

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:

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (21st January – 26th January)

Monday St Agnes	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Morar: 10.15 am
Wednesday	no Mass
Thursday St Francis the Sales	no Mass
Friday The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	no Mass
Saturday St Timothy and St Titus	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 26th/27th January (Third Sunday of the Year - C)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am	Mallaig

Weekday Services (28th January – 2nd February)

Monday St Thomas Aquinas	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday St John Bosco	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 2nd/3rd February (Fourth 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):

Saturday, 19th January 10:30 am Visiting Confessor Arisaig

Housebound visits no visits

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
13.01 TOTAL £355 (Gift Aid £242)
Crib TOTAL £165

Arisaig:
13.01 TOTAL £257.95 (Gift Aid £128.40)
Crib TOTAL £178.43

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Jessie Hepburn (died recently); Angus MacDonald (Gorten) 06.01; Mandy Swaney (Mallaig) 07.01; Hugh MacPherson (Arisaig) 20.01.1968; John Culley 15.01.2006; Campbell Chisholm 29.12.2005; Donald MacDonald (Cnoc-na-Faire) 22.01; Ronnie MacDonald 22.01.2005; Archie and Barbara MacLellan.

Eternal rest...

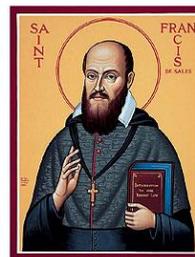
2nd Sunday of the Year (C) 20th January 2019
R) Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

3rd Sunday of the Year (C) 27th January 2019
R) Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Monday, 21st – St Agnes

As with so many of the early Roman martyrs, very little is now known about Agnes’ life. Partly this is because the details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired, and partly because if you are martyred at the age of 12, your life has not really acquired that many details in any case. Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it. That is really all that is known: but it is enough. We who are used to compromising with the world at every turn, and would find excuses to avoid any inconveniences that our faith might cause us, let alone martyrdom (“yes, of course I would die for my faith in principle, but wouldn’t I be able to do more good in the long run if I stayed alive just now?”), should admire the simple wisdom of Agnes, realise that there are moments where compromise and moral ambiguity just will not do, and pray for the strength to live up to such moments when they happen.

Thursday, 24th - St Francis de Sales



He was born near Annécý, in Savoy, studied the law, and was ordained to the priesthood despite the opposition of his father. His first mission was to re-evangelize the people of his home district (the Chablais), who had gone over to Calvinism. Always in danger of his life from hostile Calvinists, he preached with such effectiveness that after four years most of the people had returned to the Church. He was then appointed bishop of Geneva, and spent the rest of his life reforming and reorganising the diocese, and in caring for the souls of his people by preaching and spiritual guidance. St Francis taught that we can all attain a devout and spiritual life, whatever our position in society: holiness is not reserved for monks and hermits alone. He wrote that “religious devotion does not destroy: it perfects,” and his spiritual counsel is dedicated to making people more holy by making them more themselves. In his preaching against Calvinism he was driven by love

rather than a desire to win: so much so, that it was a Calvinist minister who said “if we honoured anyone as a saint, I know of no-one since the days of the Apostles worthier of it than this man.” St Francis is the patron saint of writers and journalists, who would do well to imitate his love and his moderation: as he said, “whoever wants to preach effectively must preach with love.”

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Friday, 25th - The Conversion of Saint Paul

Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today's feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.



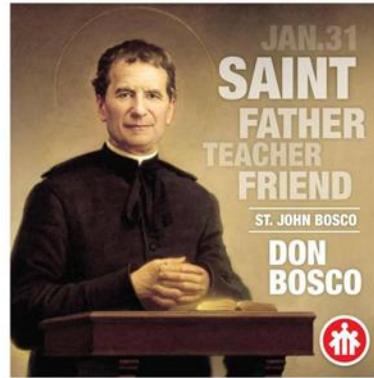
Saturday, 26th - St Timothy and St Titus

Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called "pastoral" epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

Thursday, 31st – St John Bosco

He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the

young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This Weekend, 19th/20th January, we 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**).

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!

PERSONAL: I will be taking a short break between 23rd – 29th January, so please note the changes in Mass Schedule. Fr Kyran Murphy, a Kiltegan Father will be here (staying in Arisaig Chapel House) for the weekend to supply and make an annual Mission Appeal. Many thanks to those, who will be helping Fr Kyran to feel welcome among us and help organise everything in my absence. I have also asked Fr Roddy McAuley, to cover any sick calls in my absence. If you have an urgent need to see the priest, please call Fr Roddy McAuley at 01397 700622.

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.

GRIT BIN: Grit bin has arrived and will be placed near the Church entrance. It is to help in case there is some frost. I would greatly appreciate if any men would volunteer to help out when needed.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Ronnie MacDonald.

MORAR PARISH:

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

GRIT BINS: Following someone's request, I have ordered Grit Bins to help in winter conditions. The cost of these has been significant - £300 not including the salt. I would greatly appreciate if any men would volunteer to help out when needed.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Elaine MacKay.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND!

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY: St Patrick's Missionary Society was founded on St Patrick's Day 1932 and for more than eighty years has continued the work of spreading the Gospel, following the words of Jesus: Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. (Matt 28:19-20)

St Patrick's Missionary Society had its origins in Nigeria, before 1920, where Bishop Joseph Shanahan, a member of the Holy Ghost Order, was running a huge diocese of 8 million people. The Bishop had only 23 priests to help him, so he decided to appeal to students about to be ordained in Maynooth, the National Seminary in Ireland, to give the first five years of their priesthood to Nigeria. At the time, it was normal for newly ordained priests to go to England or America for a few years but none had, so far, gone to Africa. The first student to volunteer was Fr PJ Whitney from the Diocese of Ardagh. He was ordained in June 1920 and later that year he accompanied Bishop Shanahan to Nigeria. A Dublin priest, Fr. Thomas Ronayne, who had been ordained in Maynooth seven years earlier, had also volunteered and he went to Nigeria on the same boat. In the 1920's, ten more Irish diocesan priests joined them – and worked alongside the Holy Ghost Fathers in an area where people were very anxious to enter the Church and where missionary work was exhausting but very satisfying. As the years went by, the diocesan priests came to believe that what was needed in the Nigerian Mission was a permanent commitment. In due course they decided to set up a society of secular priests who would be full-time missionaries. Fr PJ Whitney was chosen to lead the Society. In March 1930, St. Patrick's Missionary Society was set up on a trial basis with Fr. PJ Whitney as Superior. A headquarters was established at Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow where a tea-merchant named John Hughes had given an old house and 20 acres of land for that purpose. Kiltegan became a place in which the diocesan priests working in Nigeria could spend their holidays and also a base from which the emerging Society could be organised. Fr. PJ Whitney appealed in Maynooth, as Bishop Shanahan had done, and by the end of 1930 seven more diocesan priests had gone to Nigeria. He also travelled to Ireland, speaking of the needs of Southern Nigeria and seeking the support he needed to establish the Society as a permanent missionary body within the Church. He was very successful at this and, in 1932; the time was ripe for the official establishment of the Society. At the present time, all those seeking to join St Patrick's Missionary Society come from the African continent. The Society opened houses of initial formation in West Africa and East Africa in 1997 and later in Central Africa. After two years in their own country, students travel to South Africa for university studies in philosophy. Thereafter they move to Nairobi, in Kenya for training in Theology at Tangaza College.