

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

Weekday Services (1st – 6th January)

Monday *Mary, the Holy Mother of God* Morar: 10.15 pm
Tuesday *St Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen* Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 6th/7th January (The Epiphany of the Lord- B)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: Friday after Mass
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 5pm, Morar
any time upon request
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Housebound visits this week..... Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
24/25.12.....£621 (Gift Aid £384)
Arisaig:
24/25.12.....£1012.47 (GA £348.20)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ryan Moynihan Gillies (Arisaig) 01.01; Wilson and Mary Ross; Joe Ross.

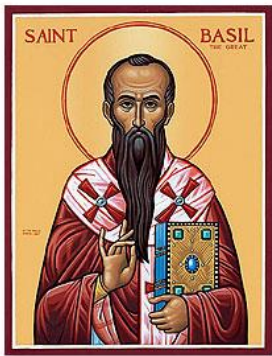
Eternal rest...

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B) 31st December 2017
R) He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son. Alleluia!



Happy New Year!

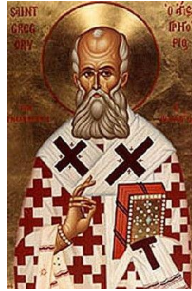
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace. Amen



Tuesday

St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen

Basil was born in 330 at Caesarea in Cappadocia, of a Christian family. A brilliant scholar and a virtuous man, he started by becoming a hermit but was made bishop of Caesarea in 370. He fought against the Arians and wrote many notable works, in particular the monastic rule that bears his name and which many monks in the East follow to this day. He was also generous to the poor. He died on 1 January 379.



Gregory was born in 330, near Nazianzus. He travelled widely in search of knowledge. He followed his friend Basil into the wilderness, but he too was ordained and later made a bishop. He was elected Bishop of Constantinople in 381 but because of the factional fighting within the Church he retired to Nazianzus, where he died on 25 January 389 or 390. He is known as “Gregory the Theologian” in honour of his learning and eloquence.

CRIB COLLECTION: Please remember the Crib’s Missionary Children collection. Encourage our youngsters to make their own modest contributions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next week we will have the annual collection for the Church’s work in Justice and Peace, a mission dear to the heart of Pope Francis. Thank you for your generosity. Letter from Bishop Nolan will be read out next Sunday.

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. If you like our Parishes, please follow our page on Facebook!

WINTER IS HERE: We might face this year is a harsh winter. That will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

NEW YEAR CATHOLIC TRIVIA: Having in mind Hogmanay parties, I did some investigation in regard of the aftermath of the parties and it turns out there is a patron saint of hangovers. Santa Bibiana is her name. Why such an obviously useful saint is virtually unknown is one of the great mysteries of our times. Other than the name, nothing is known for certain about this saint. However, we have the following account from a later tradition. In the year 363, Julian the Apostate made Apronianus Governor of Rome. St. Bibiana suffered in the persecution started by him. She was the daughter of Christians, Flavian, a Roman knight, and Dafrosa, his wife. Flavian was tortured and sent into exile, where he died of his wounds. Dafrosa was beheaded, and their two daughters, Bibiana and Demetria, were stripped of their possessions and left to suffer poverty. However, they remained in their house, spending their time in fasting and prayer. Apronianus,

seeing that hunger and want had no effect upon them, summoned them. Demetria, after confessing her Faith, fell dead at the feet of the tyrant. St. Bibiana was reserved for greater sufferings. She was placed in the hands of a wicked woman called Rufina, who in vain endeavoured to seduce her. She used blows as well as persuasion, but the Christian virgin remained faithful. Enraged at the constancy of this saintly virgin, Apronianus ordered her to be tied to a pillar and beaten with scourges, laden with lead plummets, until she expired. The saint endured the torments with joy, and died under the blows inflicted by the hands of the executioner. It is said that upon her burial “mysterious and magical herbs” grew up around her grave and that it was these herbs that worked the miracles. A church was built over her grave in Rome. It is said that in the Middle Ages pilgrims to the holy site of Santa Bibiana would scrape dust from its columns and eat it which helped recover from hangover just as the original herbs did. My own advice however is this... moderation!

ANNIVERSARY: On Thursday, 21st December 2017 a 50th ‘Act of Remembrance’ Service was held at the Cairn Built on the hills between Meoble and Lochailort to remember the 13 servicemen killed in the RAF plane crash on the hills on 21st Dec 1967, 1.00pm. Several members of the deceased families, ex. Morar Man James Joseph MacDonald, who rebuilt the Cairn, and Iain Thornber, local historian, and senior representatives of the Royal Air Force led by their Chaplain offered their prayers to mark that anniversary.

ARISAIG PARISH:

CHRISTMAS LITURGY: Again, many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Night Mass so special. It was so uplifting to see so many people in Arisaig for an occasion other than a funeral.

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Went to Frances Buchan. We congratulate the lucky winner!

MALLAIG HIGH ALTAR CANDLES: A few weeks ago, I ordered new oil candles for the High Altar in Mallaig (same as in Arisaig before). It took a long time to clean and prepare the old wax candle while the new ones only need oil. If you would like to offer any of these candles in memory of your loved ones, please speak to me asap. The cost of one Candle is £50. There will be a commemorative plaque hidden behind the altar with the donor’s intentions. 5 Candles have already been sponsored by the donors.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Duncan McDonell