Parish Services _____

BIRTHDAY MASSES: .

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (24th March – 30th March)

Monday *The Annunciation of the Lord* .....Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday.....Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday .....Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday ..... Morar: 12 noon
Saturday .....Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 30th March /31st March (Fourth Sunday of Lent - 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

Stations of the Cross:
Tuesdays and Fridays before/after Weekday Mass
Thursdays .....Arisaig: 7 pm

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise)**:*
Saturday, 30th March ..... Morar: 5pm
or upon request
Housebound visits.....*no visits*

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
17.03 .....TOTAL £369 (Gift Aid £232)
Arisaig:
17.03 .....TOTAL £348.10 (Gift Aid £197.20)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: James MacLean (died recently); John Dempster (Mallaig) 21.03.1993; Winifred MacLellan (Mallaig) 26.03.2012; Lawrence McGeogh 27.03; Mary Chisholm 30.03.2011; Anthony MacDougall 31.03.2005; Lizzie Hanratty 04.04.2010; Louis Kennedy 22.03.1973; Donald Kennedy 27.03.2012; Winifred MacPherson (Arisaig) 31.03.2015.

Eternal rest…

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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

3rd Sunday of Lent (C) — 24th March 2019

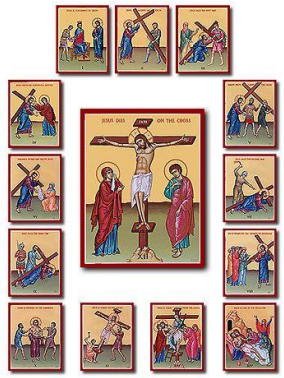
R) The Lord is compassion and love.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

MONDAY – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I am sure that we will make an effort to attend Mass on this day which will be at 10.15 am in Morar.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross are usually a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.



The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. Please note the times of the services at the back of the Parish Newsletter.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our next Special Collection will be on 19th April (Good Friday) for African Missions and Holy Places **(<u>do not use</u>** Parish 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!

PILGRIMAGE: I am pleased to inform you that the Pilgrimage is on! I was able to get enough people to cover the cost. There are still spaces left so if you still wish to go, please contact me asap.

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: 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. Just recently Sheila informed me what a good response her appeal has brought in. Please, continue with your generosity!
BISHOP MCGEE: We welcome Bishop McGee to our Parishes. We are very grateful that despite Clergy Personnel shortage in the Diocese, he was able to find time for our Parishes in his busy schedule.
SCIAF: Greenhouse gases from countries like the UK have caused devastating changes to our climate that are destroying the lives and livelihoods of our poorest brothers and sisters. Pope Francis calls on us all to act to address this injustice. Please support our campaign to reduce the UK's contribution to climate change by filling in the postcard in your WEE BOX pack and returning it to SCIAF.
READERS ROTA FOR EASTER: Our Rota for Easter Services is almost ready and hopefully we will have all the readers and, music and texts ready for Palm Sunday and Holy Week by next weekend.
CHRISM MASS: This year's Chrism Mass will be on Wednesday, 10th April at 7pm in Oban Cathedral. I have booked a School Minibus for volunteers. **Please, speak to me if you wish to go with me on the bus asap.**
LENTEN CONFESSIONS: Will take place in Holy Week when Fr Kieran arrives.
NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

- Both Canon Billy Fraser and Fr Joe Calleja have informed the Bishop that they wish to retire. Canon Fraser will retire in the summer and Fr Calleja has retired as of last Sunday. Canon Fraser has served the diocese as a priest for fifty years. After serving as a missionary in Pakistan, Fr Joe came to the Diocese and served in Oban, Morar and Dunoon. Bishop McGee will thank both of them more formally at a future date, but he wished to acknowledge now their contribution to our diocese.
- Please keep in your prayers Fr Ross Crichton as he discerns his own future. He will be returning to his parishes shortly.
- Bishop McGee welcomed Fr Basil Ejim to the diocese on a six-month loan as he takes a break from his studies in Rome. He will take up an immediate but temporary appointment at Ballachulish.
- We look forward to ordaining Rev Ronald Campbell to the priesthood in St Mary's, Benbecula on Tuesday 7th July at 6pm. Please keep Ronald in your prayers.

LITURGY WORKS: Next Liturgy Works Weekend which will take place in the Conforti Institute 3rd-5th May 2019. The weekend provides an opportunity for our people to learn and to share with each other. You must book as room-sharing pairs* by sending a £20 per person deposit to Denise MacLean, 11 Baddens Park, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8UL. (Cheque made payable to "Diocesan Choir".) On arrival at Conforti, £60 should be paid at Reception Check-in (Cash or cheques payable to "Lanarkshire Global Education Centre"). The weekend will begin at 4pm for those who can make it, but everyone should be present for Dinner at 7pm. We will end with Mass on Sunday morning (at a location to be decided). *Participants requiring single accommodation may need to make their own accommodation arrangements locally. They should pay their deposit and notify Moira of their intentions. Conforti will charge for meals accordingly.

RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX: will arrive in our diocese on Thursday 12th September and depart on Saturday 14th September.

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.

<u>ARISAIG PARISH:</u>

GRAVEYARD APPLICATIONS: There was a meeting held of the Graveyard Committee last week and decisions will be posted by the end of March.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Details at the back of the Newsletter.
NEW OFFERTORY/GIFT AID ENVELOPES: At the back of our Churches you will find new Gift Aid envelopes. Starting from Sunday, 7th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 31st March so as not to be confused. Please remember to notify me if you are no longer a tax payer and need to leave the scheme.
EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday (Fr Kieran) – 7pm; Good Friday (Fr Stan) – 3pm; Easter Vigil (Fr Kieran) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday (Fr Stan) – 10am.

<u>MORAR PARISH:</u>

CHURCH LOTTERY: Have you bought your ticket today? It is a great way of showing support.
JAMES MACLEAN RIP: With great sadness we received word about James' passing. He will be buried from the Parish. Details will be announced in due course. May he rest in peace.
NEW OFFERTORY/GIFT AID ENVELOPES: At the back of our Churches you will find new Gift Aid envelopes. You will probably notice that the numbers are different than before. Starting from Sunday, 7th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 31st March so as not to be confused. The numbers have changed so that the Parishes would no longer have to pay for the excess box sets. As the numbers have diminished over the years and some people are no longer tax payers, we need to limit the number of these sets. I apologise for this minor inconvenience. Please remember to notify me if you are no longer a tax payer and need to leave the scheme.
EASTER SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: I will be visiting Mallaig Primary on the 29th for the School Assembly.
CANNA APPEAL: As you well know, St. Columba's on Canna is part of Morar Parish. Just recently I received a new bill for electricity as Historic Scotland will no longer be providing it. I was quite high for such a small building. Considering how the Bishop and the Diocese have increased the financial burden on the Parish, we have to look at other ways to raise funds to help with the running costs. As there was no votive candle stand on Canna, I thought it might be a good way of helping the Parish with the financial burden. However, a fire safe votive stand is a cost in itself (£500) so I was wondering if anyone would like to donate the stand in memory of a loved one? Please speak to me if you would like to donate the Candle Stand so that we could also include a memorable plaque.
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HEALTH AND SAFETY: Works are progressing in this matter. Mallaig Church needs to be improved now.