

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin, Morar  
St. Mary's, Arisaig – Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry  
St. Patrick's, Mallaig - St. Agnes, Glenuig

## Weekday Masses (6 March - 11 March)

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| Monday .....   | Morar: 10:00 am   |
| Tuesday .....  | Mallaig: 5:00 pm  |
| Wednesday..... | Arisaig: 10:00 am |
| Thursday.....  | Mallaig: 10:00 am |
| Friday.....    | Morar: 10:00 am   |
| Saturday.....  | Arisaig: 10:00 am |

## Stations of the Cross:

Arisaig: Thursday 7pm  
Mingarry/Glenuig: after Mass on Sunday  
Morar: after Mass on Friday

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (11 March) Morar.....5:00 pm  
Any other time on request

## Housebound visits this week

Thursday..... Morar from 11.00 am

## Sunday Masses 11 / 12 March (Second Sunday of Lent - A)

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| Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm ..... | Morar    |
| Sunday 10:00 am .....          | Arisaig  |
| Sunday 11:30 am .....          | Mallaig  |
| Sunday 2:00 pm.....            | Mingarry |

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Sandy Gillies (Glenuig) 23.02; James MacDonald 04.03.1985; Iain MacDonald (the Land) 05.03.2012; Bella MacDonald (Arisaig) 06.03; Charlie MacDonald 07.03; Ronnie MacPhee (South Uist/Mallaig) 08.03.2012; *Eternal rest...*

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## First Sunday of Lent (A)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

*R) Have mercy on us o Lord, for we have sinned.*

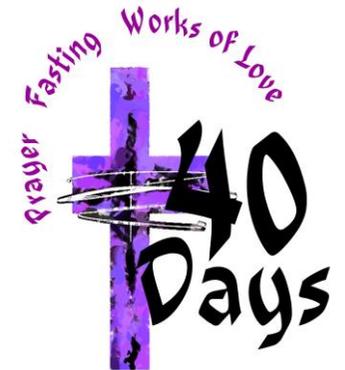
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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## LENT

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Why is Baptism so important in our Lenten understanding? Lent as a 40-day season developed in the fourth century from three merging sources. The first was the ancient paschal fast that began as a two-day observance before Easter but was gradually lengthened to 40 days. The second was the catechumenate as a process of preparation for Baptism, including an intense period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at Easter. The third was the Order of Penitents, which was modelled on the catechumenate and sought a second conversion for those who had fallen back into serious sin after Baptism. As the catechumens (candidates for Baptism) entered their final period of preparation for Baptism, the penitents and the rest of the community accompanied them on their journey and prepared to renew their baptismal vows at Easter.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please, remember about our Lenten devotions. Stations of the Cross begin this week. Please, check the times on the back page of the Newsletter.

**LENTEN TALK:** Fr. Michael Briody, parish priest of St. Michael's, Moodiesburn, will give a talk in St. John's Church, Caol on Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30p.m. Fr. Michael produced a booklet to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the saints martyrdom. There will be a cup of tea/coffee after the talk and copies of Fr. Michael's booklet on St. John Ogilvie will be on sale.

**GIFT AID:** As we are slowly approaching the end of Tax Year for Gift Aid, please let me know if your circumstances have changed: address or if you no longer pay tax. Thank you for your support!

**SCIAF:** This weekend, on behalf of SCIAF, **Marian Pallister** will give us a short talk on the works of the Charity. Our Lenten Special Collection for SCIAF will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please do not hesitate to speak to Marian if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for SCIAF.

If you have not done so already, please you can take your SCIAF package which is located at the back of the Church. This year, the **final date** for return of the boxes will be on **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of April**. If you miss this deadline, you will have to send your box directly to SCIAF. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, as it will help me a lot in managing the three parishes.

By giving, reflecting and acting with SCIAF at Lent your parish is helping people like David Munyendeyi from Zambia to grow enough food for his four children. He said: 'My children used to be hungry. It was so sad to see. I hope they have a better life, starting from now.'

#### **ARISAIG PARISH:**

**HEATING UPDATE:** New boiler for the Chapel House has arrived. Almost 300kg box! Now Henry and Jamie Young will proceed with the installation. My thanks also to John and Alistair Neil MacKay who will help with the building up and connecting the boiler.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** At the back of the Church, you can find your offertory envelopes for the following tax year. Please, make sure you collect the right envelope. Your names are located on the top of each set. Some numbers might have changed and this is to limit the number of 'non used' boxes next year as the parish has to pay for the sets whether they are used or not. If you cannot find your set of envelopes, please speak to me after Mass. I hope there will be no complaints, but with me, you never know!

**ENVELOPE CHANGES:** You will notice some changes this year on your envelopes. There are **no 'Special Collection'** envelopes in your set. Instead at the back of your set, there is a set of envelopes with boxes to tick. The Collections listed there are **the only possible choices**. If there is a Special Collection, which is not listed, this means that for that Collection you can't use your envelopes. Sometimes other envelopes might be provided instead (eg. SCIAF). I will be reminding you of this before each special collection. Please, do not hesitate to

speak to me or Pat, or Merac if there is something you do not understand. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This is to fulfil the requirements of The Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

**HEATING&LIGHTING: In memory of James MacDonald.**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** My thanks to all those, who helped to organise the event, especially Isa and Peggy. Thank you for all the baking and help with tea/coffee at the back of the Church. I was truly impressed by the attendance and friendly atmosphere.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** My thanks to all who helped with the Confirmations last Sunday: Catechists, the Choir, Sacristans, Servers, Parents, all those who helped with teas/coffees at the back. Thank you for your support for our children.

**CAT UPDATE:** Our soldier is doing well and seems to be recovering nicely from his wounds. For his bravery, he has been promoted to a rank of a captain and will be known from now on as 'Captain Cat'. But do not be misguided, he is not a pirate with his one eye! He will have to survive another trip to the vet this Wednesday. He might not be happy about this, as his recovery will mean that from now on – extra rations are to be limited!

#### **MINGARRY PARISH:**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council meeting will be on **12<sup>th</sup> March**, after Sunday Mass in Mingarry.

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**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** Many thanks to Jean Whitton for her involvement and help at the Ecumenical Service. My thanks for your attendance and representing the parish.

#### **COLLECTIONS:**

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| <b>Morar/Mallaig:</b> |                         |
| 26.12.....            | £405 (Gift Aid £284)    |
| <b>Arisaig:</b>       |                         |
| 26.12.....            | £235.76 (Gift Aid £139) |
| <b>Mingarry:</b>      |                         |
| 26.12.....            | £214.70 (Gift Aid £160) |