

Weekday Services (13th August – 18th August)

Monday *St Maximilian Kolbe* *no Mass*

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August)

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

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 - B)

Saturday (*Vigil-Mass*) 6:00 pm Morar

Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig

Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: after Mass on Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

1st Saturday of the month 10:30 am Arisaig

3rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Mallaig

2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Morar

Housebound visits this week *Mallaig Bheag*

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

05.07 £380 (Gift Aid £249)

Parish Maintenance £389

Arisaig:

05.07 £189.90 (Gift Aid £70.90)

Parish Maintenance £192.20

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Fr Donald MacKay 13.08.2017; Mary Ann MacPhee (South Uist) died recently; Peter Boyle (Glasgow) died recently.

Eternal rest...

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Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

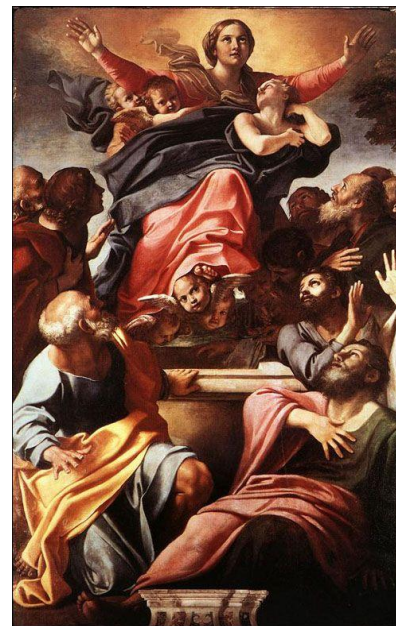
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

12th August 2018

R) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!



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 Areopagite. 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:

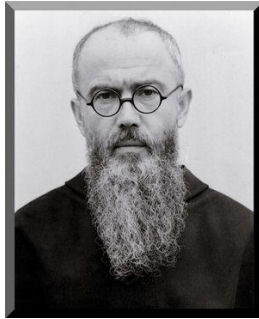
St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty;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



SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Collection will be on 19th August for Sick and Retired Priests (Please use your GA envelopes).

TRIP TO UIST: Next Monday marks the First Anniversary of Fr MacKay's death. I hope to travel to Uist on a Sunday and return Tuesday morning ferry to make it back for the HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS IN MALLAIG!

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Many thanks for your presence last Monday. We have formed a response to the Diocese regarding its Financial Difficulties.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There are a lot of people not well at the moment and require our constant prayers and support.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

ARISAIG PARISH:

SALE OF WORK: Many thanks for a hugely successful Sale of Works. I was really impressed by the level of preparation it took and involvement of people from the area. Most of all, our thanks go to Hugh and Anne MacDonald who worked so hard to organise wonderful prizes and people to help out.

ANGELA HARDMAN: Angela has been helping out in the Parish for a long time. Sadly, she had to leave us and is living in a care home down South. Since we never had an opportunity to thank her properly, next Sunday I will offer a Thanksgiving Mass for her. There is also a Card at the back of the Church which will be posted to her. I would like to ask you to sign it please, so that it would be from all of us. We will also gift her with a frame with St. Mary's interior.

VISIT OF SLOVAK AMBASSADOR: It was my honour to be invited to the meeting with the Slovak Ambassador in Arisaig last Wednesday. It was part of his official visit to Arisaig. He laid a wreath at the Memorial. It is worth remembering, that following a peaceful dissolution, Slovakia became an independent country in 1993 and is now a successful country with its own language and culture. The Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic went their separate ways after 1 January 1993, an event sometimes called the Velvet Divorce. Slovakia has remained a close partner with the Czech Republic. Both countries co-operate with Hungary and Poland in the Visegrád Group. Slovakia became a member of NATO on 29 March 2004 and of the European Union on 1 May 2004. On 1 January 2009, Slovakia adopted the Euro as its national currency.

DEANERY MEETING: Suffice to say that it was one of the most well attended Deanery Meetings and there has never been a better spread than in Arisaig. The menu consisted of 2 varieties of soup, quiches, sausage rolls, chips, duck sandwiches, salmon, prawns followed by scones, meringues, custard creams... Our meeting lasted till 4pm which is a testimony of how welcome all the priests and deacons felt. Our next meeting is in December and it will be a big challenge for Roy Bridge to pick up on. But to be serious, I am very grateful to all, who helped make this event happen. We do not get a lot of opportunities to meet together so we do try to make these days special. We had a good discussion. There was even a doggy bag sent to Fr MacKinnon who broke his collar bone and is recovering in his house. We wish him a speedy recovery.

MORAR PARISH:

CHURCH LOTTERY: Have you bought your ticket today? It is a great way of showing support.

NEW ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE: Douglas mentioned that I might not see it till October... Patience is a virtue!

NEW GATE: Works are ongoing...

NEW GARDEN TRACTOR: New mower arrived last Wednesday and should begin work as soon as it gets dry!

