

# 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 Services (24 April - 29 April)

Monday *St. Egbert* ..... Morar: 10:15 am  
Tuesday *St. Mark, Evangelist* ..... Mallaig: 5:00 pm  
Wednesday ..... Arisaig: 10:15 am  
Thursday ..... *no Mass*  
Friday ..... Morar: 10:15 am  
Saturday *St. Catherine of Siena* ..... Arisaig: 10:15 am

## Sunday Masses 29 / 30 April (Third Sunday of Easter - A)

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

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Morar: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, after morning Mass till 11 am.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 5:00 pm ..... Morar  
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week.....no visits

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** John O'Donaghue (Arisaig) 26.04.12; Bill Simmonds 'the Diver' (Mallaig) 21.04.2016; Joe Duffy (Bracara) 23.04.95;

*Eternal rest...*

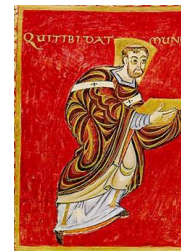
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## Divine Mercy Sunday (A)

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

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!

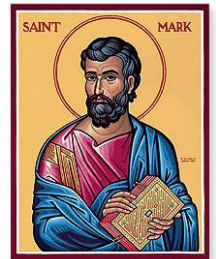


## MONDAY – SAINT EGBERT

Egbert is 8th. Century An English monk of Lindisfarne, he was anxious to go on the mission to Germany. His destiny, however, was less heroic but quite important. Settling on Iona, he succeeded in persuading the monks to adopt the roman usage over the celebration of Easter - a task which took thirteen years of gentle persuasion.

## TUESDAY – SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

He was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say that the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint.



## TUESDAY – 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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with Easter joy.

During the course of His revelations to Saint Faustina Jesus asked for a Feast of His Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. The liturgical texts of this Sunday are about the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of God's Mercy, and are well suited to Jesus request. The Feast was made universal by Saint John Paul II when he canonised Sr. Faustina in the great Jubilee Year 2000 so that: "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter would receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." This papal act represented the highest endorsement the Church can give to a private revelation.

This year the Friends of divine Mercy Scotland are gifting packs to Scottish parishes promoting devotion to the Divine Mercy and are asking you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena from Good Friday to the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday and the Chaplet daily.

Following on from the Holy Year of Mercy and in these times of New Evangelisation what better way to spread the Gospel than to promote God's Mercy, not just by talking about it, but by offering God's mercy to everyone we meet! Showing God's Mercy to everyone is what Jesus means by spreading the Good News.

To the great number of our brothers and sisters who feel outside the Church because of family breakdown or the trials of life Our Heavenly Father says: Come back to me! He offers a path of mercy and repentance for our sins and, in hearts made pure, His power and grace can begin to grow strong again in our Church and our country. Pope Francis has challenged us to reach out to the margins and most god-forsaken areas where the light of Christ is needed most. He reminds us how Jesus wants everyone to feel included in His mercy and for our parishes to become centres of mission to the homes and everyday lives of everyone, inviting all without exception to participate in our joyful community. Everyone has a cross to carry but we make our crosses lighter by helping each other to carry them. This is what it means to live the Gospel and share the mercy of Christ with all. May you find peace, love and joy in the mercy of Christ on this Feast Day of the Divine Mercy.

God bless you and your families.

+ John Keenan

**SCIAF WEE BOXES:** Time is approaching when we are asked to return our Wee Boxes. The final **deadline** for returning the boxes will be **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**. Please remember, that if you do not return your box by that day, 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 Three Parishes so thank you for your cooperation.

**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-to-gether 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.

**VOCATIONS: #priesthood2018:** Thinking about being a priest? Considering the Diocesan priesthood? Priests for Scotland are holding a day for enquirers on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Glasgow University Catholic Chaplaincy. For more information or to book a place speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Michael Hutson, 01700 502047, Michael.hutson@me.com

**NEW DEACON:** Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of April, one of our seminarians in Rome, will be ordained a Deacon. I would like to ask you to pray for Emmanuel Alagbaoso as he prepares for this important day in his life and even more important step on his way to Priesthood. Hopefully he will be ordained a priest for our Diocese next year.

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**BILL HENDERSON RIP:** Thank you very much for your attendance and support at the Funeral Service. I am also very grateful to Bill's family for the donation we have received.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** I suggest we postpone the original date of the meeting and hold a Parish Council meeting on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. This will allow more time to prepare the reports and actions, that were discussed at our last meeting (Finance, Fabric and Planning, Garden).

### MORAR PARISH:

**MAIRI BUCHANAN RIP:** Thank you very much for your attendance and support at the Funeral. I am also very grateful to Mairi's family for organising a collection for the Parish. We raised £420.

**NIAMH HENDERSON RIP:** Thank you very much for your attendance and support at the Funeral. I am also very grateful to Niamh's family for organising a collection to be shared between Epilepsy Action and the Parish.

**PARKING:** Some people have approached me a couple of weeks ago to ask about the changes regarding the parking area outside St. Patrick's Church. I have expressed my concerns by emailing Allan Henderson, who passed on my query to Pauline Donaldson from Community Services Roads Department. As the matter concerns putting a Disabled Parking Space in the exact space where I park my car, which will have an effect on the whole area, I have decided to pass on the matter to Deirdre Roberts, to represent the Parish. I wish to avoid any concerns of having a personal agenda in resolving this issue. I am very grateful to Deirdre for taking this matter into her capable hands! Deirdre will report the matter on to the Parish Council.

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**I AM BACK:** After a long break I am resuming my regular duties in the Parish. I am grateful for help and support of our Parishioners during this time.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** It is about time that we start thinking about our next meeting. I am very grateful to Richard Stead for preparing a report for Fabric and Planning of the Chapel House. There are also other matters that require some attention.

**NO UPDATE:** So far, I have received no word as to Fr McGlone's move to Mingarry. We continue to pray!

### COLLECTIONS:

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| Morar/Mallaig: |   |
| 16.04.....     | £610 (Gift Aid £291) / Good Friday £290       |
| Arisaig:       |   |
| 16.04.....     | £450.20 (Gift Aid £197) / Good Friday £134.70 |
| Mingarry:      |   |
| 16.04.....     | £279.15 (Gift Aid £147) / Good Friday £88.31  |