

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 (15th – 20th January)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *St Anthony* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *Requiem Mass of James MacDonald* Morar: 12.00 noon

Sunday Masses 20th/21th January (Third Sunday of the Year - 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: usually after Mass on Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

1st Saturday of the month 10:30 am Arisaig
3rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Mallaig
2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Morar
Housebound visits this week Mallaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
07.01 £345 (Gift Aid £237)
Justice and Peace £233
Arisaig:
07.01 £358.15 (Gift Aid £147.65)
Justice and Peace £112

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: James MacDonald (died recently); Donald John MacEachen (died recently); Mairi Brown 11/1; Roderick MacDonald 7/1/1974.

Eternal rest...

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Third Sunday of the Year (B)

21st January 2018

R) Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

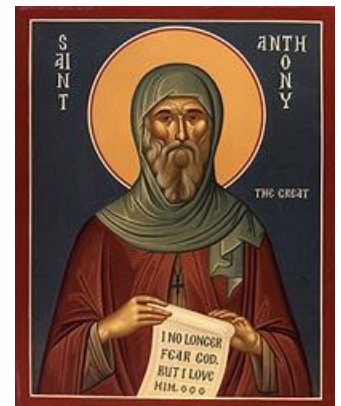
Wednesday - St Anthony, Abbot

St Antony is the originator of the monastic life. He was born in Egypt: when his parents died, he listened to the words of the Gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, but he overcame them. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He gave support to the victims of the persecutions of Diocletian, and helping St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He lived to be over a hundred years old, and died in 356.

The Gospels are full of wise sayings of Jesus that seem to be ignored, and one of the most poignant of these was in his meeting with that young man who asked over and over again, insistently, "What must I do to have eternal life?". When, in the end, Jesus told him that if he wanted to be perfect he would have to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor, the young man went away, sorrowing; because he was very rich. What could be more of a waste than that? You tell someone what he has to do, and he is afraid to do it. And yet... 250 years later, St Antony hears the story, and does give away all that he has, and becomes the founder of monasticism. And then again, over 1,000 years later, St Francis of Assisi hears the story, and gives away his possessions (and some of his father's) and revolutionises Christianity again.

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: Many thanks for your continuous contributions toward Heating & Lighting. Our heating expenses last year have been significantly lower than



in previous years due to lower usage and new heating systems but sadly so did our numbers at Masses.

NEW TENANT IN THE CHAPEL HOUSE: 'Kora' (which means 'Tree Bark' in Polish) seems to be settling well. She is 9 weeks old and is an absolute gem. Eats, sleeps, plays with no trouble. She snores! Cats not happy so far – they are not on strike just yet but negotiations will have to take place. They will have to adjust to the new animal. Many thanks to Mairead and Mae who accompanied me on the journey. It was long and tiring but puppy slept through most of it anyway. It is astonishing how dangerous Glencoe has become due to deer activity. It is not easy to travel at night.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Our Deacon, Tom Wynne, has been appointed by the Apostleship of the Sea as port chaplain for this area. His role is to provide welfare and spiritual support for the seafaring community, especially those far from home. He will be in Mallaig on a regular basis, and if you see him please introduce yourself, especially if you have any connection with the Seafaring community. There are leaflets at the back of the church explaining the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

SAD NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA: Many of you will remember Fr Vernon Boutilier who supplied in our diocese a number of years ago. He visited us last summer in Morar. Unfortunately, he is now seriously ill and has asked for our prayers. I know that you will remember him and that he will be comforted by your prayers.

LENT 2018: Lent begins on 14 February, Ash Wednesday. Holy Thursday falls on 29 March this year. The next day, Good Friday, and Ash Wednesday already mentioned, are the only two days of Fast and Abstinence in the year for Scots Catholics, one at the beginning and one at the end of Lent. On these days we abstain from eating meat and we cut down significantly on the amount we normally eat and drink. Parties and other social functions are against the spirit of these days. They are days to be different and to show that our Faith makes a difference as we honour the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent and the Day of the Lord's Death on the Cross. There is some water to flow under the bridge before then, but I always like to give you early warning of these important days. Many thanks to Fr Briody for reminding me to announce it!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be on Sunday, 28th January for Catholic Education. This is not a Parish Special Collection so you cannot use your envelopes. Some of you have done so for Justice and Peace, which was also not a Parish Collection. Please, do not use these envelopes for external Collections as it breaks the Charity Regulator's, rules. If you would like to conceal your offering, please use a blank envelope instead. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter. I will always let you know if you can use your Special Collection envelopes, otherwise do not do it. It is not like we are expecting some sort of investigation but we do not want to breach the rules as the consequences would be significant.

ARISAIG PARISH:

HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Alec (Craig Mhor) MacDonald



PARISH COUNCIL: I realise it is about time to set dates for our meeting. It will take place in February. I would like to ask you to speak to me or Parish Council Members if there are any matters that you would like to discuss at our future meeting.
NEW (OLD) KITCHEN: Work on the kitchen in the Chapel House should begin shortly. Christopher Snail will carry out the necessary work. Many thanks to Rosemary Bridge and Anne MacMillan for helping to organise the transition and preparing a workspace for the joiner.

MORAR PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: I realise it is about time to set dates for our meeting. In Morar Parish it will take place on Thursday, 1st February at 7pm. I would like to ask you to speak to me or Parish Council Members if there are any matters that you would like to discuss at our future meeting.

JAMES MACDONALD RIP: We were saddened by the news of James' death in Belford Hospital. He and his late wife Chrissie were good friends to our Parish. The funeral will take place on Saturday, 20th January at 12noon. May he rest in peace.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Ian MacDonald (the Land).

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT:

"The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.

It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations.

As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and adults at risk."

'Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities 2007'