

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: Alistair MacLeod (Fort William) 12.11.

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (19th November – 24th November)

Monday	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday <i>Feast of the Presentation of the BVM</i>	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St Cecilia</i>	Mallaig: 10:15 am
Friday	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday <i>Sts Andrew Dung Lac and Companions</i>	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 24th/25th November (Christ the King Sunday - 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 Bheag**

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
11.11	TOTAL £459 (Gift Aid £319)
Arisaig:	
11.11	TOTAL £352.34(Gift Aid £182)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mima Gillies (Kinloid) 08.11.2018; Lisha MacKellaig (died recently); Polly Pringle 18.11; Alistair Muir.

We pray for all our Faithfull departed in the month of November. I would like to encourage you to visit the graveyards and pray for them. An indulgence can be obtained for them this way.

Eternal rest...

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

18th November 2018

R) PRESERVE ME, GOD, I TAKE REFUGE IN YOU.

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

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! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.

DIOCESAN FINANCE DEFICIT: This weekend Bishop Brian’s message about the diocesan financial deficit will be read at all Masses. Please ensure that you take time to read the information leaflet provided and consider the suggested ways in which you can help. If you would like further information you should go to the diocesan website at: <https://rcdai.org.uk>

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be at the Crib during Christmastide.

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 all those for whom you wish to pray. All the names on the list have been divided into 4 parts. I will be reading out the names from one of these parts before each Sunday Mass in November.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: I know there is still a lot of time till Christmas but remember that just like last year, Christmas Cards will be available in Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig Stalls. It is a great opportunity to support your Parish as well as using Religious Cards for Christmas. There is a lot to choose from.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: Our Prayer Group would meet once a week in Arisaig Club Room. We will be discussing the Sunday Scripture Readings and also receive materials for our daily path through Advent. 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.

In November, the month of the Holy Souls, we remember those supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those who've been touched by our work here in Scotland and around the world. We would be delighted if you could join us for this year's Mass.

The Mass will be concelebrated by bishop Toal, Bishop President of SCIAF and Fr. Francis McGachey at St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin.

SCIAF Remembrance Mass: 7pm, Thursday 22nd November, St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, ML1 5AJ, www.sciaf.org.uk/events

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 COUNCIL MEETING: It is about time we had 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. There will be an opportunity to speak to our local undertakers about Funerals at the meeting and they will be available to answer any questions regarding the Services they provide. We will also discuss and make decisions regarding the Graveyard Extension. All St. Mary's Parishioners are welcome!

MORAR PARISH:

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

MARY'S MEALS: There are Raffle tickets for sale at the back of the Church to support the Charity.

LIESHA MACKELLAIG RIP: Thank you for your presence and support at the Funeral last Thursday. Lisha was indeed a kind and gentle soul. She will be greatly missed in our community. We raised £575 in the Funeral Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Zander and Alanna on the occasion of Baptism of their baby Annie Elaine.

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LEAKS: Still need to be fixed. The chimney has to be rebuilt in Morar which is an extensive work. MacKellaig Builders will be working on it in the coming weeks.

Pope Francis: Catechesis on the Decalogue, 7/11/2018 Rome.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Continuing the explanation of the Decalogue, today we come to the Seventh Word: "You shall not steal". In hearing this commandment, we think of the theme of theft and of respect for other people's property. There is no culture in which theft and the abuse of property are legal; human sensibility, in fact, is very sensitive in regard to the defence of property. But it is worth opening ourselves up to a broader interpretation of this Word, focusing on the theme of the ownership of goods in the light of Christian wisdom. The Social Doctrine of the Church speaks of the universal destination of goods. What does it mean? Let us listen to what the Catechism says: "In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race" (n. 2402). Moreover: "The universal destination of goods remains primordial, even if the promotion of the common good requires respect for the right to private property and its exercise" (n. 2403).[1] Providence, however, did not create a world 'of series'; there are differences, different conditions, different cultures, so one can live by providing for one another. The world is rich in resources to ensure the basic necessities for everyone. Yet many live in scandalous indigence and resources, used indiscriminately, are dwindling. But there is only one world! There is only one humanity! [2] Today the world's wealth is in the hands of the minority, of the few, and poverty, or rather misery and suffering, is in those of the many, of the majority. If there is hunger on earth it is not for lack of food! Rather, due to market demands it is at times even destroyed, wasted. What is lacking is free and forward-looking entrepreneurship, which ensures proper production in a solidary framework, which ensures equitable distribution. The Catechism also states: "In his use of things man should regard the external goods he legitimately owns not merely as exclusive to himself but common to others also, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as himself" (n. 2404). All wealth, in order to be good, must have a social dimension. The positive and broad meaning of the commandment "you shall not steal" appears in this perspective. "The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence" (ibid.). No one is the absolute owner of goods: he is a steward of goods. Ownership is a responsibility: 'But I am rich in everything...' — this is a responsibility that you have. And every good subtracted from the logic of God's Providence is betrayed; it is betrayed in its most profound sense. What I truly own is what I am able to give. This is the measure to evaluate how I am able to manage riches, whether good or bad; this phrase is important: what I truly own is what I am able to give. If I am able to give, I am open, then I am rich not only in what I own, but also in generosity, generosity also as a duty to give wealth, so that all may partake of it. In fact, if I cannot give something, it is because that thing owns me, has power over me, and enslaves me. The possession of goods is an opportunity to multiply them creatively and to use them generously, and thereby to grow in charity and freedom. Christ himself, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself" (Phil 2:6-7) and enriched us with his poverty (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). While humanity takes pains to have more, God redeems it by becoming poor: that Crucified Man paid an incalculable ransom for everyone, on the part of God the Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4; cf. Jas 5:11). What makes us rich is not goods but love. So often we have heard what the People of God say: 'The devil enters through the pockets.' It starts with a love of money, a hunger for possessions; then comes vanity: 'Ah, I am rich and brag about it'; and, in the end, pride and arrogance. This is the devil's way of acting in us. But the entrance is through the pocket. Dear brothers and sisters, once again Jesus Christ reveals to us the full meaning of Scripture. "You shall not steal" means: love with your goods, make use of your means to love as best you can. Then your life becomes good and your property truly becomes a gift. Because life is not the time for possessing but for loving. Thank you.