

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. Columba's, Isle of Canna – St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

Weekday Services (19th November – 25th November)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday *Presentation of the BVM* Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *St Cecilia* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday – Bishop McGee's visit Arisaig: 10:15 am
Friday *St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions* Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 25th/26th November (Christ the King Sunday - 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:

Thursday, 23rd November, 10.45 am – Bishop McGee..... Arisaig
Saturday, 25th November, 5.00pm Morar
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week..... Mallaig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Margaret MacLean (Fort William) 25/11/2014; Fr John Dewar 23/11/2017;

Eternal rest...

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33rd Sunday of the Year (A) **19th November 2017**
R) O blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!



Tuesday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

Wednesday – St. Cecilia

Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the *Passion of Saint Cecilia*, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. As with early martyrs, nothing much is known about Cecilia except her existence and her name; with the additional complication that so many stories have grown up round her that any remaining historical facts are obscured. No-one knows quite why she should suddenly have become popular in the middle of the sixth century, some 200 years after her death, and her association with music is also a mystery.



Friday – St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work

and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Over the centuries the names of most of them have been lost, but their memory is still alive in the Catholic community.

Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988.

Each one of them was a soul individually created and loved by God, with a life and gifts uniquely his or her own; but with such a huge crowd one can only classify. By nationality, there were 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish and 10 French. By status, there were 8 bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen and women. By mode of death, 75 were beheaded, 22 strangled, 6 burned alive, 5 torn to pieces while still alive, and 9 died of torture in prison.



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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Our Masses during that month will be offered for our deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. I will be reading out the names before each Sunday Mass.

NEW PRIEST FOR MINGARRY: Bishop McGee wanted me to announce this weekend in all my parishes, that he has found a resident priest for Mingarry. This means that from Sunday, 17th December I will no longer be the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Mingarry. I will remain the Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Arisaig and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Morar. I would like to thank all of you for putting up so long with the arrangement that was meant to be only temporary. While it is sad for me to leave Mingarry, I am equally happy that a resident priest would mean a better Pastoral Care in Mingarry and hopefully better and less stressful situation both for me and Parishioners of Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig. The name of the new priest will be announced in the coming weeks.

ADVENT 2017: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptist's] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Catechism, no. 524; original emphasis). I would like to ask the Sacristans in all the Parishes to organise/prepare the **Advent Candle Wreaths**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: I know there is still a lot of time till Christmas but remember that just like last year, Christmas Cards will be available in Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig Stalls. It is a great opportunity to support your Parish as well as using Religious Cards for Christmas. There is a lot to choose from.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: I am happy to announce that more and more people are showing their interest to go to Poland on a Pilgrimage. I have about 20 people on the list so if you are interested, better to reserve your seat now before it is too late.

ARISAIG PARISH:

MIMA GILLIES RIP: Thank you for your presence and prayerful support to the family during Mima's Funeral.

PARISH COUNCIL: We will have a meeting at **5.30 pm on Thursday** with Bishop McGee. I hope as many as possible come. This will be an occasion to get to know Bishop McGee. I would appreciate if we could have tea/coffee at the meeting. There is a list at the back if you would like to help with baking etc. The Club Room could also use a **wec tidy up**.

BISHOP'S VISIT: We will have a Mass with the Bishop at **10.15am** at St. Mary's. Bishop will be available after Mass to hear Confessions. We will visit our housebound together afterwards. Between **2-3pm** Bishop will be available to speak in private to anyone who wishes to in the Chapel House in Arisaig. At **5.30pm** we will have a meeting of the Parish Council. The visit will end with Dinner.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: My thanks also to Alasdair Roberts for kindly agreeing to play the pipes at the service last week. We also congratulate him on a very interesting and successful talk he gave at the West Highland Hotel during the Book Festival.

MORAR PARISH:

MORAR VESTMENTS: I was contacted last week by the Museum. Our vestments will make their way back at the beginning of December.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Please make a note in your diary for **27th November**. Bishop will be hearing confessions in Mallaig at 9.30am. We will have a Mass with the Bishop at 10.15am in Mallaig. After Mass, he will visit the Primary School in Mallaig and visit some of our housebound parishioners. Afterwards he will visit the High School. Between 4-5pm Bishop will be available to speak in private to anyone who wishes to in Morar Chapel House. At 5.30pm we will have a meeting of the Parish Council. The visit will end with Dinner.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please, pick up your new Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church or pass them on to our parishioners. These envelopes are only valid till 1st April 2018. After that date, GA donors will be assigned with new numbers. At the moment an annual cost of producing these envelopes is £200. A lot of it is because we use non-consecutive numbers. Starting from 8th April 2018 we will be assigned new numbers so that we could lower these costs. Hope that you will not be too cross with me for making these changes...

MINGARRY PARISH:

BISHOP'S VISIT: Bishop McGee will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Angels at **5.15 pm on 4th December**. We will have a Parish Council meeting after Mass. I would like to ask you to prepare teas/coffees for the Bishop. During the day Bishop will visit some of the Parishioners. He will be hearing Confessions at **4.30pm** in Mingarry.

SONGS OF ADVENT – from Luke's Gospel. Amid all the 'secular' preparations for Christmas take time out for some spiritual preparation. These 4 sessions, ecumenical course looks at 4 songs found at the beginning of Luke's Gospel – the songs of Zechariah (Benedictus), Mary (Magnificat), the angels (Gloria) and Simeon (Nunc Dimittis). 7pm at The Chalet, Church of Scotland, Acharacle on the following Mondays: November 13th & 20th, December 4th and 18th. Details Jean Whitton 431321.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
12.11.....	£433 (Gift Aid £290.50)
Arisaig:	
12.11.....	£228.50 (GA £73.85)
Mingarry:	
12.11.....	£146 (Gift Aid £60)