

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 (27th November – 2nd December)

Monday Bishop McGee visiting the Parish Mallaig: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Solemnity of St Andrew Mallaig: 10:15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 2nd/3rd December (1st Sunday of Advent - B)

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:

Monday, 27th November, 9.30 am – Bishop McGee Mallaig
Saturday, 2nd December, 10.30am Arisaig
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week Mallaig

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Eleanor Miller (died recently); Sandy MacDonald (Gorten) 28/11; Christine MacDonald 1/12; Graeme Gillies 3/12/2006; John Gillies (Mallaig) 2/12/77. Marybel MacDonald 1/12/08.

Eternal rest...

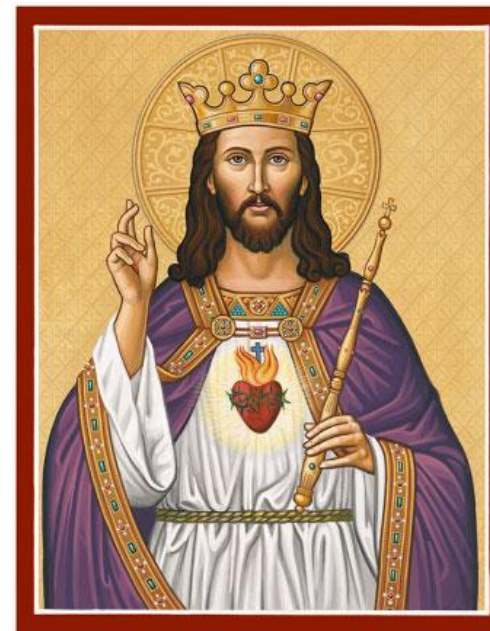
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Christ the King Sunday (A)

26th November 2017

R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

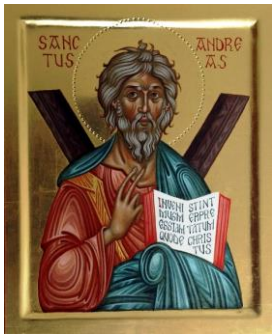
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His Precious Blood, and made us His property

and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."



Thursday – St. Andrew

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrews now stands.

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: Today’s Sunday marks the last during which we will be praying for the dead on our List. A lot of people have been asking me why I read out the names on the list and not just leave them in the basket like other priests before. The reason for that is simple – out of respect for our dead. As much as I respect that other priests have their ‘own’ ways of doing things, I think that our culture more than ever needs to be reminded about the past. In anthropology, one of the first signs of sentient life are the burial customs. I believe that if we look into our past and also with faith look at those, who are no longer with us, we might also open ourselves to experience God. Please, continue to honour the dead with the eyes of faith as you do, but do not forget to teach our children our customs and traditions.

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.

IMPORTANT! PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: I am happy to announce that more and more people are showing their interest to go to Poland on a Pilgrimage. The places have filled up quickly and we only have a limited number left. Please speak to me asap if you wish to secure your space. There is also a deadline for the deposit which is now £200 by 5th December. Cheques payable to ‘RCDAl Morar Mission’. Details provided in a wee leaflet.

WINTER IS COMING: The past few days has shown us that what we might face this year is a harsh winter. That will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

IS THAT A NEW CAR? Some of you might have noticed that my blue car has disappeared and instead a silver one appeared. However, I can assure you that this is just

a temporary situation and my blue car will be back – I do not know when. Last Tuesday I was in the garage in Inverness to complain (I know that it seems very suspicious as I never complain!) about ‘few issues’ that I had with it. Unfortunately, the glitches were so severe that they immobilised my car. I was given a replacement vehicle and have to wait for its repair. I miss my car...

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Many thanks for your presence and contributions. The minutes will be available at the back of the church.

NEW CHAPEL HOUSE WINDOWS: At our Parish Council meeting we agreed to recommend a quote from John MacKinnon from Fort William to carry out the work. 7 windows facing the water have been selected for replacement. All the quotes were exceeding £20000 as they have to be like-for-like (C-listed building). At the moment we do not possess sufficient funds to proceed without fundraising or help. I will write to the Diocese to ask for a loan but even if we receive it, we would still have to pay it back. In the meanwhile, we will proceed with the fundraising.

BISHOP’S VISIT: Bishop McGee enjoyed his visit to Arisaig. He had plenty of activities to do during the day and a lovely dinner in the evening. I think it is going to be hard for Morar and Mingarry to beat that!

MORAR PARISH:

ELIZABETH MORRISON RIP: The burial will take place on 14th December at 11am at the Old Morar Graveyard.

CAT UPDATE: The cats seem to be ok after a small change in the area. The trees have been cut down behind the Chapel House. It seemed that the black cat did not approve and was a bit upset for 3 days (he wasn’t speaking to me). I am happy to inform you that I had a word with him and he accepted my apology.

MORAR VESTMENTS: I was contacted last week by the Museum. Our vestments will make their way back on 7th of December.

BISHOP’S VISIT ON MONDAY: 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. This is an open meeting. I would like to encourage as many people as possible to come.

MINGARRY PARISH:

NEW PRIEST FOR MINGARRY: Still no confirmation on the name of ‘the mysterious priest’.

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 (open meeting) 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: Sun 10th Dec 7pm - Peninsula Carols – An ecumenical Advent Celebration looking forward to Christmas – Strontian Village Hall. There will be a retiring collection for Mary’s Meals.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
19.11.....	£421 (Gift Aid £322)
Arisaig:	
19.11.....	£249.95 (GA £114.75)
Mingarry:	
19.11.....	£130 (Gift Aid £95)