

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**

Weekday Services (9th April – 14th April)

Monday *The Annunciation of the Lord* Morar: 6.00 pm
 Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
 Wednesday *St Stanislaus* Arisaig: 10.15 am
 Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
 Friday Morar: 10.15 am
 Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 14th/15th April (Divine Mercy Sunday - B)
 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):

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 Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
 01.04 £503 (Gift Aid £252)
Arisaig:
 01.04 £441 (Gift Aid £155.30)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Bella MacKellaig 13/4/1977; Tony MacDonald (Mallaig) 06/04;
 Anthony MacDougall 31/3/2005; Ian MacDonald 10/04/2012; Niamh Henderson
 (Mallaig) 13/04/2017; Mhairi Buchanan (Mallaig); Canon Malcolm Morrison (South
 Uist) 14.04.1985;

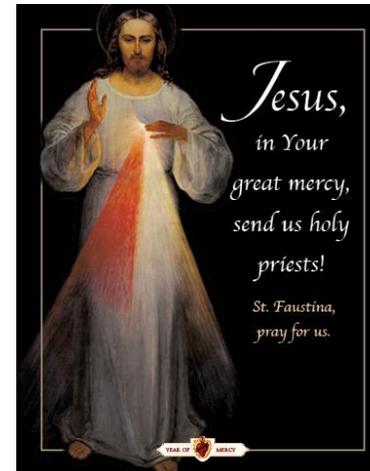
Eternal rest...

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Divine Mercy Sunday (B)

8th April 2018

R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not
 seen and yet believe.'. Alleluia!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from Sr. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

St. Faustina Kowalska was a nun who, in the 1930s, received a series of private revelations centered on God's mercy as his greatest attribute. She recorded those experiences in her Diary. In addition to a

theology and spirituality of Divine Mercy, the revelations also contain five concrete forms of devotion requested by the Lord, one of which was the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (The others include a chaplet prayer, similar to the rosary; a daily 3:00 p.m. reflection on Christ's passion and divine mercy; an image of Jesus as the Divine Mercy; and a request to spread mercy, both in terms of the devotions themselves, as well as through concrete spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy). The devotions themselves also have promises attached to them for those who pray them sincerely.

In the case of the Feast of Divine Mercy, our Lord promises that "... [W]henever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment" (Diary, # 300). "On this day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession, and receive Holy Communion, shall obtain complete

forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary, # 699).

Saturday – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary normally falls on the 25th March. However, as this year it was Palm Sunday, it has been rescheduled till 9th April. This is because the Holy Week and Octave of Easter take precedence over other feast days and solemnities. However, as we respect our Lady in so many ways, I am sure that we will make an effort to attend Mass on this day which will be at 6pm in Morar.



WEDNESDAY – ST. STANISLAUS

Bishop and martyr, born at Szczepanów (hence called Szczepanowski), in the Diocese of Cracow, 26 July, 1030; died at Cracow, 8 May, 1079; feast on May 7 in Roman Martyrology, but on 8 May in Cracow, which has a special feast of the translation of his relics on 27 September; patron of Poland and the city and Diocese of Cracow; invoked in battle. In pictures he is given the episcopal insignia and the sword. Larger paintings represent him in a court or kneeling before the altar and receiving the fatal blow. No contemporary biography of the saint is in existence. At the time of his canonization a life appeared written by a Dominican Vincent(?) (Acta SS., May, II, 196) which

contains much legendary matter. His parents, Belislaus and Bogna, pious and noble Catholics, gave him a religious education. He made his studies at Gnesen and Paris(?). After the death of his parents he distributed his ample inheritance among the poor. Lambert Zula, Bishop of Cracow, ordained him priest and made him pastor of Czembocz near Cracow, canon and preacher at the cathedral, and later, vicar-general. After the death of Lambert he was elected bishop, but accepted only on explicit command of Pope Alexander II. He worked with his wonted energy for his diocese, and inveighed against vices among high and low, regardless of consequences. Boleslaw II had become King of Poland. the renown he had gained by his successful wars he now sullied by atrocious cruelty and unbridled lust. Moreover the bishop had several serious disputes with the king about a piece of land belonging to the Church which was unjustly claimed by Boleslaw, and about some nobles, who had left their homes to ward off various evils threatening their families and who were in consequence cruelly treated by the king. Stanislaus spared neither tears nor prayers and admonitions to bring the king to lead a more Christian life. All being in vain, Boleslaw was excommunicated and the canons of the cathedral were instructed to discontinue the Divine Offices in case the king should attempt to enter. Stanislaus retired to the Chapel of St. Michael in a suburb of Cracow. The king was furious and followed the bishop with his guards, some of whom he sent to kill the saint. These

dared not obey, so Boleslaw slew him during the Holy Sacrifice. The body was at first buried in the chapel, but in 1088 it was transferred to the cathedral by Bishop Lambert II. St. Stanislaus was canonized 1253 by Innocent IV at Assisi.

SCIAF WEE BOXES: Time is approaching when we are asked to return our Wee Boxes. The final **deadline** for returning the boxes will be **Sunday, 29th April**. Please remember, that if you do not return your box by that day, you will have to send it directly to SCIAF. This is to help those who count the money to send everything off to SCIAF in one go. It is also a great help in managing the accounts of Three Parishes so thank you for your cooperation.

GIFT AID: We will be shortly submitting our applications to the Diocese!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be on Sunday, 22nd April for the Mission Appeal.

PILGRIMAGE: We will soon depart on our Pilgrimage to Poland, during which we will visit our Lady's Shrine in Czestochowa. We will offer Mass in the Sanctuary that day in all our Parishioner's intentions. Please, feel free to hand me an envelope with your special requests to plead to our lady or hand it to another Pilgrim. We will have a good group of 42 joyfully travelling to my homeland!

FR JOHN CLARKE: During my absence, Fr John will stay in Arisaig and will provide pastoral care in the Parishes. Our weekly Rota will remain in place. As Fr Clarke does not drive, I would like to ask for your assistance in getting him to/from our Masses. There is a list at the back of the Church. If you would like to help out, please put down your name and phone number.

SAFEGUARDING: The diocese needs new volunteers for Safeguard training. We need at least two new trainers in Lochaber and one each in Argyll and the Southern Isles. Please speak to me if you are interested in becoming a trainer for the diocese.

ARISAIG PARISH:

VISITOR: This week, Fr George Smith, a good friend of mine will be staying in the Chapel House. He is a White Father and for a number of years was helping out in Peebles. At the moment, he lives with White Fathers down in London, but his heart remains in Scotland. He will celebrate Mass on Canna on Wednesday.

MORAR PARISH:

DONATION: I would like to thank Lord and Lady Craigmyle, who just like last year, have made a generous contribution to Morar Parish. I am very grateful that they remember about our Parish.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Tony MacDonald