

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MASS: Allan MacKinnon.

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (25th June – 30th June)

MondayMorar: 10.15 am
 TuesdayMallaig: 5.00 pm
 WednesdayArisaig: 10.15 am
 ThursdayMallaig: 10.15 am

Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (29th June)

Thursday (Vigil-Mass) Mallaig: 7:00 pm
 Friday Arisaig: 10:15 am

Saturday *no Mass*

Sunday Masses 30th June/1st July (13th Sunday of the Year - B)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pmMorar
 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.....no visits / as required

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
 17.06 £580 (Gift Aid £320)
Arisaig:
 10.06 £302.37 (Gift Aid £116.65)
 17.06 £235.15 (Gift Aid £107)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Elizabeth McDonell (Bracara) 21.06;1967.

Eternal rest...

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

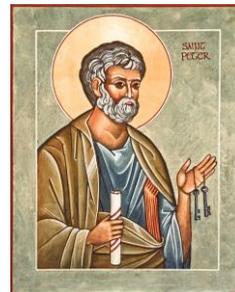
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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

Nativity of St John the Baptist (B)

24th June 2018

R) I thank you for the wonder of my being.
Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. Alleluia!



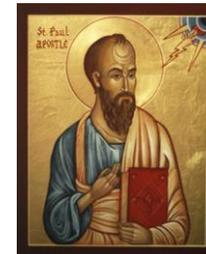
Friday – Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul (Holyday of Obligation)

Whatever else St Peter may be, he is not the model of a wise and noble hero. He walks on the water – but then panics and starts to sink. He makes the first profession of faith – and moments later blunders into error and is called Satan by the Lord. He refuses to be washed, and then, when the purpose is explained to him, demands to be washed all over. And, of course, he betrays his master soon after having been warned that he will and having sworn not to. If Peter is the rock on which the Church is built, what a fissured and friable rock it is! How much better, we think, to have chosen the Sons of

Thunder, for their energy; or Judas Iscariot, for his financial acumen; or John, because he was loved the best. The choosing of Peter teaches us a lesson. The Church's foundation-stone and its first leader is not all-wise, all-knowing, good, heroic, and beautiful. He is a very ordinary man who makes about as many mistakes as we would in his place, and kicks himself for them just as thoroughly afterwards. If St Peter had been a hero, we could easily have despaired of ever becoming like him. If St Peter had been great, and noble, and good, we could have told ourselves that the Church is for the saints, despaired, sat down, and not bothered. But the Church is not just for saints: it is for confused, impetuous, cowardly people like us – or St Peter. The rock crumbles, the ropes are frayed, the wood is rotten – but, although that improbable building, the Church, is made of such inferior materials, it grows (on the whole) faster than it collapses, and it is grace that holds it together.

In the end, it was grace that gave the coward the courage to bear witness when it counted, grace that gave the fool the wisdom he needed to set the infant Church on her way, grace that taught the impetuous man patience and forbearance.

St Paul is not an attractive figure today. We are still knee deep in the overripe fruit of late romanticism: we admire men who feel, not think; who enchant people into following them, not argue them into submission. There is even, nowadays, a fashion for saying that Paul invented Christianity as we know it, that he set out with the cynical aim of fashioning an enduring institution; and that the real Christianity, the Christianity of Christ, is something quite different from and far nicer than the Christianity we know.

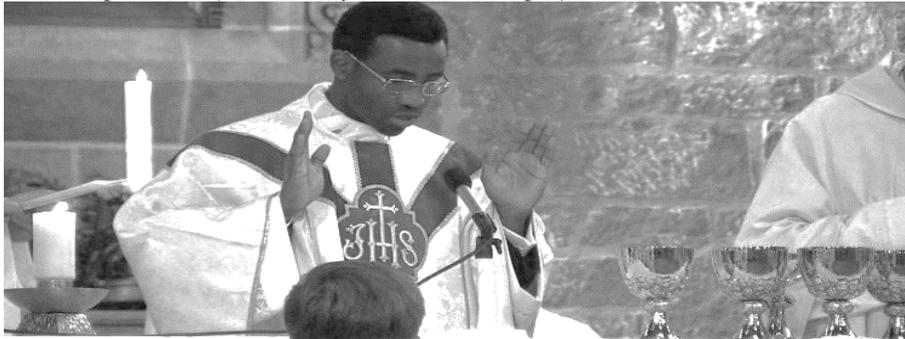


Yes, Paul's mind did shape the early Church. Yes, without him things would have been different. And all the information that we have in the New Testament is entirely consistent with the whole thing being a Pauline conspiracy.

But so what? "Consistent with" is a treacherous phrase. The evidence of my eyes is entirely consistent with there being an invisible lion in my fireplace, because you can't see invisible lions; but I still don't believe there is one. I trust the world, I have faith in it, and invisible lions are not part of that faith. I trust God, I have faith in the Holy Spirit – I say so out loud on Sundays – and I believe that God called Saul because he needed him, and that the renamed Saul did and said what needed to be said and done.

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: 1st July we will be collecting for Peter's Pence (Please do not use GA envelopes). Our next Special Collection will be on 15th July for the Bishop's Fund (Please use your GA envelopes)



ORDINATIONS: We congratulate Fr Emmanuel on the occasion of his ordination to priesthood. Along with Parishioners from Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig we travelled on the community bus to arrive exactly on time for Mass. We are grateful to Jaqueline MacDonald who delivered us safely.

MORE ORDINATIONS: I will be travelling on Thursday to Dundee to attend The Ordination Mass of Rev. Andrew Marshall, a friend of mine. Fr Frymark, who is visiting from Poland will be celebrating Masses in my absence.

CONFESSIONS: Fr Frymark will hear confessions on Thursday at 6pm in Mallaig as a visiting confessor.

MEETING WITH BISHOP MCGEE: Thank you for your participation at the meeting. I am certain that we are enriched by Bishop McGee's vision of the Diocese and its priorities for the future. We continue to ask the Holy Spirit to guide him in his ministry.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEES: Meeting has now been rescheduled to 6pm on Tuesday in Arisaig Club Room.

SCALAN: The annual Mass at Scalán takes place on Sunday 1st July at 4.00pm. The homilist is the Rt. Rev. William Nolan, Bishop of Galloway. Scalán is signposted on the B9008 (Tomintoul - Dufftown) at Auchnarrow. AB337 9JS is the most local

postcode. Cars and minibuses can park close to Scalán. Coach parties have a mile to walk but car drivers will happily give lifts to walking pilgrims.

The Scalán website is at www.scalan.net

Scalán is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1716Scalan1799

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:

ASTLEY HALL: Many thanks for your support in organising this Fundraising Event, especially to Anne Bernadette for her dedication. We raised £703.80 which is a huge success for the Parish!

VISITORS: Fr Tomasz Frymark with his friends from Poland will be staying in Arisaig for couple of weeks. He used to come to Argyll and the Isles in early 90s and he was my professor in Seminary in Poland who introduced me to Bishop Toal – who received me into the Diocese. Not many realise that Bishop Toal was also behind Fr Emmanuel's coming to the Diocese as well. We wish them a good stay.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES:

- 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 are for restoration work at St Mary's RC Church Arisaig. We might need some bakers to make the evening more pleasant.
- Saturday, 11th August – Sale of works. Please bring things to donate. If you have any gift cards or vouchers, please consider donating them to the sale. Ask your family members from further away – maybe they would like to help us out? Please speak to Anne and Hugh MacDonald for details. We need volunteers.

MORAR PARISH:

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

NEW SOUND SYSTEM: I have had enough! Ever since I came I have been trying to correct problems with the sound system in Mallaig. I have used some old equipment from Morar and for a certain time it worked, but unfortunately it has become unsustainable any more and I have decided to order the same type as in Morar now.

There is a basket at the back of the church today to support this significant expense.