

**BIRTHDAY MASSES:**

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (26<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December)**

Monday .....	no Mass
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday .....	no Mass
Friday <i>St Andrew</i> .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December (First Sunday of Advent - C)**

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 .....* Mallaig West

**COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
18.11 .....	TOTAL £433 (Gift Aid £240)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
18.11 .....	TOTAL £243.60 (Gift Aid £96.40)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Fr John Dewar 23.11; Margaret MacLean (Fort William) 25.11.2014; Sandy MacDonald (Gortan) 28.11.2013; Christine MacDonald (Mallaig) 01.12.

**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...*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

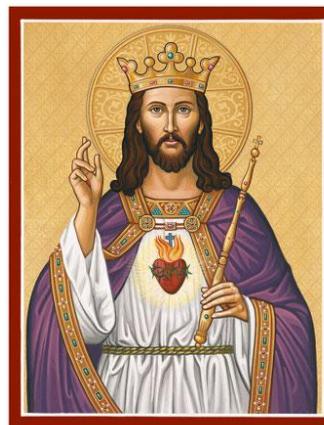
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**Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg  
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar;  
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna**

**Christ the King (B)**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*R) The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**



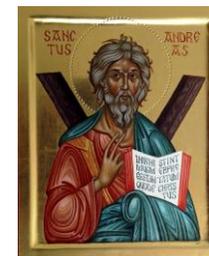
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His Precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon

Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion. Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

**Friday – St. Andrew**

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrews now stands.



**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.

**PERSONAL:** My Mother recently spoke to me on the phone and complained that my Newsletters are becoming uninteresting! Less and less practical Parish information and instead 'just a message from the Pope that she can't understand'. It was in no way criticism of the Pope but the fact that her English is not good enough to follow. The fact is that I was a bit neglectful recently because of various events which gave a lot to process and think... One very interesting event involved Kora. She went on her usual patrol around the Chapel House last Wednesday and returned to the kitchen with a £10 note she must have found outside and deposited it at my feet... I think she really took to heart last Sunday's message from the Bishop and decided to pitch in! She was rewarded instead with her favourite treat and the note will land in our Sunday Collection. I guess she will not be pleased for having to go to Oban to be spayed on Thursday.

**MASS TIMES CHANGES:** Please note the changes this week. On Friday, Mass will be celebrated for the Nation.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP:** Winter is upon us and the demand for assistance of this form is growing. A lot of people during the summer months depend on the seasonal jobs to provide for themselves and their families, however, when winter comes, these jobs are unavailable, and houses need to be heated children and vulnerable people fed. Therefore, I would like to ask you to help Fort William Food Bank. Sheila, working in the Coop, is helping to organise some form of stable connection between Arisaig/Morar/Mallaig and Fort William Food Bank. Please, consider buying few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

**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 WREATHS:** Many thanks to all who will help to prepare the Churches for Advent, including decorations and Wreaths.

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP:** Our first Prayer Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in Arisaig Club Room.

**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:** The discussion at the meeting was very fruitful but unfortunately, due to the prolonged event, we had to postpone our discussion till 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 5pm. The minutes will become available only after the second part of the meeting as members need more time to think about some matters regarding the graveyard.

**OLD CHURCH GRAVEYARD:** At the PC meeting last Monday we were informed by local undertakers that because of existing legislation **no graves can be open for burials in the existing plots**. Since there are no more empty plots, we cannot hold any more burials in the Old Graveyard, even if there are graves with your relatives buried a long time ago. I can only add that I had nothing to do with this decision, neither did the Parish Council. However, I do have to remind you that the Old Graveyard, which served the whole Community is part of the Church Grounds and has nothing to do with the New Graveyard, which is the responsibility of the Highland Council. Any works taking place in the Old Graveyard (ex. Tombstones) have to be done with my permission due to Health and Safety regulations. Again, I have no objections to any works that you wish to do for your loved ones but simply have to be informed to protect also other tombstones (there has been a recent complaint about damage being done to the old tombstones).

**COLIN HEAPS RIP:** Colin's Funeral will take place in the Church of Scotland in Arisaig on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12 noon. May he rest in peace.

**ECUMENCIAL PRAYER EVENT:** Under the banner 'United we StAnd', the organisation Pray for Scotland has suggested that this St. Andrew's Day, churches get together to 'Pray for Scotland'. Christians in this area have arranged to come together to pray on that day at 2pm in Astley Hall. It would be good if as many as possible could gather together, but if the time and/or place doesn't suit, please consider setting aside some time that day to pray for our nation and our community. Unfortunately, as I have other engagement in my diary already, I will not be able to attend but I would like to encourage you to pray that day for the Nation.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Louise Morag Orr on the occasion of her Baptism. We welcome her into our Christian community!

### MORAR PARISH:

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

**MAIN ENTRANCE:** The new entrance to the Chapel House has been completed! My thanks to Douglas for his hard work and involvement.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thank you for your attendance. Various subjects were being discussed and the minutes will give you a bit more information.

**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.

**MALLAIG SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH:** Thank you for this kind invitation. Mallaig Community Council has asked me pass on this invitation to all Mallaig Senior Members of our Congregation. It will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December in Mallaig and Morar Community Centre at 12.00 for 12.30pm. I am very grateful to them for making me feel part of this Community.

**MORAR SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Thank you for this invitation to the Christmas Lunch. I am very grateful to them for making me feel part of this Community.