

# 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 (29<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February)

Monday *Requiem Mass of Alex Gillies RIP* ..... Arisaig: 12.00 noon  
Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday *St John Bosco* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday *The Presentation of the Lord* ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

## Sunday Masses 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February (Fifth 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*

## 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 this week* ..... Arisaig, Thursday

### COLLECTIONS:

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
21.01 ..... £365 (Gift Aid £274)

**Arisaig:**  
21.01 ..... £184.05 (Gift Aid £87.35)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Alexander Gillies (Arisaig - died recently); Ronnie MacDonald (Arisaig) 22/1/2005;

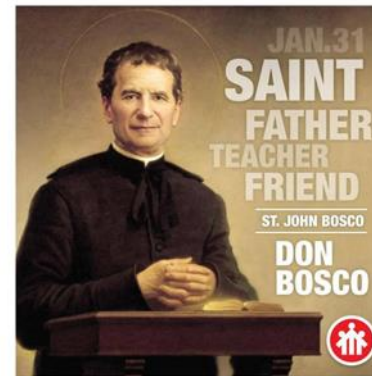
*Eternal rest...*

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## Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*R* O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'  
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!



## Wednesday St John Bosco

He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted

himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

**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 COLLECTION:** Today we hold a Special Collection for Catholic Education. Our next Special Collection will be in March for SCIAF.

**SCIAF MATERIALS:** Our Lenten Boxes have arrived and are available at the back of our Churches.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are “Serving the Common Good” in our homes, schools and parishes.

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic Schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@scses.uk.com

**WORLD DAY OF 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.

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**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.

**LENT 2018:** Lent begins on 14 February, Ash Wednesday. Holy Thursday falls on 29 March this year.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** There is 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.*

**NEWS FROM THE BISHOP:** Bishop McGee will be traveling to India shortly (25<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February) as part of supervisory visit on behalf of SCIAF. There

are several projects in the region that need to be evaluated. We wish him a pleasant journey. Afterwards he is going to attend Santa Marta Human Trafficking Conference at the Vatican (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February). This is a joint partnership between the Catholic Church and Police Forces from around the world. These two trips, although very close together, remind him of the universal role of a bishop as well as the local aspects. It also reminds him that seeking justice is a key element of the Church's ministry.

**CONCERT:** On 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm we will hold an Opera Concert at St. Mary's, Arisaig. Several artists (singers, along with a violinist, a cellist, a harpist and an organist) from the Scottish Opera will be performing the Faure Requiem to commemorate all of those who died in the First World War, choosing this date to particularly remember Mary McKinnon, who died on the Hospital Ship, The Glenart Castle on February 26<sup>th</sup> 1918. We want everyone to feel welcome, it is a free concert to which all are welcome. There will be a collection at the end, so that people who wish, can make a contribution toward St Mary's and the Community Council to support the Christmas Lunch for the elderly people of the village. Please spread the word as this is such a rare opportunity to have such famous and renowned artists doing something for our community.

I wish I could take credit for organising the concert but an idea came from Fiona MacDonald who invited over her friends. Fiona is related to Morag MacDonald (Ard-na-fuaran) to whom I am very grateful for giving that inspiration for this event.

#### **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.

**ALEXANDER GILLIES RIP:** With great sadness I heard of Alec's illness and death. He was very much an active member of our Parish. He will be missed. His Funeral Mass will take place at 12 noon on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Reception of the Body on the night before at 6 pm. Eternal rest...

**WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE:** Please, remember Sister Maria Edith in your prayers particularly on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Just as Priests celebrate the institution of Holy Orders on Maundy Thursday, so it is a very special day for Consecrated Life. We are very grateful for her presence in our Parish and her continuous prayers for the Community.

**NEW (OLD) KITCHEN:** It is amazing how transformed and modernised our Kitchen has become. It still needs to be painted.

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** In Morar Parish it will take place on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**JAMES MACDONALD RIP:** Our Funeral Collection has raised £607 to be divided between the parish and the River Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.