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**Weekday Services (22<sup>nd</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup> July)**

Monday St Mary Magdalene .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday St Bridget .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday St James .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday St Joachim and St Anne .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 27<sup>th</sup> July / 28<sup>th</sup> July (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C) - Fr Willy Slavin**

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm .....	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am .....	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am .....	Mallaig

**Weekday Services (29<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August)**

Monday St Martha .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday St Ignatius Loyola .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday St Alphonsus Liguori .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 3<sup>rd</sup> August / 4<sup>th</sup> August (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C) - Fr Tom MacCarte**

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm .....	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am .....	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am .....	Mallaig

**Weekday Services (5<sup>th</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> August)**

Monday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday The Transfiguration of the Lord .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....	no Mass
Thursday St Dominic / St Mary of the Cross MacKillop .....	Mass at St. John's, Caol at 12 noon
Friday St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday St Lawrence .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 11<sup>th</sup> August / 12<sup>th</sup> August (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C) - Fr Stan is back**

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm .....	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am .....	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am .....	Mallaig

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Morar: after Mass on Friday**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):**

1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10:30 am .....	Arisaig
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 5:00 pm .....	Mallaig
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 5:00 pm .....	Morar
Housebound visits .....	no regular visits till Fr Stan's return, on call only

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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**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

*R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*  
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

*R) On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*  
Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God Alleluia!

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*R) O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*  
Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**BIRTHDAY MASSES: Celia MacGillivray 18.07; Vera MacDonald 20.07.**

*Ad multos annos!*



**SOUP AND SANDWICHES IN ASTLEY HALL:** We have booked Astley Hall for **25<sup>th</sup> of July** to organise a fundraiser for the Parish. Please invite as many people as possible to come. I would also like to ask you for some help with baking/cooking. I am very sorry that due to my travel arrangements, I will not be able to be there on the day. It was the only available day to book and my holiday was already booked. I will however make a cheesecake as I am leaving the day before! Please mark this day in your diary. Anne MacMillan will be coordinating the event. **There will be a Raffle! You can get your tickets at the back of the Church.**

**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!

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Our Special Collection on **20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July** will be for the **Bishop's Fund** (please, use the envelope by ticking the correct box). Our next Special Collection on **24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August** will be for the Sick and Retired Priest's Fund (please, use the envelope by ticking the correct box).

**FR STAN AWAY:** I will be leaving on Wednesday, **24<sup>th</sup> July** after morning Mass and returning on the **7<sup>th</sup> August**. I hope to enjoy some sun and visit some ancient historic sites. Fr Willy Slavin and Fr Tom MacCarte will provide

cover in the Parishes. They will reside in Morar. I am very grateful for their help. There is also an opportunity to go to Confession!

**FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP:** Please, continue with your generosity! The Trussell Trust, which runs 135 food banks across Scotland, said 6,551 parcels - with three days worth of food - were given to children in Scotland during the summer holidays last year. That's a 21% increase on the number of food parcels given out during the previous summer. Food banks help many children whose family can't always afford things. For those families, food banks are really helpful to make sure children and adults eat properly.

**MOIDART MISSION:** Mingarry Parish is presently celebrating 250 years since the founding of the Moidart Mission. Bishop McGee will lead a day of pilgrimage within the parish on Tuesday 6th August. The timetable is: 10.30am Morning Prayer in St Agnes Church, Glenuig

11.30am Prayer for Priests at Samalaman, site of the old seminary

1pm Mass on the Green Isle, Loch Shiel

3pm Tea in Mingarry Parish Hall

4pm Vespers and Benediction in Our Lady of the Angels Church, Mingarry

Everyone is welcome. People should bring a packed lunch and the cost for the boat is £5.

**RELIQS OF ST THERESE:** Therese's spirituality and insight into the Universal Call to Holiness makes her a sound spiritual companion for the modern era. In preparation for the September visit Bishop wishes to encourage you to deepen awareness of Therese in our parishes. National website: [www.littleflowerinscotland.org.uk](http://www.littleflowerinscotland.org.uk) This contains information regarding the forthcoming visit, including those within our diocese. Please encourage your parishioners to participate and to even run transport from your parish or in conjunction with neighbouring parishes. As you know the relics of St Therese of Lisieux will be in our Oban Cathedral from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th September 2019. Due to the uniqueness of the occasion the Clergy Assembly would be moved to Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th September so as to coincide with the visitation of the relics. The Clergy Assembly speaker will be familiar with Carmelite spirituality. We will have the opportunity to gather with our people in veneration of the relics and to assist them spiritually too.

**EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION:** Pope Francis has declared this coming October as an Extraordinary Month of Mission with the theme: 'Baptised and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World'. He asks all of us to not only reflect on our part in the mission of the Church both here and abroad but also to deepen our commitment to it.

Because of this I have accepted the request from Missio Scotland that, as well as the normal Mission Sunday collection on the 20th, 'mission boxes' will be distributed to parishioners for use during October. These should arrive in parishes about the middle of September. I would urge you to support this sign of support with the Church where it is young and growing and with our Holy Father's desire that our solidarity as God's family will bear witness to the world of His love and salvation.

**CLERGY PERSONNEL** changes announced by the Bishop beforehand will take effect on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**ORDINATION OF RONALD CAMPBELL:** Congratulations to Fr Ronald Campbell on his recent ordination to the priesthood. It was a wonderful occasion which so many found uplifting – those physically present as well as those who joined via the live stream. Bishop was moved to see so many people of the Diocese on Benbecula.

He thanked Fr Colin MacInnes for all his hard work in preparation for the Ordination and Fr Michael MacDonald for seeing the plans through. Please continue to pray for Fr Colin.

**BISHOP'S HOLIDAY:** Bishop McGee will be away from 10<sup>th</sup> August. We wish him a pleasant time away from the Diocese.

**CONGREGATION OF THE SONS OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY:** When the new clerical appointments take effect in August every parish will again be served by a permanent priest. This will bring stability and joy to a number of communities. However, it is also true that we have no slack in the number of priests serving our diocese. If a priest were to take ill, no one would be readily available to cover – especially for long term situations. During the April Council of Priests Bishop McGee has asked that priests establish a plan for what would happen if they were unable to celebrate the Sunday Mass in their parish (e.g. a named deacon or Special Minister of the Eucharist trained to lead a Service of Word and Communion). Likewise, to ensure that if the priest's absence was to be for a lengthier period that parishioners would know what worship would occur during weekdays, that the housebound would be visited and that the administration of the parish would run as smoothly as is feasible.

Last month, Bishop McGee and Fr Roddy Johnstone, V.G. met with Fr Francis Ututo, who is the Scottish Superior of the Congregation of the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy. They were both very impressed with Fr Ututo and decided to accept his offer of a loan of two priests for up to five years. Once the necessary paper work and visa applications are completed Bishop will be happy to welcome to our diocese Fr Agomuoh Desmond SMMM and Fr Benedict Umeohana SMMM. Fr Ututo requested that they live together or at least in

close proximity. Bishop has not yet decided where they will be stationed but he trusts that they will help us in our time of shortage.

**SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH:** Mass will be celebrated in St. John's, Caol on the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Thursday, 8th August at 12noon. Bishop Brian will be the principal celebrant and priests from the deanery and Religious from the Josephite Order will be there to say farewell to Sr. Ann and to thank God for the ministry of the Josephite Order in Lochaber. There will be tea/coffee after Mass. All welcome.

**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:**

**CHURCH TOWER:** Last Sunday John MacKay had to perform an emergency repair to the tower wall. The condition of the stones, pointing and lead is so bad, that it could have led to a tragedy. Angus Macdonald has been working hard to make the necessary arrangements for the works on the church and I hope that the damage to the tower will be assessed properly.

**CHURCH PIPES/HEATING:** The work on the Pipes will begin at the end of August. My thanks to Jamie and Henry Young for taking on this task. Also, many thanks to Douglas MacKellaig and MacKellaig Builders for his help with the floor. The floor and pipes have been ordered and the works will begin end of August / beginning of September. The total cost is estimated at £26000. I wish to thank the anonymous donor for generosity. The current floor has been tested to check if it contains any asbestos. Over a year ago, there was a Diocesan Health and Safety inspection which suggested that the tiles contain asbestos. After sending samples to the lab however, it was determined that no asbestos is present, and we have a certificate. It is good to know that sometimes, even H&S can be wrong. I need not mention that it saved us a fortune not having to remove the tiles by specialized company.

**ARISAIG GAMES** on July 31<sup>st</sup> Church of Scotland is running the Tea Tent that day, and are very keen for offers of support, especially with baking, or helping. Contact info: Isabel Morton, 462308, or Liz Fleming, 450655).

**MORAR PARISH:**

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

**RAFFLE:** If you follow our Parishes Newsletters, you certainly know that we have a Raffle coming with a brand-new iPad as the main prize. There is a chance to take part in the Raffle (one free ticket only) if you do the following:

1. Like our Page Catholic Rough Bounds on Facebook.
2. Share the Fundraising events on your Facebook (There will be 2 events to share: Arisaig Soup and Sandwiches on 25th July, Morar Soup and Sandwiches on 25th August). Draw will take place on 25th August. We will notify you if you win and you will be able to collect the prize in person or have it posted to UK address.

You can also purchase your ticket(s) for £1 after Mass on Sunday.

We wish you luck and many thanks for this prize donation. *Morar and Mallaig Parishioners*

So far, we have £50 vouchers for the Coop, kitchen utensils, bed linen, coasters and many, many more items. They are all top class! It is really worthwhile taking part. More tickets mean more chances to win!

**BINGO:** We are still working on the Date.

**COLLECTIONS:**

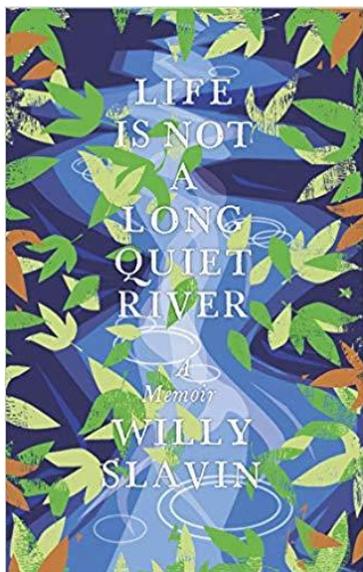
**Morar/Mallaig:**

14.07 ..... £381 (including £232 of Gift Aided Donations)

**Arisaig:**

14.07 ..... £318.67 (including £125.45 of Gift Aided Donations)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Lisha MacKellaig (Birthday Anniversary) 27.07; Keith Eddie 24.07; James MacDonald (Mallaig) 04.03.1986; Allan MacDonald (Arisaig) 17.07; Stan Proudfoot 12.07; Donald Buchanan 24.07.1986; Cathie Duffy (Bracara) 28.07.1986 and Joe Duffy; Derek MacMillan 02.08.2002; Beatrice Wilkinson 23.07.2016; 23.07.1972; Jessie Wilkinson 26.07; Katie MacLean (Fort William) 18.07.1989; Hugh MacLeod 24.07.1990; Joseph Culley 26.07.1966; Netta MacKellar 27.07.2002; Alexander MacKellaig 28.04.1926. *Eternal rest*



FR WILLY SLAVIN IS A PUBLISHED AUTHOR. NEXT WEEKEND, 28<sup>th</sup> JULY YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PURCHASE A COPY FOR £12.99 AND ASK THE AUTHOR TO SIGN IT. HERE IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK:

#### LIFE IS NOT A LONG QUIET RIVER

When I retired from active ministry after 50 years working as a Roman Catholic priest, I planned to give up most of my worldly possessions and go and live in a hut. The latter is not an easy option. You need permission from a landowner, and you need to keep an address that the Government recognises.

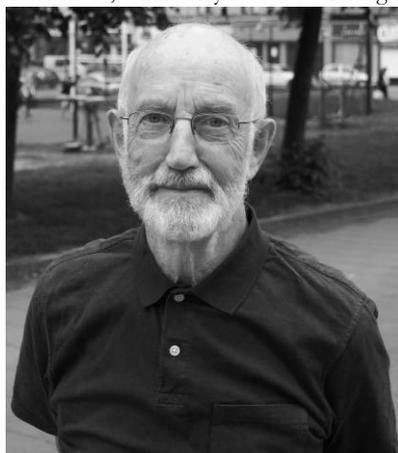
Fortunately, I had joined the Thousand Huts Movement, a Scottish organisation which aims to make simple country living more easy. I knew a sympathetic landowner who had himself a hut for recreational purposes. My sister was kind enough to offer her house as my address. Usually I can spend weekdays in the hut and go to her for weekends. I describe myself as a hermit with an iPad.

The hut is completely off grid. That means - like most people in the world today - I have to carry water in. For lighting I use LED batteries. It measures 4 metres by 2 1/2. That allows for a bed, a desk, a wood stove and a door. Since it is at the edge of a forest there is no problem gathering wood. The stove has a cooking plate which is supplemented by a small gas stove powered by butane cartridges. Outside there is a covered porch complete with rocking chair.

Over three years I wrote a memoir entitled *Life is not a long quiet river*. It was published by Birlinn and is, as they say, available in all good bookshops. The theme is that the Bible is right. We are entitled to three score year and ten with the rider in the following line: and eighty if we are strong (Psalm 90 verse 10). This is a statistic - some may reach 90 or more, others only 60 or less. Thoughts that we might survive to 150 or more are about quantity. After 80 the bits that give quality to life will gradually disappear.

My purpose in living the extra decade in relative seclusion is to figure out what life was all about. The book recommends that everyone, in their seventies, should try and do that. Visitors to the hut have two reactions. Some are a little envious, thinking they would like to end their days like that. Others think it is too hard a way of life. They think of the cold. But if anything, the stove is too hot. Darkness is a greater challenge, reaching 16 hours in December.

There comes a time when the gospel virtues of obedience, poverty and celibacy are all we need.



#### BAPTIZED AND SENT:

*The Church of Christ on the Mission in the World*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October's Missionary Month: *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale - we do not practise proselytism - but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely (cf. Mt10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation (cf. 1 Tim 2:4; *Lumen Gentium*, 48).

The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. Mic 5:4; Mt28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:18). A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion. How many saints, how many men and women of faith, witness to the fact that this unlimited openness, this going forth in mercy, is indeed possible and realistic, for it is driven by love and its deepest meaning as gift, sacrifice and gratuitousness (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-21)! The man who preaches God must be a man of God (cf. *Maximum Illud*).

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. Even if parents can betray their love by lies, hatred and infidelity, God never takes back his gift of life. From eternity he has destined each of his children to share in his divine and eternal life (cf. Eph 1:3-6).

This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. Baptism gives us rebirth in God's own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. In this sense, baptism is truly necessary for salvation for it ensures that we are always and everywhere sons and daughters in the house of the Father, and never orphans, strangers or slaves. What in the Christian is a sacramental reality - whose fulfillment is found in the Eucharist - remains

the vocation and destiny of every man and woman in search of conversion and salvation. For baptism fulfils the promise of the gift of God that makes everyone a son or daughter in the Son. We are children of our natural parents, but in baptism we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother (cf. Saint Cyprian, *De Cath. Eccl.*, 6).

Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. Jn 20:19-23; Mt 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. Today's rampant secularism, when it becomes an aggressive cultural rejection of God's active fatherhood in our history, is an obstacle to authentic human fraternity, which finds expression in reciprocal respect for the life of each person. Without the God of Jesus Christ, every difference is reduced to a baneful threat, making impossible any real fraternal acceptance and fruitful unity within the human race.

The universality of the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ led Benedict XV to call for an end to all forms of nationalism and ethnocentrism, or the merging of the preaching of the Gospel with the economic and military interests of the colonial powers. In his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, the Pope noted that the Church's universal mission requires setting aside exclusivist ideas of membership in one's own country and ethnic group. The opening of the culture and the community to the salvific newness of Jesus Christ requires leaving behind every kind of undue ethnic and ecclesial introversion. Today too, the Church needs men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, respond generously to the call to leave behind home, family, country, language and local Church, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the sacraments of Jesus Christ and his holy Church. By proclaiming God's word, bearing witness to the Gospel and celebrating the life of the Spirit, they summon to conversion, baptize and offer Christian salvation, with respect for the freedom of each person and in dialogue with the cultures and religions of the peoples to whom they are sent. The *missio ad gentes*, which is always necessary for the Church, thus contributes in a fundamental way to the process of ongoing conversion in all Christians. Faith in the Easter event of Jesus; the ecclesial mission received in baptism; the geographic and cultural detachment from oneself and one's own home; the need for salvation from sin and liberation from personal and social evil: all these demand the mission that reaches to the very ends of the earth.

The providential coincidence of this centenary year with the celebration of the Special Synod on the Churches in the Amazon allows me to emphasize how the mission entrusted to us by Jesus with the gift of his Spirit is also timely and necessary for those lands and their peoples. A renewed Pentecost opens wide the doors of the Church, in order that no culture remain closed in on itself and no people cut off from the universal communion of the faith. No one ought to remain closed in self-absorption, in the self-referentiality of his or her own ethnic and religious affiliation. The Easter event of Jesus breaks through the

narrow limits of worlds, religions and cultures, calling them to grow in respect for the dignity of men and women, and towards a deeper conversion to the truth of the Risen Lord who gives authentic life to all.

Here I am reminded of the words of Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the meeting of Latin American Bishops at Aparecida, Brazil, in 2007. I would like to repeat these words and make them my own: "Yet what did the acceptance of the Christian faith mean for the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean? For them, it meant knowing and welcoming Christ, the unknown God whom their ancestors were seeking, without realizing it, in their rich religious traditions. Christ is the Saviour for whom they were silently longing. It also meant that they received, in the waters of Baptism, the divine life that made them children of God by adoption; moreover, they received the Holy Spirit who came to make their cultures fruitful, purifying them and developing the numerous seeds that the incarnate Word had planted in them, thereby guiding them along the paths of the Gospel... The Word of God, in becoming flesh in Jesus Christ, also became history and culture. The utopia of going back to breathe life into the pre-Columbian religions, separating them from Christ and from the universal Church, would not be a step forward: indeed, it would be a step back. In reality, it would be a retreat towards a stage in history anchored in the past" (Address at the Inaugural Session, 13 May 2007: *Insegnamenti* III, 1 [2007], 855-856).

We entrust the Church's mission to Mary our Mother. In union with her Son, from the moment of the Incarnation the Blessed Virgin set out on her pilgrim way. She was fully involved in the mission of Jesus, a mission that became her own at the foot of the Cross: the mission of cooperating, as Mother of the Church, in bringing new sons and daughters of God to birth in the Spirit and in faith.

I would like to conclude with a brief word about the Pontifical Mission Societies, already proposed in *Maximum Illud* as a missionary resource. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. Their donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood) and in encouraging the missionary dimension of Christian faith (Pontifical Missionary Union). In renewing my support for these Societies, I trust that the extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 will contribute to the renewal of their missionary service to my ministry.

To men and women missionaries, and to all those who, by virtue of their baptism, share in any way in the mission of the Church, I send my heartfelt blessing.

*From the Vatican, 9 June 2019, Solemnity of Pentecost*

FRANCIS