

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

BIRTHDAY MASSES:

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (3rd February – 8th February)

Monday *Saint Blaise – Blessing of the Throats after Mass*Morar: 10.15 am
For Barbara and Jan Pamula

TuesdayMallaig: 5.00 pm
John Buchan RIP

Wednesday *St Agatha*.....Arisaig: 10.15 am
Donald McDonell RIP

Thursday *Sts Paul Miki and Companions* Mallaig: 10.15 am
Rowan RIP

FridayMorar: 10.15 am
Jack and Mona MacLellan RIP

SaturdayArisaig: 10.15 am
Get well Mass for Angela Wright

Sunday Masses 8th/9th February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pmMorar
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Sunday 10:00 amArisaig
Joan and Alec RIP

Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
Ian (the Land) MacDonald RIP

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: John Buchan 30/01; Donald McDonell; Isabel Macdonald (Kinsadel)
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Eternal rest...

The Presentation of the Lord Sunday (A)

2nd February 2020

*R) Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.
Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!*



The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his

Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the Procession, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the Solemn Entrance, celebrated within the church."

Until 1969, the ancient feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, which is of Oriental origin, was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, and closed the Christmas Cycle, forty days after the Lord's birth. This feast has for long been associated with many popular devotional exercises. The faithful: gladly participate in the processions commemorating the Lord's entry into the Temple in Jerusalem and His encounter with God, whose house He had come to for the first time, and then with Simeon and Anna. Such processions, which in the West had taken the place of licentious pagan events, always had a penitential character, and were later identified with the blessing of candles which were carried in procession in honor of Christ, 'the light to enlighten the Gentiles' (Lk 2, 32); are sensitive to the actions of the Blessed Virgin in presenting her Son in the Temple, and to her submission to the Law of Moses (Lk 12, 1-8) in the rite of purification; popular piety sees in the rite of purification the humility of Our Lady and hence, 2 February has long been regarded as a feast for those in humble service.



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Popular piety is sensitive to the providential and mysterious event that is the conception and birth of new life. Christian mothers can easily identify with the maternity of Our Lady, the most pure Mother of the Head of the mystical Body — notwithstanding the notable differences in the Virgin's unique conception and birth.

These too are mothers in God's plan and are about to give birth to future members of the Church. From this intuition and a certain mimesis of the purification of Our Lady, the rite of purification after birth was developed, some of whose elements reflect negatively on birth.

The revised Rituale Romanum provides for the blessing of women both before and after birth, this latter only in cases where the mother could not participate at the baptism of her child.

It is a highly desirable thing for mothers and married couples to ask for these blessings which should be given in accord with the Church's prayer: in a communion of faith and charity in prayer so that pregnancy can be brought to term without difficulty (blessing before birth), and to give thanks to God for the gift of a child (blessing after birth).

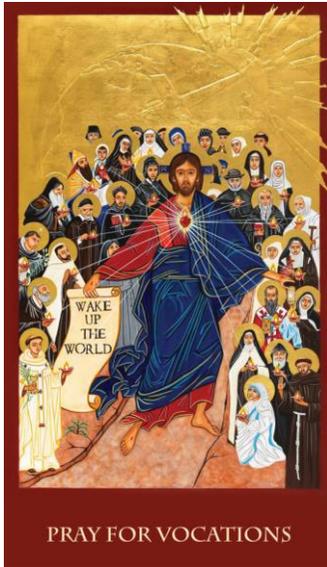
In some local Churches, certain elements taken from the Gospel account of the Presentation of the Lord (Lk 2, 22-40), such as the obedience of Joseph and Mary to the Law of the Lord, the poverty of the holy spouses, the virginity of Our Lady, mark out 2 February as a special feast for those at the service of the brethren in the various forms of consecrated life.

The feast of 2 February still retains a popular character. It is necessary, however, that such should reflect the true Christian significance of the feast. It would not be proper for popular piety in its celebration of this feast to overlook its Christological significance and concentrate exclusively on its Marian aspects. The fact that this feast should be 'considered [...] a joint memorial of Son and Mother' would not support such an inversion. The candles kept by the faithful in their homes should be seen as a sign of Christ 'the light of the world' and an expression of faith.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2020, this day will be celebrated in parishes February 1-2, 2020.

"This then is the consecrated life: praise which gives joy to God's people, prophetic vision that reveals what counts. Consecrated life is not about survival, it is not about preparing ourselves for ars bene moriendi: this is the temptation of our days, in the face of declining vocations. No, it is not about survival, but new life. "But... there are only a few of us..." — it's about new life. It is a living encounter with the Lord in his people. It is a call to the faithful obedience of daily life and to the unexpected surprises from the Spirit. It is a vision of what we need to embrace in order to experience joy: Jesus" --Pope Francis, WDCL Homily on February 2, 2019



We remember in our prayers in particular **Sister Maria Edith**. There are also other people, who dedicated their life to God that we might remember especially on this day.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our Next Special Collection will be on 9th February for Parish Maintenance. Please, use your Parish Gift Aid Envelopes for this Collection. Following, on 22nd March an annual Collection for SCIAF. Mission Appeal will take place on 28th/29th of March.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR: I will be away to Budapest on the Youth Trip between 14th and 18th February and afterwards I will be away for a week. Fr Willy Slavin will be providing cover from 18th till 21st February. Fr Javier Alvarado will be providing cover over the following weekend and staying from 21st February till 23rd February. Providing everything goes well, I will be back on the 26th February. As always in such cases, please look out for any last-minute Weekday Mass Times changes. Please, remember us in your prayers.

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!

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Winter is here and the demand for assistance of this form is growing. A lot of people during the summer months depend on seasonal jobs to provide for themselves and their families, however, when winter comes, these jobs are unavailable, and houses need to be heated children and vulnerable people fed. Please, consider buying a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

BREXIT: As Britain has left European Union there will be some changes coming in regard to the Status of EU Citizens Living in Britain. Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a leaflet to help your EU neighbours and friends with transition. Please, take a copy and pass it on if you know someone who needs assistance.

YOUTH TRIP TO BUDAPEST: Meeting for parents will take place on Friday, 7th February in Morar Chapel House Meeting Room.

GLENART CONCERT: Scottish Opera will be with us once again in Arisaig. Fiona MacDonald is arranging a Concert on 1st March at St. Mary's. Details will be provided in the near future.

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:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, 5th February after morning Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL: It is time to hold a Parish Council meeting. I suggest Monday, 2nd March at 6pm in the Club Room. Finance Committee will meet before to go through our last year's accounts and present the summary at the meeting.

PARISH RAFFLE: 3 Hamper Baskets will be prepared to Fundraise for the Trip. You can buy the Raffles from our Youth. Draw will take place on 9th February

MORAR PARISH:

WINTER IS HERE: 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, 4th February at 5.30pm in Morar Chapel House.

PARISH COUNCIL: It is time to hold a Parish Council meeting. I suggest Tuesday, 3rd March at 6pm in the Chapel House. Finance Committee will meet before to go through our last year's accounts and present the summary at the meeting.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Ian MacDonald

COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:	
26.01	TOTAL £208.80 (Gift Aid £106)
SCES	TOTAL £83.80
Morar and Mallaig:	
26.01	TOTAL £376 (Gift Aid £240.50)
SCES	TOTAL £220