

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 (22nd May – 27th May)

Monday Morar: 10:15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10:15 am

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (25th May)

Wednesday (*Vigil-Mass*) Mallaig: 7:00 pm
Thursday Arisaig: 10:15 am
Thursday Mingarry: 12:00 noon

Friday Morar: 10:15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10:15 am

Sunday Masses 27th / 28th May (Seventh 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 / Devotions:

Morar: Friday, after morning Mass till 11 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 27th May 5:00 pm Morar
Any other time upon request

Housebound visits this week.....no visits

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Neil Gillies 25.05; Sandy Gillies 26.05.1987; Flora MacDougall;
Flora MacDonald (Arisaig) 22.05; Mairi & Bob Mitchell (Mallaig).

Eternal rest...

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SIXTH Sunday of Easter (A)

21st May 2017

R) Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!



Thursday – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Although the place of the Ascension is not distinctly stated, it would appear from the Acts that it was Mount Olivet. Since after the Ascension the disciples are described as returning to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, within a Sabbath day's journey. Tradition has consecrated this site as the Mount of Ascension and Christian piety has memorialized the event by erecting over the site a basilica. St. Helena built the first memorial, which was destroyed by the Persians in 614, rebuilt in the eighth century, to be destroyed again, but rebuilt a second time by the crusaders. This the Moslems also destroyed, leaving only the octagonal structure which encloses the stone said to bear the imprint of the feet of Christ, that is now used as an oratory.

Not only is the fact of the Ascension related in the passages of Scripture cited above, but it is also elsewhere predicted and spoken of as an established fact. Thus, in John 6:63, Christ asks the Jews: "If then you shall see the son of Man ascend up where He was before?" and 20:17, He says to Mary Magdalen: "Do not touch Me, for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God." Again, in Ephesians 4:8-10, and in Timothy 3:16, the Ascension of Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact.

The language used by the Evangelists to describe the Ascension must be interpreted according to usage. To say that He was taken up or that He ascended, does not necessarily imply that they locate heaven directly above the earth; no more than the words "sitteth on the right hand of God" mean that this is His actual posture. In disappearing from their view "He was raised up and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9), and entering into glory He dwells with the Father in the honour and power denoted by the scripture phrase.

Please, check the Mass times on the back page of the Newsletter

Vacancy – Diocesan Treasurer

Post: Diocesan Treasurer

Hours of Work: Part-time – approximately 1.5 days per week (with flexibility)

Location: Oban

Salary: £18 per hour

The RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles is seeking to recruit a part-time Diocesan Treasurer, based in the Diocese Offices in Oban. This is an important new post, carrying significant responsibility to offer financial direction across the Diocese, overseeing the day-to-day management of all financial functions. In line with the Church's Code of Canon Law (Canon 494), the Diocesan Treasurer will be regarded as the Diocesan Financial Administrator and will be appointed for 5 years, after which the appointment may be renewed.

The Treasurer will work closely with the Vicar General and Diocese staff to be responsible for the financial strategic plan, accounts, budgets, audits and fund-raising, ensuring robust and compliant monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

The successful candidate will be a qualified Accountant (ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA), be able to think strategically, with excellent organisational skills and a proven ability to work outside of the job description on occasions. All applicants must be willing to work within a Christian framework and be sensitive to its ethos.

An Application Form and Job Description / Person Specification can be obtained by emailing the Vicar General at FrRoddyJohnston@aol.com. Completed application forms should be returned by post to: Rev. Roderick Johnston VG, Our Holy Redeemer Church, 71 Kenneth Street, Stornoway. HS1 2DS. The closing date for applications is at 5pm on Friday 2 June 2017

MONSIGNIOR WYNNE: As requested, this weekend we extend our Collection for Monsignor Wynne on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination and Retirement. Msgr Wynne will mark this occasion with a Mass in Roy Bridge, on 15th June at 6pm. Also on 25th June, Fr Wynne will celebrate his Jubilee Mass also in Arisaig. Afterwards we will have teas/coffees in the Astley Hall.

GREEN ISLE: Mass will be celebrated on the Green Isle on Sunday, 4th June, 2017. The boat will depart from Glenfinnan Pier at 1pm sharp and will return at approximately 6.30p.m. giving people about one hour on the Island.

To secure a place on the boat, please contact Mairi Weir on 01397 772368 or mairiweir@aol.com. The cost is £25 per person to be paid in advance. Cheques should be made out to Lochsheil Cruises or cash to be paid by 29th May. Please send payment to Mairi Weir, Camus Na Ha, Fort William, PH33 7NN.

Twenty-five people maximum will be allowed on the boat. Please bring a packed lunch with you and waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather.

The approach up to the island is a bit steep. Walking sticks are recommended. Teas and coffee are available on the boat.

BREAK: I had a good and busy time in Poland. The weather was great, sunshine every day (min. 25 degrees). I was able to meet up with Professors at the University. Unfortunately, due to some changes in regulations regarding PhD's, I was unable to extend my due date for paper submission. There are other options which I will need to examine in the near future. I had a chance to visit my two dear friends, Salesian Sisters. My parents send best wishes to all and will be making their summer holiday visit in the second half of August this year!

MAY DEVOTIONS: May is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady, as part of our May Devotions we will be singing a Hymn before each Weekday Mass and end with Regina Caeli. We also recite a Litany of Loreto on Friday. Please make an effort to participate in these.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday is World Communications Day. A Collection will be taken up for the apostolate of communications. There will be also a letter from Archbishop Tartaglia to mark this occasion. Thank you for your support.

GENERAL ELECTION: A letter from the Bishops of Scotland regarding the General Election is available at the back. Please take a copy and read it at home.

ARISAIG PARISH:

CHURCH CLEANING: New list will be in place soon.

TEAS/COFFEES: There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to help with teas and coffees after Fr Wynne's Mass on 25th June. If you could put your name on the list to help with serving, baking or some other way to contribute. Thank you for your support.

MORAR PARISH:

NEW TAP/SINK: My thanks to Henry and Jamie Young for their help. During my absence, they were able to replace the sink in my bathroom upstairs (single mixer tap finally!)

BAPTISM: On Thursday at 3pm in Morar Church, we will be having the christening of **Hamish Alexander MacLeod**. We congratulate the parents and welcome Hamish into our Christian family!

MINGARRY PARISH:

ASCENSION: A visiting priest, Fr Dan will celebrate Mass on Thursday in Mingarry at 12 noon.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
14.05.....	tba
Arisaig:	
14.05.....	tba
Mingarry:	
14.05.....	£168.80 (Gift Aid £90)