

# 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 (20<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> January)**

Monday .....Morar: 10.15 am  
*For Michael Mangan the Lay Order of St. Michael*

Tuesday St Agnes .....Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
*Leisha MacKellaig RIP*

Wednesday .....Arisaig: 10.15 am  
*Donald MacDonald RIP (Cnoc-na-faire)*

Thursday .....Mallaig: 10.15 am  
*Leisha MacKellaig RIP*

Friday St Francis the Sales .....Morar: 10.15 am  
*For the March For Life in Washington – organisers, supporters and participants*

Saturday The Conversion of St Paul .....Arisaig: 10.15 am  
*Leisha MacKellaig RIP*

**Sunday Masses 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary - A)**

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm .....Morar  
*Leisha MacKellaig RIP*

Sunday 10:00 am .....Arisaig  
*Ronnie MacDonald RIP*

Sunday 11:30 am .....Mallaig  
*Pro populo*

**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 ..... as required*

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald MacDonald (Cnoc-na-faire) 22.01; Ronnie MacDonald 22.01.2005; Bishop Ian Murray 22.01.2016; Alec MacDonald (Creagh Mhor) 16.01.

*Eternal rest...*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)** **19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

*R) Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** On 26<sup>th</sup> January, we will have a Special Collection for Scottish Catholic Education Service.

**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!

**CURRY NIGHT:** Was a big success! Thank you to all who contributed to such a wonderful event.

**PARISH RAFFLE:** 3 Hamper Baskets will be prepared to Fundraise for the Trip. You can buy the Raffles from our Youth.



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**FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP:** Winter is here 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. Please, consider buying a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

**YOUTH TRIP MEETING:** Will take place on the afternoon of 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Following comments (and complaints), I have decided to publish Mass Intentions on the last page of the Newsletter. This will be done on a trial basis only. The actual Masses might change at the last minute due to exceptional circumstances. Examples:

- If someone is sick and going through a surgery, I would rather celebrate a Mass for his/hers wellbeing rather than for someone who is deceased. I realise that such Mass can fall on someone's anniversary, but I hope you will understand.
- Funeral Mass takes precedent over any other intentions. If I celebrate a Funeral Mass, it is always for the person being buried.

**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.*

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which usually takes place from 18–25 January, in some parts of the world is celebrated at Pentecost. Texts and prayer materials were prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta and Gozo, together with an international committee comprising representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/notizie-2019/2019-06-17-spuc-2020.html>

On the theme “They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2), the texts are based on the biblical passage describing the shipwreck of Saint Paul in Malta (Acts 27:18–28,10). This passage led the group to reflect on the trust of Saint Paul in divine providence and on the ecumenical virtue of hospitality. In the liturgy and reflections for the Week of Prayer, other themes are highlighted, including reconciliation, discernment, hope, trust, strength, hospitality, conversion and generosity.

We have a particular connection to Malta, as Fr Joseph Calleja, Morar and Mallaig Parish Priest in the past, came from there. He was a great promoter of Christian Unity in Pakistan, where he served for many years.

Malta, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, received the Christian faith through the efforts of the Apostle, Paul, after he was shipwrecked there while travelling to Rome. In Acts 27 and 28, we read the detailed narrative describing the terrible storm at sea, the ‘providential’ shipwreck and the subsequent welcome afforded to the 276 individuals on the vessel who all made it safely to shore. Paul’s healing ministry in Malta is also briefly described in the same New Testament text. During its long and chequered history, Malta was ruled by various powers: the Carthaginians, the Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Swabians, the Aragonese, the Knights of the Order of St John, the French and the British. Malta became an independent nation within the British Commonwealth in 1964. In 2004, it joined the European Union. The Christian faith is deeply rooted in the culture of the inhabitants of Malta and its sister island of Gozo. Although the current population of about 430,000 is predominantly Roman

Catholic, there are significant groups of Christians belonging to other traditions. Ecumenism is not a new experience to the local population. Being at the crossroads of civilizations, religions, trade and migration, has made the people of Malta always open to others, and markedly hospitable. The Maltese people recognize that the proper handling of current differences can lead to the mutual appreciation of the respective richness found in the different Churches. The first permanent and numerically significant presence of members from other Churches dates back to the first half of the 19th century. The strong military and naval presence of British servicemen and their accompanying pastors eventually led to the construction of suitable and dignified places of worship for the members of the Church of Scotland (St Andrew’s Scots’ Church, founded in 1824, completed in 1857), the Anglican Communion (St Paul’s Pro-Cathedral founded in 1839, completed in 1844) and the Methodist Church (completed in 1883). The Crimean War and the opening of the Suez Canal made Malta a strategic naval base as well as the hub of trade and an important shipyard. A Greek Orthodox community was established in 1816 by Greeks and Cypriots living in Malta. From the 1990s, there was an exponential growth of members of different Orthodox Churches. The majority consist of Eastern Europeans settling in Malta in order to find work. This includes Serbian and Russian Orthodox, as well as Romanian and Bulgarian Orthodox. At the same time, a substantial number of Oriental Orthodox faithful, especially from Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea, have found refuge in Malta, after fleeing their respective countries on account of persecution. The same can be said about small groups of Orthodox Christians from the Middle East, particularly from Syria and Iraq. This wide kaleidoscope of Christian Churches makes the ecumenical scene a vibrant one indeed. The first ecumenical encounters in Malta took place in the mid-1960s when a small group of Roman Catholic clergyman regularly met a number of chaplains from the British forces stationed in Malta. They discussed matters of common interest and prayed together. Collaboration between Maltese biblical scholars and clergy from different Christian traditions was also frequent and fruitful. It is known that many of these ecumenical contacts were based on deeply rooted friendly relationships. The Malta Bible Society worked with the clergy from a number of different Christian communities.

**ARISAIG PARISH:**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** It is time to hold a Parish Council meeting. I suggest Monday, 2nd March at 6pm in the Club Room. Finance Committee will meet before to go through our last year’s accounts and present the summary at the meeting.

**MORAR PARISH:**

**WINTER IS HERE:** 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** It is time to hold a Parish Council meeting. I suggest Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm in the Chapel House. Finance Committee will meet before to go through our last year’s accounts and present the summary at the meeting.

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



**HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Donald MacDonald**

**COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Arisaig:</b>	
05.01 .....	TOTAL £269 (Gift Aid £119)
Crib .....	TOTAL £139.13
<b>Morar and Mallaig:</b>	
05.01 .....	TOTAL £398 (Gift Aid £265)
Crib .....	TOTAL £134