

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Christmas Services 24th/25th December

Christmas Night Mass 10:00 pm (Sunday Night)..... Arisaig
Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am Arisaig
Christmas Day Mass 11:30 am Mallaig

Weekday Services (26th – 30th December)

Tuesday St Stephen Morar: 10.15 pm
Wednesday St John Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday The Holy Innocents Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Christmas Octave Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Christmas Octave Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 30th/31st December (The Holy Family of Jesus - 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: Friday after Mass
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:any time upon request
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Housebound visits this week.....no visits

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
17.12.....£428 (Gift Aid £292.50)
Arisaig:
17.12.....£224.30 (GA £91.30)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Jessie Ann MacDonald (Arisaig) 20/12; Campbell Chisholm 29/12/2005; Bella MacLellan (Seaview) 24/12/1964; Donald Lawrence MacNeil (Mallaig) 27/12/2010; Helen and Lawrence McGeough and their daughter Claire; Angus MacDonald (Arnafuaran) 27/12; John Currie (Barra) 29/12/1994.

Eternal rest...

4th Sunday of Advent (B) // Christmas 24th / 25th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent:

R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Christmas Night Mass:

R) Today a saviour has been born for us. He is Christ the Lord. Today a Saviour is born for us, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Christmas Day Mass:

R) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!





Christmas Wishes

This is my Christmas card to all the parishioners and all the friends of the parishes, near and far.

I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all!



Monday – St. Stephen: He was one of the deacons appointed by the Apostles to organize the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul.

Tuesday – St. John: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus “the sons of thunder.” John is involved in many of the central events of Jesus’ life, including the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the discovery of the Resurrection. He is “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and the one to whom he confided the care of his mother Mary. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles; later he was exiled to the island of Patmos. He is said to have died at Ephesus. He wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the Apocalypse. As tradition goes, on the Feast of St. John the Church would **bless the wine** to drink. I would like to continue with that tradition so if you would like to have your wine blessed, please bring your bottle/es to Mass in **Arisaig on Wednesday**.



Wednesday – Holy Innocents: The Holy Innocents are the children who were slaughtered at the orders of King Herod, in the hope that by killing every boy born in Bethlehem at the same time as Jesus, he would succeed in killing the new-born King of the Jews.

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!

WINTER IS HERE: 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.

CRIB COLLECTION: Please remember the Crib’s Missionary Children collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions.

APPOINTMENTS: Bishop McGee has appointed Fr Francis Agaduaja, m.s.p. as Administrator of Our Lady of the Holy Angels, Mingarry from Saturday 16th December 2017. Fr Francis is a Missionary of St Paul and I thank him for travelling from his homeland of Nigeria to minister among us for six years. Fr Ross Crichton has been Administrator of St Peter’s, Daliburgh since August and he has now been appointed as Parish Priest of St Peter’s, to take effect from Saturday 16th December 2017. Fr Paul Hackett has recently informed the Bishop that his Superiors have asked him to retire after Easter and move to England. Fr Colin MacInnes has been appointed as Parish Priest of St. Mary’s, Benbecula.

FR WYNNE: Mgr Wynne has returned home again after his stay in hospital. Obviously, he is delighted to be home and he thanks you for your prayers and good wishes.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: This year, Arisaig is hosting the Shepherd’s Mass. I am sure that we will all try to make an effort to come to this special liturgy.

CRIB ASSEMBLY TEAMS: Some of our Crib and Christmas decorations have already been prepared. Many thanks for your prompt response!

CITIZENSHIP: My ceremony took place last Thursday and I am now a British Citizen. I have made an oath and pledge of allegiance. Ceremony was led by the Fort William registrar and our Councillor Allan Henderson. Fr MacKinnon was present as a witness at the ceremony. Passport Application posed already!

ARISAIG PARISH:

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: This year, our flower setting is going to be done in Memory of Mima Gillies. Many a times Mima was looking after flowers with Winnie in Arisaig so it is very appropriate that it will be done in her name.

HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of John Currie
29.12.1994



MORAR PARISH:

RAFFLES: Christmas Hamper is waiting for our Raffle Winner! You can purchase your tickets for 20p at the back of Morar/Mallaig Church.

MALLAIG HIGH ALTAR CANDLES: A few weeks ago, I ordered new oil candles for the High Altar in Mallaig (same as in Arisaig before). It took a long time to clean and prepare the old wax candle while the new ones only need oil. If you would like to offer any of these candles in memory of your loved ones, please speak to me asap. The cost of one Candle is £50. There will be a commemorative plaque hidden behind the altar with the donor’s intentions. 3 Candles have already been sponsored by the donors.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Our thanks to Mairi MacLeod, who for many years have organised Flowers for Christmas in Morar and Mallaig Churches.

NATIVITY SCENE: Thank you to all who helped in organising the Nativity Scene presented by our children. It was wonderful to have so many children involved!



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Niamh
Henderson

Our sincere thanks to all who help make our Christmas Masses so special: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers, and the young servers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches and all who donated to the flower displays.