

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 (8th – 13th January)

Monday *The Baptism of the Lord* Morar: 7.00 pm
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday *no Mass*
Friday *no Mass*
Saturday *St Kentigern* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 13th/14th January (Second 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: usually after Mass on Friday
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Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

.....1st Saturday of the month, Arisaig, 10.30am
.....3rd Saturday of the month, Mallaig, 5.00pm
.....2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month, Morar, 5.00pm
any time upon request
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Housebound visits this week.....Morar

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
24/25.12.....£333 (Gift Aid £192)
Arisaig:
24/25.12.....£197.20 (GA £92)

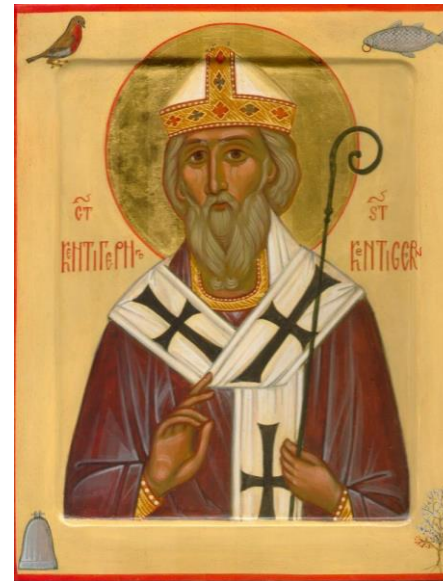
ANNIVERSARIES/MM: James MacDonald (died recently); Jim Wright (died recently) Angus MacDonald (Gorten) 6/1/1973; Ronald MacDonald (Ronnie Kilmory) 26/12.

Eternal rest...

The Epiphany (B)

7th January 2018

*R) All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*



Friday St Kentigern / Mungo

Kentigern was born in about 518. At the age of 25 he went as a missionary on the Clyde. A community grew up around him, known as “Clasgu” (“dear family”), and this is now the city of Glasgow. He was consecrated as bishop in 540. A strong anti-Christian movement forced him into exile in Wales, where he founded a monastery at what is now St Asaph's. After 573 he spent eight years at Hoddam in Dumfriesshire before returning to Glasgow in 581. He died there on 13 January 603.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: In Scotland the **Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace** takes place on Sunday 7th January, Feast of the Epiphany. The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission was formed in 1979. It is the Scottish Commission of the Pontifical Council *Justitia et Pax*. From the outset, the Commission combined its function as the Bishops' advisory body on issues of social justice, international peace and human rights with the responsibility for networking existing newly formed local parish groups. This dual direction has continued ever since and gives the Commission a certain balance. Throughout its history, policy has been formulated at all levels under the supervision of the Bishops' conference.

The constituency of Justice and Peace is over a thousand people out of an active Catholic population in Scotland of about 225,000. Each of Scotland's eight dioceses is entitled to send an official representative to the National Commission. Also represented are the religious, missionary and secular clergy; youth and ecumenical representatives; and SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, our sister agency. Along with the Bishop President and Chair and Vice-Chair these constitute the voting strength of the Commission. This Commission meets quarterly. A Standing Committee which includes President, Chair, vice-Chair, may convene for urgent decisions. The Commission is serviced by a part time National Office staff of two.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today we will have the annual collection for the Church's work in Justice and Peace, a mission dear to the heart of Pope Francis. Thank you for your generosity. Letter from Bishop Nolan will be read out instead of the homily so that I could also digest the information myself in a read-out form ☺

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!

PARENTS: My parents extended Christmas Break is coming to an end. I will be taking them to Fort William on Monday to catch the bus to the airport. They are very grateful for all the signs of affection that they have received while here: Masses, cards, meetings, lunches, dinners. They really got a royal welcome to the Rough Bounds. Many thanks also from me for your kindness. I will miss them greatly.

WINTER IS HERE: Many thanks for your continuous contributions toward Heating & Lighting. Our heating expenses last year have been significantly lower than in previous years due to lower usage and new heating systems but sadly so did our numbers at Masses.

CRIB COLLECTION: Please remember the Crib's Missionary Children collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions. This Sunday is the last you can make a donation. As the Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I would like to ask you to remove the Crib's and Christmas Decorations. Thank you so much for your assistance with this.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Despite the fact that it is not the Holy Day of Obligation, tomorrow's feast day has always marked the end of Christmastide. There will be a Mass in Morar at 7pm to allow as many as possible to participate.

NEW TENANT IN THE CHAPEL HOUSE: On Wednesday I will be travelling down to Kent to meet my new roommate and giving her a lift to Morar! She is a 2-month-old Bavarian Mountain Hound and will be named 'Kora' (which means 'Tree Bark' in Polish). I am very much looking forward to having a dog. My 2 cats are not as happy as I am and will need some time readjusting. Many thanks to Mairead who will be accompanying me on the journey down south.

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: I realise it is about time to set dates for our meeting. It will take place in February. I would like to ask you to speak to me or Parish Council Members if there are any matters that you would like to discuss at our future meeting.

NEW (OLD) KITCHEN: Someone's old kitchen is going to be our New Kitchen. I am very grateful for this wonderful gesture of offering to refurbish our Chapel House Kitchen. The cabinets and worktops are in excellent condition and will serve us well. The installation will proceed shortly. In a meanwhile, they will be stored in the Club Room. Since I was also offered appliances I would gladly pass on our current Cooker. It is perfectly working order stand-alone Double Oven. Please, speak to me if you are interested.

MORAR PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: I realise it is about time to set dates for our meeting. In Morar Parish it will take place on Thursday, 1st February at 7pm. I would like to ask you to speak to me or Parish Council Members if there are any matters that you would like to discuss at our future meeting.

MALLAIG HIGH ALTAR CANDLES: All the candles have been donated now in memory of our faithful departed. I will now proceed and order a commemorative plaque.

JAMES MACDONALD RIP: We were saddened by the news of James' death in Belford Hospital. He and his late wife Chrissie were good friends to our Parish. The funeral will take place on Saturday, 20th January. May he rest in peace.