

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAY MASSES:

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (22nd October – 27th October)

Monday <i>St John Paul II</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday <i>Requiem Mass of Alexander MacDonald RIP</i>	Morar: 2.00 pm
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday	no Mass
Saturday	no Mass

Sunday Masses 27th/28th October (30th 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 st Saturday of the month 10:30 am	Arisaig
3 rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm.....	Mallaig
2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm	Morar

Housebound visits this week Mallaig (West Side)

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
14.10	£428 (Gift Aid £251.80)
Arisaig:	
07.10	£278.70 (Gift Aid £106.90)
14.10	£312.06 (Gift Aid £142.50)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Alexander MacDonald (died recently); Morag MacRury (South Uist) 24.10.1984; Jim Wright (wedding anniversary); Helen Morrison (Oban) 27.10.2008; Catherine Pringle (Arisaig) 15.10.1953; Mary MacLellan 17.10; Sandy MacLellan 16.10.

Eternal rest...

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

21st October 2018

R) May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to save, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia!

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Please remember about the Rosary in the month of October. There is a plenary indulgence for recitation of the Rosary in the Church, the family or pious association. Five decades of the Rosary must be prayed continuously. The prayers of the Rosary must be prayed vocally and one must meditate upon the Mysteries of the Rosary. If the recitation of the Rosary is public, the Mysteries of the Rosary must be announced. Plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. Three other conditions must be fulfilled: a Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, Prayers for the Pope's intentions. In addition, one must be free of all attachments to sin, even venial sin. If this complete integrity is not present or if the above conditions are not fulfilled the indulgence is only partial. Both a plenary and partial indulgence may be applied to the dead.

I know that these requirements sound difficult to fulfil but above everything else it is important to pray the Rosary. I am sure that if our prayers are sincere, they have a special meaning to God through the intercession of Our Lady. In October, we will recite a decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass. Masses on Saturdays will be special Votive Masses to Our Lady.

IF THE PRIEST FORGETS, REMIND HIM!

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Our Masses during that month will be offered for our deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and for those for whom you wish to pray. There are brown Envelopes at the back of the church specially for that purpose. Please, try to return the envelopes as soon as possible so that I could divide them like last year to be read out at each Sunday Mass in November.

PLEASE, USE CAPITAL LETTERS TO HELP ME DECIPHER THE NAMES.

World Mission Sunday offers you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor. This year, students from St Mungo's Academy in Glasgow and Taylor High School in Motherwell were able to travel to Zambia with Missio Scotland and witness not only the love and dedication provided by our priests and religious there, but also to see first-hand some of the fantastic projects that wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS). Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to our work in mission countries and territories and are a concrete way in which you can support the universal Church.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today, our Special Collection will be for Propagation of Faith (Mission Sunday) (Please do not use your GA envelopes). Special Collection to follow will be on 4th November for Pastoral Formation.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: This year I would like to invite you to attend a weekly meeting of our Advent Prayer group. It will involve some personal reading and contemplation. To give me a rough estimate of how many materials I need to produce, please put your name on the list if you are interested. We would be meeting in Arisaig Hall for these meetings. It is a meeting for all interested so please, encourage your friends and neighbours from all denominations to join us in preparation for Christmas. *Could you also put the days of the week that you would be available for and time (morning or late afternoon).*

MESSAGE FROM SCIAF: Make your gifts matter this Christmas. SCIAF's Real Gifts make excellent presents at Christmas while helping families in poor countries free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice. The new catalogue has gifts to suit every budget, from stocking fillers like seeds and fingerlings to more practical items like school books and birth certificates. Visit www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts or call 0141 354 5555 to find out more.

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:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Our annual end of financial year meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th November after Morning Mass in Arisaig.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: It is about time we have a PC meeting. We will meet on Monday, 19th November at 5pm in the Club Room. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

GIFT AID: We have received our annual rebate from Gift Aid of £4,040.66. This is slightly more than last year (£3961.85). However, our regular GA envelope donations have significantly fallen down due to our donors passing away. The only reason we have been able to keep it at the same level was due to the fact, that we can claim from the loose cash of our Funeral Collections in some circumstances. This is indeed a great way of supporting the Parish as our income falls every year. Heating and electricity costs are rising. It was wise of the Parish Council to make that decision about Funeral Collections to be shared between the Parish and other Charities. It is worth remembering that there is no obligation to have a Collection at the funeral or it can be held at the hotel instead. Just as last year, the majority of our rebate will go toward our annual insurance bill.

NEW LIGHTS: Not only Morar will be getting new lights! Do not feel jealous! Alistair Neil will be replacing some of the external lights around the house and possibly the Church to allow better lighting in the dark.

MORAR PARISH:

ALEXANDER MACDONALD RIP: With great sadness we will say our farewell to Alec on Tuesday at 2pm. The reception of the Body will take place on Sunday at 5pm.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Our annual end of financial year meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th November straight after 5pm Mass in Mallaig. Meeting to take place in Chapel House in Morar.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: It is about time we have a PC meeting. We will meet on Thursday, 22nd November at 5pm in Morar Chapel House. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

NEW LIGHTS: Again, my thanks to Anne MacDonald for providing the lights and Alistair Neil for installing them in Morar. They will now light the area especially on Saturday evening.

LEAK: Recent rainfall has revealed 2 serious leaks in the Chapel House. This will have to be fixed as well. SSE had to shelter the cables to allow the repairs to be carried out. Again, these are nasty surprises!

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Be careful around those who are rigid. Be careful around Christians – be they laity, priests, bishops – who present themselves as so "perfect," rigid. Be careful. There's no Spirit of God there. They lack the spirit of liberty. And let us be careful with ourselves, because this should lead us to consider our own life. Do I seek to look only at appearance, and not change my heart? Do I not open my heart to prayer, to the liberty of prayer, the liberty of almsgiving, the liberty of works of mercy? (Pope Francis)