

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 (28th May – 2nd June)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Mallaig: 10:15 am
Friday *St Justin* Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 2nd/3rd June (Corpus Christi - 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: 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 Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
20.05 £418 (Gift Aid £311)
Arisaig:
20.05 £183 (Gift Aid £106.55)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Lewis MacDonald (Gorten, Arisaig) 29.05; Marie MacLeod (Birthday Anniversary) 31.05;

Eternal rest...

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

27th May 2018

R) Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!



Thursday – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Assuming that the Annunciation and the Incarnation took place about the vernal equinox, Mary left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to wait upon her cousin Elizabeth, because her presence and much more the presence of the Divine Child in her womb, according to the will of God, was to be the source of very great graces to the Blessed John, Christ's Forerunner.

The event is related in Luke 1:39-57. Feeling the presence of his Divine Saviour, John, upon the arrival of Mary, leaped in the womb of his mother; he was then cleansed from original sin and filled with the grace of God. Our Lady now for the first time exercised the office which

belonged to the Mother of God made man, that He might by her mediation sanctify and glorify us. St. Joseph probably accompanied Mary, returned to Nazareth, and when, after three months, he came again to Hebron to take his wife home, the apparition of the angel, mentioned in Matthew 1:19-25, may have taken place to end the tormenting doubts of Joseph regarding Mary's maternity.

Friday – St. Justin

He was born at the beginning of the second century in Nablus, in Samaria, of a pagan Greek family. He was an earnest seeker after truth, and studied many systems of philosophy before being led, through Platonism, to Christianity. While remaining a layman, he accepted the duty of making the truth known, and travelled from place to place proclaiming the gospel. In 151 he travelled from Ephesus to Rome, where he opened a school of philosophy and wrote defences and expositions of Christianity, which have survived to this day and are the earliest known writings of their kind. In the persecution of 165, in the reign of the emperor Marcus Aurelius, he was denounced as a Christian,



arrested and beheaded. The transcript of his trial by the prefect of Rome, Rusticus, has also survived.

Justin treats the Greek philosophy that he studied as mostly true, but incomplete. In contrast to the Hebrew tendency to view God as making revelations to them and to no-one else, he follows the parable of the Sower, and sees God as sowing the seed of wisdom throughout the world, to grow wherever the soil would receive it. When we dispute with people who disagree with us, we would do well to assume that they too are seeking wisdom and have found truth of a kind. Since there is only one God and one Truth, it is our task not to contradict or belittle their achievement, but to show them how their strivings and searches are ultimately fulfilled in Christ. This is

harder to do – not least, because we have to take the trouble to understand our own faith thoroughly – but it is ultimately more worthwhile.

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: On 3rd June we will be Collecting for Apostolate of Life (Day for Life). On 1st July we will be collecting for Peter's Pence.

DAY FOR LIFE: Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on Wednesday, 31 May 2018.

GDPR: Please note the information I have received from the Diocese: "...Parish newsletters, are public documents and as such it would now probably be illegal to publish someone's name unless they have given consent. This means that we can no longer publish the name of someone who has been baptised, or the names of a couple who have just been married, or the names of the sick in the parish who are to be remembered in prayer, etc., unless the person, or persons, or their parents/guardians in the case of a young person, have given explicit consent. Any consent given should be recorded, how you do this is for you to decide. Please note that it would seem, from the regulation, that you don't even have to publish their name, as long as an individual is identifiable from information given, then we could be in breach of the law – and very heavy fines can be imposed. [...]". This applies also, if I would like to express my thanks to someone.

BUS TO OBAN: I have booked a Bus to take us to Oban for the Ordination Mass of Deacon Emmanuel on 21st June. There are 14 seats. Mass is at 7pm so we will be leaving around 4pm and return around 10pm. Oban Parish is organising the spread in the Parish Hall afterwards so no one will starve! Speak to me to book a seat – limited number!

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:

PARISH MEETING: We had a very good meeting after Mass. Scones and Pancakes were delicious! We discussed a lot of ideas for fundraising and have some events coming:

- Thursday, 21st June – Produce Fair in Astley Hall. We need volunteers for helping out. Please speak to Anne Bernadette MacMillan for details. We need volunteers for serving, baking, sandwiches... etc. Not a lot of time so please consider helping out.
- Tuesday, 10th July at 7.30pm – Book Launch, Astley Hall. Author Angus MacDonald will be in conversation with Mairi Orr about his new book We fought for Ardnish-the follow up to his best-selling first novel Ardnish was Home, both set around the Ardnish peninsula in Lochaber. Tickets £5, includes a glass of wine. Reserve your places, contact Mairi Orr. Funds raised for restoration work at St Mary's RC Church Arisaig. We might need some bakers to make the evening more pleasant.
- August – Sale of works. Details to be disclosed. Please speak to Anne and Hugh MacDonald for details. We need volunteers.

DONATIONS: More individual donations are coming in. I am very grateful for your generosity.

MORAR PARISH:

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

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you for your attendance at the meeting. We discussed various subjects. Minutes will be/are available at the back.

PARISH VISITS: We had a lovely visit from Parishioners of Roy Bridge on Saturday. They celebrated Mass with Fr Convery.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: We will celebrate them on 31st May.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: This year, we will be celebrating First Communions on Sunday, 10th June at 11.30am Mass in Mallaig.

NEW VACUUM: So far, our Morar cleaners are very pleased with a new vacuum. An idea was born to buy similar for Mallaig. The cost of a new one is £399.99. Would you consider sponsoring one? Our churches are always clean and tidy thanks to volunteers; however, we can help them by making their work easier! This is one way of helping out if you can't help cleaning!