

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 (19th March – 24th March)

Monday St. Joseph..... Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday..... *no Mass*
Wednesday Mass of ChrismOban: 7 pm
Thursday *no Mass*
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 24th/25th March (Palm Sunday - B)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Stations of the Cross:

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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
11.03 £466 (Gift Aid £328.50)
SCIAF £473
Arisaig:
11.03 £225.77 (Gift Aid £98.50)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Winnie MacDonald (Druimdhu – died 15.03.18) Anne Laura MacNeil 21/3/2005; Louis Kennedy 22/3/1993; John Dempster (Mallaig) 21.03.1993.

Eternal rest...

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

18th March 2018

R) A pure heart create for me, O God.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

EASTER SERVICES

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

(Saturday Vigil) Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin's, Morar 6.00 PM
St. Mary's, Arisaig 10.00 AM
St. Patrick's, Mallaig 11.30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

St. Mary's, Arisaig 7.00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin's, Morar 7.00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION:

St. Mary's, Arisaig 3.00 PM
St. Patrick's, Mallaig 3.00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT (SATURDAY):

St. Mary's, Arisaig 8.00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin's, Morar 8.00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

St. Mary's, Arisaig 10.00 AM
St. Patrick's, Mallaig 11.30 AM

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: 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. Since there were no volunteers for the bus, I decided to cancel.

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!

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

NEW OFFERTORY/GIFT AID ENVELOPES: At the back of our Churches you will find new Gift Aid envelopes. You will probably notice that the numbers are different than before. Starting from Sunday, 8th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 1st April so as not to be confused. The numbers have changed so that the Parishes would no longer have to pay for the excess box sets. As the numbers have diminished over the years and some people are no longer tax payers, we need to limit the number of these sets. I apologise for this minor inconvenience. Please remember to notify me if you are no longer a tax payer and need to leave the scheme.

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.

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.

Pope Francis on Eucharistic Prayer:

And in this solemn Prayer — the Eucharistic Prayer is solemn — the Church expresses what she achieves when she celebrates the Eucharist and the reason why it is celebrated; rather, she makes communion with Christ truly present in the consecrated Bread and Wine. After inviting the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord and to give him thanks, the priest pronounces the Prayer aloud, in the name of all those present, addressing the Father through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. “The meaning of the Prayer is that the entire congregation of the faithful should join with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 78). And in order to join oneself one

needs to understand. For this reason, the Church has wished to celebrate Mass in the language that the people understand, so that each one may join him or herself in this praise and in this great prayer with the priest. In truth, “The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1367).

In the Missal there are different formulations of the Eucharistic Prayer, all constituted of characteristic elements, which I would like to recall now (cf. oqmr, 79; ccc, 1352-1354). They are all very beautiful. First and foremost, there is the Preface, which is the act of thanksgiving for the gifts of God, in particular for sending his Son as Saviour. The Preface concludes with the acclamation of the “Holy”, normally sung. It is beautiful to sing the “Holy”: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”. It is beautiful to sing it. The whole assembly joins its voice to that of the Angels and Saints to praise and glorify God.

There is then the invocation of the Spirit, that by his power he consecrates the bread and wine. We invoke the Spirit, that he come and that Jesus may be in the bread and wine. The action of the Holy Spirit and the efficacy of the very words of Christ uttered by the priest make truly present, under the form of bread and wine, his Body and his Blood, his sacrifice offered on the Cross once and for all (cf. ccc, 1375). Jesus was most clear about this. We have heard how Saint Paul, in the beginning, repeated Jesus' words: “This is my body; this is my blood”. “This is my blood; this is my body”. It was Jesus himself who said this. We should not have odd thoughts: “But, how come something that...”. It is the Body of Jesus; it ends there! Faith: faith comes to our aid; by an act of faith we believe that it is the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is the “mystery of faith”, as we say after the consecration. The priest says: “Mystery of faith”, and we respond with an acclamation. Commemorating the Lord's death and Resurrection, in expectation of his glorious return, the Church offers the Father the sacrifice which reconciles heaven and earth: she offers the paschal sacrifice of Christ, offering herself with him and asking, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to become “one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer iii; Sacrosanctum Concilium, 48; oqmr, 79f). The Church wishes to be joined to Christ and become one body and one spirit with the Lord. This is the grace and the fruit of sacramental Communion: we are nourished of the Body of Christ to become, we who eat of it, his Body living today in the world.

This is the mystery of communion; the Church is united to Christ's offering and his intercession, and in this light, “in the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men” (ccc, 1368). The Church which praises, which prays. It is beautiful to think that the Church praises, she prays. There is a passage in the Book of The Acts of the Apostles; when Peter was in prison, it says the Christian community: “prayed earnestly for him”. The Church that prays, the prayerful Church. And when we go to Mass it is to do this: to be a prayerful Church.

The Eucharistic Prayer asks God to welcome all his children in the perfection of love, in union with the Pope and the Bishop, mentioned by name, a sign that we celebrate in communion with the universal Church and with the particular Church. The prayer, like the offering, is presented to God for all the members of the Church, living and departed, in expectation of the blessed hope of sharing the eternal inheritance of heaven, with the Virgin Mary (cf. ccc 1369-1371). No one and nothing is forgotten in the Eucharistic Prayer, but every thing is attributed to God, as is recalled by the doxology which concludes it. No one is forgotten. And if I have someone, relatives, friends, who are in need or have departed from this world to the other, I can name them at that time, interiorly and silently, or write the name so it may be said aloud. “Father, how much do I have to pay to have my name said there?” — “Nothing”. Is this understood? Nothing! One does not pay for Mass. Mass is Christ's sacrifice, which is freely given. Redemption is freely given. If you want to make an offering, do so, but it is not paid for. It is important to understand this.

This codified formulation of prayer, perhaps we may feel it to be somewhat distant — it is true, it is an ancient formula — but, if we truly understand the significance, then we will certainly participate better. Indeed it expresses all that we fulfil in the Eucharistic celebration; moreover, it teaches us to cultivate three attitudes that should never be lacking in Jesus' disciples. The three attitudes: first, learn “to give thanks, always and everywhere”, and not only on certain occasions, when all is going well; second, to make of our life a gift of love, freely given; third, to build concrete communion, in the Church and with everyone. Thus, this central Prayer of the Mass teaches us, little by little, to make of our whole life a “Eucharist”, that is, an act of thanksgiving.