

# 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

**BIRTHDAY MASSES:** Jessica MacKinnon; Kate Maxwell 16.08.

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (20<sup>th</sup> August – 25<sup>th</sup> August)**

Monday St Bernard .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday St Pius X.....	Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday The Queenship of the BVM.....	Mass on Canna
Thursday .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday St Bartholomew.....	Morar: 10:15 am
Saturday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August (21<sup>st</sup> 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: 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 .....

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
12.08 ..... £410 (Gift Aid £275.50)

**Arisaig:**  
12.08 ..... £300.40 (Gift Aid £162.80)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Jo Houston 10.08.2006; Chrissie MacEachen 17.08.2010; Anne MacLeod 20.08.1993; Angus MacLeod 24.08.1917; James Gillies (died recently) 09.08.2018; Rafael Flores 20.08.2016; Tracey MacDonald (died recently).

*Eternal rest...*

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

*R) Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

**VISITORS:** We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!



**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Special Collection Today is for Sick and Retired Priests (Please use your GA envelopes). Our next Special Collection will be on 16<sup>th</sup> September for Ecclesiastical Students Fund (Please use your GA envelopes).

**TRIP TO UIST AND OTHER THOUGHTS:** I really enjoyed my time on Uist. I sailing was smooth and the hospitality there always was five-star. Along with 6 other priests, we celebrated Mass for Fr Donald MacKay in Bornish. It was good to see so many people there. In the evening, we gathered at the graveyard to bless Fr Donald's Tombstone. Blessing of Tombstones is an ancient church tradition. Whenever the Cross or a Stone was placed on the grave, it would be blessed as a Christian symbol and sprinkled with Holy Water. It was good to see Fr Ross Crichton on Eriskay as well and see how much work he has put in to restore the Chapel House there. I still remember the sad condition it was in before I left. Upon my return I discovered, that Fr MacKinnon's injuries are more serious than originally thought and he will not be able to travel. I was supposed to go with him on Holiday to Spain and France but it seems that I will end up going alone. I guess it will be a sort of a retreat! While on Holiday (4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September), Fr Kieran Brady, the Redemptorist will cover Morar and Arisaig Parishes.

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:** Fr Roddy McAuley will take a three-month sabbatical from 4th September 2018. When Fr Noel Ugoagwu m.s.p. arrives in the diocese he will go to St John's, Caol. Fr Noel is the second of the Missionaries of St Paul whom we were due to receive. Until Fr Noel arrives, Bishop McGee and an Irish priest, Fr Simon Twomey, will cover the parish. Fr Francis Agaduaja msp will move from Mingarry to be Administrator of Kingussie for the weekend of 8th/9th September. He will also have the care of Aviemore Parish. Bishop McGee thanked Fr Francis for his service to Mingarry parish and he is sure that he will enjoy the new challenge of Kingussie and Aviemore.

From the end of November Fr Noel will say Sunday Mass in Mingarry and carry out the necessary pastoral duties around the weekend period. However, Fr Noel will principally reside at St Mary's, Fort William and carry out pastoral duties there during the week. Bishop McGee thanked Fr Donald MacKinnon for readily accepting this arrangement. After the Ad Limina visit, Bishop McGee will celebrate Sunday Mass in Mingarry until Fr Noel is free to do so.

**NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS:** Our Business Electricity Contracts (Churches) will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. I have spent two weeks investigating the market and signed new 5-year contracts for both Parishes. Our electricity rates will see a rise of 20% on average for the unit price. This is how the prices have changed since I last signed contracts 2 years ago. The good thing is that the prices have been fixed for much longer. I have received a lot of new quotes and these were the most economic.

**LITURGY WORKS:** Full details of the next LiturgyWorks from 28th-30th September will be issued soon. LiturgyWorks allows parishioners and clergy from across the diocese to spend time together reflecting on the liturgy and so deepening our worship of God.

**CLERGY ASSEMBLY:** The Clergy Assembly will run from 2pm on Tuesday 4th September until Thursday 6th September. The Assembly will be led by Fr Peter Fleetwood, a priest of Liverpool Archdiocese. He has worked at the Vatican in the area of Culture.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH TRIP TO KENYA:** Recent trip was a great success. The young people made a great impact on everyone whom they met.

**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:**

**SALE OF WORK:** Many thanks for a hugely successful Sale of Works. I was really impressed by the level of preparation it took and involvement of people from the area. Most of all, our thanks go to Hugh and Anne MacDonald who worked so hard to organise wonderful prizes and people to help out. Together we raised £1179.10!

**TRACEY MACDONALD RIP:** It is with great sadness that we heard news of Tracey's passing. She was dedicated to her family and had great love for her family and her wee dog. Tracey will be buried from St. Mary's.

**ANGELA HARDMAN:** Angela has been helping out in the Parish for a long time. Sadly, she had to leave us and is living in a care home down South. Since we never had an opportunity to thank her properly, this Sunday I will offer a Thanksgiving Mass for her. There is also a Card that we have posted to her along with a picture frame.

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

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

**NEW ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE:** Douglas mentioned that I might not see it till October... Patience is a virtue!

**NEW GATE:** Works are ongoing... it seems that the sooner we get it the better! Only last week someone under the cover of the night was pinching wood from behind the Church!

#### **DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES**

*Charity Registration No. SC002876*

#### **PASTORAL LETTER REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN. THE LETTER IS TO BE READ OR DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES OVER THE WEEKEND OF 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you know it has been the recent practice in our diocese for the children to make their First Confession, be confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion in a single year, normally Primary Four. In response to concerns I received regarding the present practice I began a process of consultation and reflection, which lasted almost two years. In June 2016 I consulted with the clergy through the Council of Priests. I then consulted the Head teachers of our Catholic Primary Schools as well as those schools on the Western Isles that teach Catholic RE, before finally consulting widely during my visitation of parishes last autumn and winter. I have decided that from August 2018 the typical stage for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our diocese will be in Primary Seven. First Confession and First Holy Communion will remain in Primary Four.

The Church has no absolute rule for when Confirmation should be celebrated. I believe that both the previous and new arrangements can be commended for various reasons. The previous order was certainly theologically and liturgically sound.

However, my reasons for changing the order are primarily both pastoral and catechetical. I believe that engaging with the children and their parents in the Sacramental process over two separate years rather than just one is advantageous. I also believe that the children's appreciation of the Sacrament of Confirmation should now improve. The workload of teachers and volunteer catechists will be more evenly spread. My decision also brings us into line with most of the dioceses in Scotland. I thank our priests for putting so much effort into the previous arrangement with the children, families and catechists. I also thank our Catholic teachers and parish catechists for all that they do to pass on the faith to our younger generation. I also acknowledge with gratitude the loving dedication of our parents and wider families.

There will now be a three-year gap before the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for children. I see both deepening spirituality and catechesis as two diocesan priorities and I would hope that our new arrangement will play one part in a wider renewal of our diocese. When the Sacrament is due to be celebrated again I will visit every parish and confirm the children during Mass.

Please pray for me as I pray for you every day.

With best wishes,

+Brian McGee

Bishop of Argyll and the Isles