

Weekday Services (29th April – 4th May)

Monday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Morar: 10.15 pm
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St Athanasius</i>	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday <i>St Philip and St James</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Sunday Masses 4th/5th May (Third Sunday of Easter – Year C)	
Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am	Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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	Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
21.04	£523 (including £248 of Gift Aided Donations)
Good Friday	£277
Arisaig:	
21.04	£386.25 (including £126.65 of Gift Aided Donations)
Good Friday	£122.73

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Beth MacDougall (died recently Bo' Ness).

Eternal rest...

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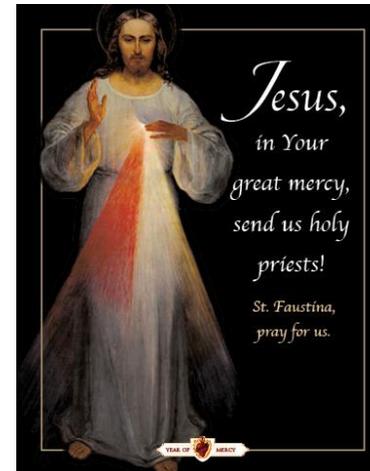
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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

Divine Mercy Sunday (C)

28th April 2018

R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from Sr. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

St. Faustina Kowalska was a nun who, in the 1930s, received a series of private revelations centered on God's mercy as his greatest attribute. She recorded those experiences in her Diary. In addition to a theology and spirituality of Divine Mercy, the revelations also contain five concrete forms of devotion requested by the Lord, one of which was the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (The others include a chaplet prayer, similar to the rosary; a daily 3:00 p.m. reflection on Christ's passion and divine mercy; an image of Jesus as the Divine Mercy; and a request to spread mercy, both in terms of the devotions themselves, as well as through concrete spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy). The devotions themselves also have promises attached to them for those who pray them sincerely.

In the case of the Feast of Divine Mercy, our Lord promises that "... [W]henever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment" (Diary, # 300). "On this day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession, and receive Holy Communion, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet?" (Diary, # 699).

MONDAY – SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

She was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard to



defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

THURSDAY – SAINT ATHANASIUS

He was born in Alexandria. He assisted Bishop Alexander at the Council of Nicaea and later succeeded him as bishop. He fought hard against Arianism all his life, undergoing many sufferings and spending a total of 17 years in exile. He wrote outstanding works to explain and defend orthodoxy.

Athanasius's passion for the truth seems tactless to many of us today, to the point where some Catholic devotional works even express embarrassment over it. This is grotesque. Before we congratulate ourselves on being more gentle and civilised than Athanasius and his contemporaries, we should look at the lack of charity that characterizes academic controversies today (from string theory to global warming) and the way that some of the participants are willing to use any weapon that comes to hand, from legal persecution to accusations of madness to actual assault. The matters in dispute with the Arians were more important than any of these scientific questions. They were vital to the very nature of Christianity, and, as Cardinal Newman put it, the trouble was that at that time the laity tended to be champions of orthodoxy while their bishops (seduced by closeness to imperial power) tended not to be. The further trouble (adds Chadwick) is that the whole thing became tangled up with matters of power, organization and authority, and with cultural differences between East and West. Athanasius was accused of treason and murder, embezzlement and sacrilege. In the fight against him, any weapon would do.

Arianism taught that the Son was created by the Father and in no way equal to him. This was in many ways a "purer" and more "spiritual" approach to religion, since it did not force God to undergo the undignified experience of being made of meat. Islam is essentially Arian, granting Jesus a miraculous birth, miracles, death (though not crucifixion) and a resurrection, but all as a matter of God demonstrating his power by committing more spectacular miracles than usual.

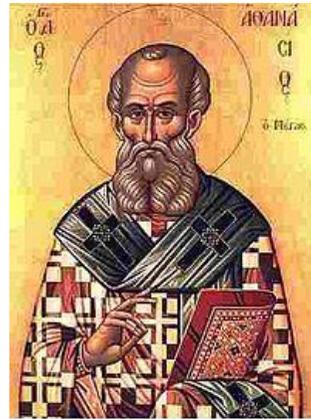
Arianism leaves an infinite gap between God and man, and ultimately destroys the Gospel, leaving it either as a fake or as a cruel parody. It leaves the door open to Manichaeism, which mixes Zoroastrian, Buddhist and Gnostic elements into Christianity, so that God is good but creation is bad (or at worst, a mistake) and the work of an evil anti-God. Only by being orthodox and insisting on the identity of the natures of the Father and the Son and the Spirit can we truly understand the goodness of creation and the love of God, and live according to them.



FRIDAY – PHILIP AND JAMES

Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ.

James, a cousin of the Lord, was the son of Alphaeus. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62.



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!

SCIAF WEE BOXES: Time is approaching when we are asked to return our Wee Boxes. The final **deadline** for returning the boxes is today, **Sunday, 28th April**. Please remember, that if you do not return your box by today, you will have to send it directly to SCIAF. This is to help those who count the money to send everything off to SCIAF in one go. It is also a great help in managing the accounts of the Parishes so thank you for your cooperation.

GIFT AID: Our Gift Aid has claim has been submitted to the diocese! Remember that it will take at least till September to receive the funds. Thank you very much for using the scheme which allows us to upkeep our Parishes and cover the Insurance.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our next Special Collection will on 12th May for Parish Maintenance (please **use** your Parish GA envelopes). Following on June 2nd Special Collection for Communications (**do not use** GA).

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Please, continue with your generosity!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday, we will be offering our prayers for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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:

FUNDRAISER: Thank you to everyone who attended and to all who prepared the lovely food. My special thanks to Anne MacMillan for coordinating the event. We raised over £400!

PAINTERS IN THE CHAPEL HOUSE: TV Room and window sills have been painted inside. Many thanks to Duncan MacDonald.

CAR PARK AREA: The condition of our carpark area has improved/will improve. I know that this has been a challenge for some time now but due to lack of funds difficult to achieve. I have negotiated the price and still it will be a significant expense (£4200). Was it necessary? The workers were in the area which allowed me to negotiate a better deal than it would normally be. Winter time, there was a lot of difficulty with the carpark and patch up work would not be fair to the surrounding and the quality of the church area. I am very grateful to the anonymous donor who agreed to cover this expense. Please, remember to pray for all our Parishioners and Benefactors.

NEW BOILER has arrived and will await installation by Jamie and Henry Young. I am grateful to them for accepting this challenging job and to Alistair Neil MacKay and Douglas MacKellaig (MacKellaig Builders) for helping to put it in.

MORAR PARISH:

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

NEW SURFACE AT THE ENTRANCE: In response to some honest comments about the quality of the driveway area in Morar I have agreed to have the works carried out to improve our welcoming experience for cars. It is again, a significant expense (£2400) and your generosity in the upcoming Special Collection for Parish Maintenance would help greatly with the extra costs.

PETER MORRISON: Last Saturday we welcomed Peter into our Christian Community. Congratulations to him and his parents Melanie and Kenneth.

Once again, many thanks for your help last Sunday. Teas/Coffees were lovely and our children enjoyed the hunt as well. Many thanks to Shivan, Marina and Mairi for preparing the event!