

# 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 (22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday *St Francis de Sales* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday *The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle* ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday *St Timothy and St Titus* ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

## Sunday Masses 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January (Fourth 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):

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10:30 am ..... Arisaig  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 5:00 pm ..... Mallaig  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 5:00 pm ..... Morar  
*Housebound visits this week.....no visits*

### COLLECTIONS:

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
14.01 ..... £423 (Gift Aid £325)  
Crib ..... £152  
**Arisaig:**  
14.01 ..... £294.80 (Gift Aid £106.10)  
Crib ..... £127.16

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald MacDonald (Cnoc-na-Faire) 22/01; Hugh MacPherson (Arisaig) 20/1/68; Tommy MacKenzie (Mallaig) 12/01; Mandy Swaney (Mallaig) 6/1; John Culley 15/1/2006.

*Eternal rest...*

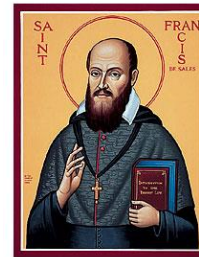
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## Third Sunday of the Year (B)

21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

*R) Lord, make me know your ways.*

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!



## Wednesday - St Francis de Sales

He was born near Annécý, in Savoy, studied the law, and was ordained to the priesthood despite the opposition of his father. His first mission was to re-evangelize the people of his home district (the Chablais), who had gone over to Calvinism. Always in danger of his life from hostile Calvinists, he preached with such effectiveness that after four years most of the people had returned to the Church. He was then appointed bishop of Geneva, and spent the rest of his life reforming and reorganising the diocese, and in caring for the souls of his people by preaching and spiritual guidance. St Francis taught that we can all attain a devout and spiritual life, whatever our position in society: holiness is not reserved for monks and hermits alone. He wrote that “religious devotion does not destroy: it perfects,” and his spiritual counsel is dedicated to making people more holy by making them more themselves. In his preaching against Calvinism he was driven by love rather than a desire to win: so much so, that it was a Calvinist minister who said “if we honoured anyone as a saint, I know of no-one since the days of the Apostles worthier of it than this man.” St Francis is the patron saint of writers and journalists, who would do well to imitate his love and his moderation: as he said, “whoever wants to preach effectively must preach with love.”

## Friday - St Timothy and St Titus

Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.



**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!

**POPE FRANCIS IN CHILE AND PERU:** I have been watching the Pilgrimage to Chile and Peru over the past few days and am inspired by the words spoken by Pope Francis. It is so upsetting when there is so little media attention in the actual message of his apostolic journey. “Without the “us” of a people, of a family and of a nation, but also the “us” of the future, of our children and of tomorrow, without the “us” of a city that transcends “me” and is richer than individual interests, life will be not only increasingly fragmented, but also more conflictual and violent”.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** In 1908, Rev. Paul Wattson, then an Anglican religious in Graymoor, New York, began a Church Unity Octave with the support of Anglican and Catholic prelates, including Cardinal William O’Connell of Boston. The octave began on January 18, then the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome, and concluded on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The following year, Wattson and other members of his Society of the Atonement became Catholic, and in 1910, Wattson was ordained to the priesthood. Observance of the octave spread rapidly. In 1916, Pope Benedict XV, renaming it the Chair of Unity Octave, extended its observance to the entire Church. The octave is now known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (formerly the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity) have jointly prepared material for the week of prayer.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith.

**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’ is doing well and is relatively well behaved. She does fidget at night time so is depriving me of sleep. Training her does produce challenges as she does not like dog treats (she would not take bribes!). She is great company and I am really glad to have her with me.

**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.

**LENT 2018:** Lent begins on 14 February, Ash Wednesday. Holy Thursday falls on 29 March this year.

**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.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** There is a lot of people not well at the moment and requires our constant prayers and support. Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **ARISAIG PARISH:**

**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 has begun shortly. Christopher Smail 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. Many thanks to Alistair Neil who will help with electrical work.

#### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Thank you for your presence and prayers at the Funeral Service.