

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: Helen McDonell

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (14th January – 19th January)

Monday	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St Anthony</i>	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 19th/20th January (Second Sunday of the Year - 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 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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
06.01	TOTAL £446 (Gift Aid £337)
06.01 <i>Justice and Peace</i>	TOTAL £399
Arisaig:	
06.01	TOTAL £257.95 (Gift Aid £128.40)
06.01 <i>Justice and Peace</i>	TOTAL £115.77

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Jessie Hepburn (died recently).

Eternal rest...

The Baptism of the Lord

13th January 2019

R) Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God how great you are.

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Thursday – St Anthony, Abbot

St Antony is the originator of the monastic life. He was born in Egypt: when his parents died, he listened to the words of the Gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, but he overcame them. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He gave support to the victims of the persecutions of Diocletian, and helping St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He lived to be over a hundred years old, and died in 356.

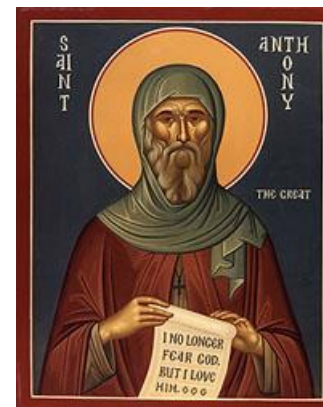
The Gospels are full of wise sayings of Jesus that seem to be ignored, and one of the most poignant of these was in his meeting with that young man who asked over and over again, insistently, “What must I do to have eternal life?”. When, in the end, Jesus told him that if he wanted to be perfect he would have to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor, the young man went away, sorrowing; because he was very rich. What could be more of a waste than that? You tell someone what he has to do, and he is afraid to do it. And yet...

250 years later, St Antony hears the story, and does give away all that he has, and becomes the founder of monasticism. And then again, over 1,000 years later, St Francis of Assisi hears the story, and gives away his possessions (and some of his father’s) and revolutionises Christianity again.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Next Weekend On 19th/20th January, we will have a Special Collection for Scottish Catholic Education Service (please, **do not** use your GA envelopes). On 26th/27th January, a Missionary from St. Patrick’s Missionary Society will make a Mission Appeal (please, **do not** use your GA envelopes).

CRIB COLLECTION: Please remember the Crib’s Missionary Children collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions. This Sunday is the last you can make a donation. As the Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I would like to ask you to remove the Cribbs and Christmas Decorations after Sunday. Thank you so much for your assistance with this.

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!



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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 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 a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

SEW UP SATURDAY: Would you like to help sew knitted squares into blankets? Come and join us on Saturday 19th January at the Mallaig Church Hall. We'll be there from 10am – 4pm. Come for half an hour or longer if you can. Please bring a darning needle if you have one. Tea and coffee provided.

More details from Liz Goudie 462514 or Morag Keenan.

PILGRIMAGE: Booklet with details is available at the back.

WINTER IS HERE: The past few days has shown us that what we might face this year is a harsh winter. This will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

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:

ARISAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL: I will be attending the next CC meeting on 21st January and explaining our decisions as regards the new graveyard extension. I hope that some of you will be able to attend as well in support.

MORAR PARISH:

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

CHILDREN'S MASS: 20th January!



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Elaine MacKay.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25.01.2019

Justice and only justice you shall pursue

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

Every year Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity. We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. Ours is a united prayer in a fractured world: this is powerful. However, as individual Christians and communities, we are often complicit with injustice, and yet we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, 86% of whom are reckoned to be Muslim, Indonesia is well known as having the largest Muslim population of any country. However, about 10% of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. In terms of both population and the vast extension of the country Indonesia is the biggest nation in South East Asia. It has more than 17,000 islands, 1,340 different ethnic groups and over 740 local languages and yet is united in its plurality by one national language Bahasa Indonesia. The nation is founded on five principles called Pancasila, [1] with the motto *Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)*. Across the diversity of ethnicity, language and religion, Indonesians have lived by the principle of *gotong royong* which is to live in solidarity and by collaboration. This means sharing in all aspects of life, work, grief and festivities, and regarding all Indonesians as brothers and sisters.

This always fragile harmony is today threatened in new ways. Much of the economic growth that Indonesia has experienced in recent decades has been built on a system that has competition at its heart. This is in stark contrast to the collaboration of *gotong royong*. Corruption is experienced in many forms. It infects politics and business, often with devastating consequences for the environment. In particular, corruption undermines justice and the implementation of law. Too often those who are supposed to promote justice and protect the weak do the opposite. As a consequence, the gap between the rich and the poor has widened; and so a country rich in resources has the scandal of many people living in poverty. As a traditional Indonesian saying goes, "A mouse dies of hunger in the barn full of rice." Meanwhile particular ethnic and religious groups are often associated with wealth in ways that have fed tensions. Radicalization that pits one community against another has grown and is exacerbated by the misuse of social media that demonizes particular communities.

Christian communities in such an environment become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus's prayer "that they all may be one" can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims.

Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." (see Deut. 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. Before the people of God enter the land God has promised them they renew their commitment to the Covenant God established with them. The pericope comes in a chapter whose central theme is the festivities to be celebrated by the Covenant people. After each festival the people are instructed, "Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns" (Deut. 16:14, see also 16:11). Indonesian Christians look to recover this same spirit of inclusive festivities across communities, which they previously enjoyed. At the end of this long chapter it may seem strange to have two verses about appointing judges, but in this Indonesian context the links between festivities for all and justice become alive. As people of the Covenant established in Jesus, we know that the delights of the heavenly banquet will be given to those who hunger and thirst and are persecuted for justice "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:6, 10).

Christ's Church is called to be a foretaste of this kingdom. However, in our disunity we fall short. We fail to be the sign of God's love for his people. Just as injustice has widened the divisions that have riven Indonesian society, so injustice has also fed the divisions of the Church. We repent of the injustice that causes division, but as Christians we also believe in the power of Christ to forgive us and heal. And so, we find ourselves united under the cross of Christ, calling both for his grace to end injustice and for his mercy for the sins which have caused our division.

The reflections for the eight days and the worship service will be focused on the chosen theme. To deepen our reflection on unity and justice, the topic of each day has been carefully chosen to present struggles that result from injustice. The themes are:

Day 1: Let justice roll down like water (Amos 5: 24)

Day 2: Let your word be 'Yes, Yes,' or 'No, No' (Matthew 5:37)

Day 3: The Lord is gracious and merciful to all (Psalm 145: 8)

Day 4: Be content with what you have (Hebrews 13:5)

Day 5: To bring good news to the poor (Luke 4: 18)

Day 6: The Lord of hosts is his name (Jeremiah 10:16)

Day 7: Woman, great is your faith! (Matthew 15:28)

Day 8: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27: 1)