evangelii Gaudium* & *Laudato Si*. Finally he will look at models of renewal at a parish level

The Assembly will begin on Tuesday 5th September at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall. Lunch will be available in Bishop's house at 1pm. Vespers will be at 6pm, followed by dinner at 7pm. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meetings in Oban this year.

MARY TOAL'S 90th BIRTHDAY: We congratulate Bishop Toal's Mother on her Birthday and remember her in our prayers. There is a jubilee Mass in Roy Bridge celebrated

today. Mary was kind enough to invite me for a meal at 4pm – as you know I never miss a party!

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: It is about time we had our meeting. I suggest we meet on Monday, 11th September at 7pm in the Club Room. Please make a note of it in your diary.

MORAR PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: It is about time we had our meeting. I suggest we meet on Monday, 18th September at 7pm. Please make a note of it in your diary.

MINGARRY PARISH:

NEW APPOINTMENT: Still no word regarding the appointment. I am very grateful for all the work that is being carried out in the Priest's House in preparation for the appointment. The Heating works fine and some painting has been done. House is clean, dry and tidy. We should not be afraid even to look inside the kettle!

The following prayer is the **Act of Consecration of Scotland to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart** which will be used at Carfin this Sunday:

O Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of all people, in accordance with your ardent wish made known to the three children at Fatima, we consecrate to your Immaculate Heart our beloved country of Scotland. We stand confidently before you today, O Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same divine fire which inflamed your own Immaculate Heart. Reign over us and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you. Make our country and its people, your shrine, Mother of God, so that we may be yours in pros-perity and adversity, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in life and death.

We consecrate Scotland to you: all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To you we give our minds and hearts, our bodies and souls. We willingly place at your service our homes and our families, our parishes and schools: we desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you, O Mary, and may share in the benefits of your motherly care.

That this consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting:

we renew this day the promises of our Baptism and our Confirmation, to be faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

we pledge ourselves to foster a true love of the Mass and devotion to the Real Presence of your Son in the Blessed Sacrament.

we pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and his holy Church.

we pledge ourselves to promote in our homes and parishes the practice of a virtuous life. we pledge ourselves to recite the Rosary more frequently, and to make reparation for the coldness and indifference of so many human hearts.

Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the service of your blessed name, in order to assure, through the sovereignty of your Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of your adorable Son Jesus Christ, in our own hearts and in our country of Scotland. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
27.08.....	£419 (Gift Aid £265.50)
Arisaig:	
27.08.....	£277.50 (GA £137.40)
Mingarry:	
27.08.....	£241.20 (Gift Aid £165)