

Parish Services

Weekday Masses (20 March - 25 March)

Monday *St. Joseph* Morar: 10:00 am
 Tuesday Mallaig: 5:00 pm
 Wednesday Eigg
 Thursday Mallaig: 10:00 am
 Friday Morar: 10:00 am
 Saturday *Annunciation of the Lord* Arisaig: 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (25 March) Morar 5:00 pm
 Any other time on request

Housebound visits this week

Thursday *no visits*

Sunday Masses 25 / 26 March (Fourth Sunday of Lent - A)

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

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Anne Laura MacNeil 21.03.2015; John Dempster (Mallaig) 21.03.1993;

Eternal rest...

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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

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

19th March 2017

R) O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!



Monday – ST. JOSEPH

Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; and he supported Mary and brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. Although he is not officially a patron saint of anything in particular (though he is a patron of the Church as a whole), he is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, and of workers in general.

Saturday – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The fact of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is related in Luke 1:26-38. The Evangelist tells us that in the sixth month after the conception of St. John the Baptist by Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town in the mountains of Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused (i.e. married) to Joseph, of the same royal family. She had, however, not yet entered the household of her spouse, but was still in her mother's house, working, perhaps, over her



dowry. (Bardenhewer, Maria Verk., 69). And the angel having taken the figure and the form of man, came into the house and said to her: "Hail, full of grace (to whom is given grace, favoured one), the Lord is with thee." Mary having heard the greeting words did not speak; she was troubled in spirit, since she knew not the angel, nor the cause of his coming, nor the meaning of the salutation. And the angel continued and said: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end." The Virgin understood that there was question of the coming Redeemer. But, why should she be elected from amongst women for the splendid dignity of being the mother of the Messiah, having vowed her virginity to God? (St. Augustine). Therefore, not doubting the word of God like Zachary, but filled with fear and astonishment, she said: "How shall this be done, because I know not man?"

The angel to remove Mary's anxiety and to assure her that her virginity would be spared, answered: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." In token of the truth of his word he made known to her the conception of St. John, the miraculous pregnancy of her relative now old and sterile: "And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth; she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: because no word shall be impossible with God." Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please, remember about our Lenten devotions. Check the times on the back page of the Newsletter.

EIGG: Weather permitting, I will be going to Eigg on Wednesday. Please, note that there will be no Mass that day in Arisaig.

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

CHRISM MASS: Gremlins have sneaked into last weeks Newsletter so the correct notice should be: This year, Chrism Mass in Oban will take place on **5th April, 7pm**. Please, consider making an effort to go. During Mass, all the priests renew their promises and concelebrate with the Bishop, who Blesses the Oils that we use for the Sacraments. It is quite an important event and also an opportunity to meet with other priests.

SCIAF: SCIAF are working with the Church in Zambia to find long term solutions to poverty and hunger. Your donations are helping poor families learn cheaper new ways of farming so that they can grow more food – whatever the weather.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next week, we will hold a Special Collection for SCIAF. Please note, that you **must not** use your Parish Envelopes for this collection. Special Envelopes from SCIAF are provided at the back if you wish to use them.

LITURGYWORKS: Conforti Institute, Coatbridge, **5th- 7th May 2017**.

You are invited to LiturgyWorks: a weekend of liturgy-themed workshops, spiritual talks, liturgical song, prayer and get-together with people from around the parishes of Argyll & the Isles. We have a new location and a renewed presentation of our 20-year old Diocesan Pastoral Music Weekends. Please check the poster and speak to **Fr Michael Hutson**, tel. **01700 502047** if you would like to attend.

ARISAIG PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday – 8pm; Good Friday – 3pm; Easter Vigil – 8.30pm; Easter Sunday – 10am.

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.

MORAR PARISH:

HEATING&LIGHTING: In memory of Sarah & Donald MacEachen (Tougal).

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GARDEN: Some work was done last week to the drain canal at the back of the church/house to prevent further flooding of the back yard.

MINGARRY PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: Our Easter Services Times in Mingarry and Genuig are available at the back of the churches. I am very grateful to Fr Tony Boylan, who will preside over Easter. Maybe you would consider helping out in the liturgy as a reader or help to prepare the church for services? I am very grateful for your help in this matter.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council Minutes are available at the back of the Church if you have not received an email copy yet. My thanks to Anna for providing them. Our meetings in the future will take place in the Church Hall to allow everyone to participate fully (eyes and ears!).

FR JERRY MCGLONE: Thank you so much for your hospitality to Fr McGlone. Although it was just a flying visit I am sure he was able to experience the famous hospitality of the Parish – including meringues!

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
12.03.....£477 (Gift Aid £343)
Arisaig:
12.03.....£237 (Gift Aid £101)
Mingarry:
12.03.....£158.20 (Gift Aid £100)