

Weekday Services (12th March – 17th March)

Monday..... Morar: 10.15 am
 Tuesday..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm
 Wednesday..... Arisaig: 10.15 am
 Thursday..... Mallaig: 10.15 am
 Friday..... Morar: 10.15 am
 Saturday *St Patrick*..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 17th/18th March (Fifth Sunday of Lent- B)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar
 Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
 Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Stations of the Cross:

Arisaig: Thursday 7pm
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..... Morar

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
 04.03 £384 (Gift Aid £275.60)
Arisaig:
 04.03 £219.05 (Gift Aid £120.05)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Flora Smith (died recently); James MacDonald 4/3/85; Donald MacEachen (Tougal) 18.03.1981; Sarah MacEachen 11.03.1985; Charlie MacDonald 07.03; Rose MacDonald 13.03; Ronnie MacPhee 8/3/2012; Bella MacDonald (Hazelgrove) 06.03; Hugh Rodden 14.03.

Eternal rest...

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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**

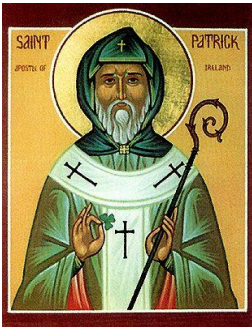
Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

11th March 2018

R) O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Dear Jesus we thank you for Mothers everywhere
 For all who care for us day by day,
 Let us not forget that you were a child
 And your mother was Mary.
 We say thank you for Mums across the world
 And in our country too,
 Although we may not say it,
 We think you are the best.
 So let us give grateful thanks
 And let our voices be
 heard
 For all the Mums and Grans
 On this very special day. Amen





SATURDAY – ST. PATRICK

He was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century. As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelize, and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Lent is a time when we focus on the need to support SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) as our own agency for the Catholics of Scotland to give support to the hungry, destitute and impoverished peoples of the world. We have our own BIG BOX for SCIAF on top of the organ as we have done in recent years during Lent. The UK Government has promised to match, pound-for-pound, whatever SCIAF receives before 8 May.

SCIAF are focusing this year on Cambodia, helping poor families out of poverty by showing them how to defend their rights when they are bullied by big business and criminal gangs who destroy their livelihood which is based mainly on fishing. They are also taught how to grow more food and from the money this brings in they can pay for their children to go to school and buy clothes for the family members. Simple but important changes can come about as a result of our generosity, giving people confidence and dignity.

Our next Special Collection will be on Good Friday for Holy Places.

CHRISM MASS: This year's Chrism Mass will be on Wednesday, 21st March at 7pm in Oban Cathedral. I hope to have the Community Bus organised with 14 seats. These will be divided equally between Arisaig and Morar/Mallaig Parish. Please put down your name asap to secure a seat. There is no charge for this trip as we pay an annual fee for the use of the bus. We will be charged mileage so if you want to contribute to cover the cost, simply put some extra into the Collection that week. Many thanks to Jackie, who has agreed to drive the bus.

VISTING CONFESSOR: This Lent we will have an opportunity for Confession from Fr MacKinnon on 13th March in Mallaig after evening Mass (5.45pm-6.30pm) and 14th March in Arisaig after morning Mass (10.45am-11.15am)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please note the times of the services at the back of the Parish Newsletter.

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!

RETIREMENT: Fr Paul Hackett will be retiring from parish ministry this coming Easter Week. We know that we are all very grateful for the service that Fr Paul has given to our diocese for the past twenty-five years. We wish Fr Paul every blessing as he ministers during his last Lent and Easter Triduum among us. We also wish him a

very long and happy retirement – during which he can enjoy pursuing his hobbies. Bishop McGee would like to invite you to join Fr Paul for a Mass of Thanksgiving in Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba's Church, Kingussie on Tuesday 3rd April at 6pm.

INTERNET: I have received a letter from Westminster Parliament thanking me for submitting a statement as the parish priest of the local area in support of the internet infrastructure. This will be part of an enquiry which will start at the beginning of April. I hope that maybe this wee contribution would help our most internet deprived parishioners to get access so crucial for their families and children.

PERSONAL: New Kora is with me in Morar. She is a lovely 4-month old puppy. Full of energy and mischief. I am very pleased with the progress of her training – she



picks up very fast and knows a few commands already.

I would like to thank you so much for your support. I was overwhelmed by your generosity last weekend in support of my recent expenses. Most of all, however, I would like to thank you for your compassion and empathy. I was really down after losing my Kora and your kind words and support have been priceless. I hope I will be able to return this favour with my service to our parishes.

READERS ROTA FOR EASTER: A Rota for Easter Services is almost ready and hopefully we will have all the readers, music and texts ready for Palm Sunday and Holy Week by next weekend.

ARISAIG PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday (Fr Stan) – 7pm; Good Friday (Fr Kieran) – 3pm; Easter Vigil (Fr Stan) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday (Fr Kieran) – 10am.

PARISH COUNCIL: Date of our next meeting will be on 19th March at 7pm.

MORAR PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday in Morar (Fr Kieran) – 7pm; Good Friday in Mallaig (Fr Stan) – 3pm; Easter Vigil in Morar (Fr Kieran) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday in Mallaig (Fr Stan) – 11.30am.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Donald and Sarah MacEachen (Tougal)

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.