

# 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 (1 May - 6 May)

Monday ..... Morar: 10:15 am  
Tuesday *St. Athanasius* ..... Mallaig: 5:00 pm  
Wednesday *Feast of Sts. Philip and James* ..... Arisaig: 10:15 am  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10:15 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10:15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10:15 am

## Sunday Masses 6 / 7 May (Fourth 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 ..... Glenuig

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Morar: Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, after morning Mass till 11 am.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, after morning Mass ..... Arisaig  
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week ..... Arisaig, Thursday or as announced

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Patricia Morrison (South Uist) 01.05.2003; Ann MacDonald (Dalnabreac) 03.05.

*Eternal rest...*

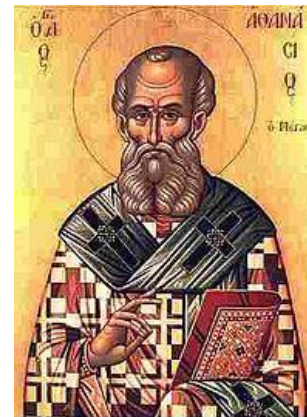
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## Third Sunday of Easter (A)

30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

*R) Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**



## TUESDAY – 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.



### WEDNESDAY – PHILIP AND JAMES

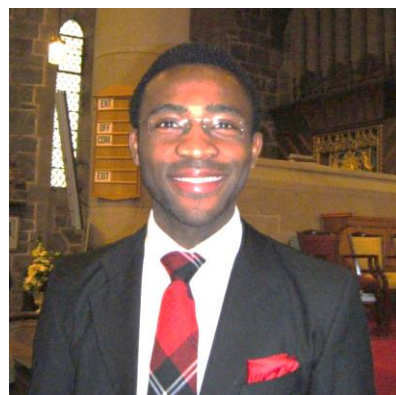
Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ.

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.

**SCIAF WEE BOXES:** This Sunday was the last to deliver the Wee Boxes back. Now we will count the money and send it off to SCIAF. I will publish our totals in due course. Thank you for your generosity and help.

**FR MACKAY:** Last week I was able to see Fr Donald MacKay at the Beatson Hospital in Glasgow. Fr Donald continues to undergo his treatment. However, as he developed an infection, he needs to remain in hospital for the time being. We continue to pray for him as he struggles with his illness. Many people in our community suffer from various conditions and we bring our intentions for them to the Lord's Altar!

**MEET OUR NEW DEACON: Emmanuel Onyekachi Alagbaoso** is being ordained deacon for our diocese at the Scots College in Rome on 30th April. Emmanuel finished his STB last year and is currently working on a Licence at the Angelicum University. Emmanuel is 28 years old and comes from Nigeria. He is a keen football player. As he explains it himself: 'Becoming a priest was something I started thinking about from an early age. I assisted in various events in my parish and joined the youth association. This helped me understand what it means to serve at parish level. Actually, I have always seen and loved the way my Parish Priest celebrated the Mass with utmost care and love for the Eucharist. And from there, I began to develop the desire to serve God as a priest. I began to consider priesthood from about age 9, although I have had lots of different experiences and insights into priesthood along the way. [...] Argyll & the Isles is the best diocese in the world! Seriously, I would like to say that the choice of Argyll and the Isles was by the grace of God. I was once a member of a religious order that serves the Church under the



charism of the mass media. It was a very wonderful apostolate and I loved the experience I gained with them for almost 8 years. But I have always loved to serve the Church in a more pastorally inclined way. I like visiting the sick, celebrating Mass for a parish community, and in general following the diocesan priest's way of life. And so, after praying, reflecting and discussing with those in charge of my formation in the congregation, I decided to look for a diocese where I could follow what I discerned to be my true vocation. By this time, I knew a superior who knew our former bishop, Joseph Toal. He spoke to Bishop Toal and after visiting the diocese and after much discernment, the diocese welcomed me on to the Priests For Scotland Seminary Applicants' Year. So I must say, that it was all God's will and grace. And I am very happy and grateful to be in Argyll and the Isles. Going around the diocese during that time of discernment was an important part of the journey for me: the ancient history of Catholicism, the Gaelic language and songs, the ceilidhs, the wee drams, seeing all the beautiful parishes, meeting the wonderful people, being welcomed by the priests. I learned so much about Scotland and about life. And I always felt welcome.'

We congratulate Emmanuel and keep him in our prayers!

### ARISAIG PARISH:

**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).

**CHURCH CLEANING:** I am so grateful to everyone involved in cleaning of the Church. Since we are now approaching the end of our Rota I thought it would be a good idea to make a new list of volunteers for that service to the parish. Would you please resubmit your names on the list at the back of the church if you would like to continue or maybe if you have not done so already and would like to be included?

**EÜCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Starting from this Sunday, we will have a Rota of Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday. It will give a chance for all our Ministers to share in that Sacred Service and give some relief to the others at the same time. I would like to ask few more people to be added to this service.

### MORAR PARISH:

**NIAMH HENDERSON'S RETIRING COLLECTION:** We raised £1530 to be shared between the Parish and Epilepsy Action. Thank you for your generosity in this act of solidarity with the family.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARKING UPDATE:** Deirdre Roberts has taken on her role as Parish Representative. I am certain that she will be able to resolve all the concerns

### MINGARRY PARISH:

**NEW COMPUTER:** I have acquired a new laptop for the Parish. This is to fulfil our Data Protection Policy. Now all the records will be securely stored on a new computer. Before, Arisaig Parish computer was used for this. Now all the Records will be separate.

#### COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
23.04.....	£395 (Gift Aid £155.50)
Arisaig:	
23.04.....	£249 (Gift Aid £94)
Mingarry:	
23.04.....	£162 (Gift Aid £95)