

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 (12th February – 17th February)

Monday..... no Mass
Tuesday..... no Mass
Ash Wednesday..... Arisaig: 10.15 am
..... Morar: 7.00 pm
Thursday *Confirmation Mass* Mallaig: 6.30 pm
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 17th/18th February (First Sunday of Lent- B)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Stations of the Cross:

Arisaig: Thursday 7pm (starting on 22nd February)
Morar: after Mass on Friday (starting from 16th February)
Mallaig: before Mass on Tuesday (starting from 20th February)

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 no visits

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
04.02 £398 (Gift Aid £245.50)
Arisaig:
04.02 £334.05 (Gift Aid £158)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Hugh McKelvie (Mallaig) 15/02/2002; Ronnie MacDonald (Arisaig) 22/01; Dougie MacKellaig (Morar) 08/02;

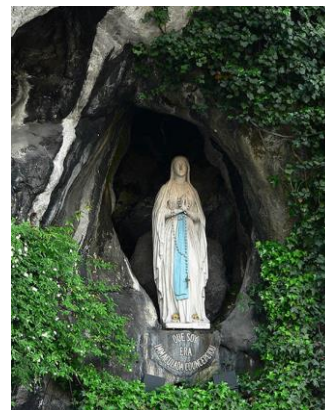
Eternal rest...

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Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

11th February 2018

R) *You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!



SUNDAY – World Day of the Sick

In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called “de Massabielle.” Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

Today is the last Sunday before Lent. Ash Wednesday is only three days away. It is a good time to make sure that you are ready for Lent. At some times, and in some parts of the world, Quinquagesima had a semi-lenten character, because Lent started gradually rather than, as now, all at once on the Wednesday. The liturgy also reflected the coming start of Lent, and the liturgical colour was already violet.

The modern calendar has curbed this tendency of Lent to spread backwards, and there is no sign at all that this is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time for quite a few months. Nevertheless, it is still worth reflecting that Lent is coming very soon and we should make our plans for it.

Incidentally, Quinquagesima means ‘fiftieth’, and indeed if you count Easter as 1, and count backwards, you will reach exactly 50 when you get to today.

ASH WEDNESDAY: It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved (Jer. 18:11, 25:5; Ez. 18:30, 33:11-15; Joel 2:12; Mt. 3:2; Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:38). Christ



Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed (Lk. 5:35). The general law of penance, therefore, is part of the law of God for man. The Church for her part has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfil the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics:

Canon 1250: All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

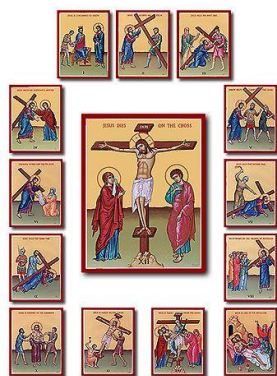
Canon 1251: [...] abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253: It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety. The Church, therefore, has two forms of official penitential practices - three if the Eucharistic fast of one hour before Communion is included.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross are usually a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. Please note the times of the services at the back of the Parish Newsletter.



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!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be on Sunday, 11th March for SCIAF.

SCIAF MATERIALS: Our Lenten Boxes have arrived and are available at the back of our Churches.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There is a lot of people not well at the moment and require 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.

CONCERT: On 25th February at 4pm we will hold an Opera Concert at St. Mary's, Arisaig. Several artists (singers, along with a violinist, a cellist, a harpist and an organist) from the Scottish Opera will be performing the Faure Requiem to commemorate all of those who died in the First World War, choosing this date to particularly remember Mary McKinnon, who died on the Hospital Ship, The Glenart Castle on February 26th 1918. We want everyone to feel welcome, it is a free concert to which all are welcome. There will be a collection at the end, so that people who wish, can make a contribution toward St Mary's and the Community Council to support the Christmas Lunch for the elderly people of the village. Please spread the word as this is such a rare opportunity to have such famous and renowned artists doing something for our community.

I wish I could take credit for organising the concert but the idea came from Fiona MacDonald who invited over her friends. Fiona is related to Morag MacDonald (Ard-na-fuaran) to whom I am very grateful for giving that inspiration for this event.

JUST A THOUGHT: I was always deeply impressed by the family connections in the area. So many of you have your friends and family far, far, away. And despite these distances, we manage to maintain these connections by Birthday invitations (even if we can't attend), Good Wishes and kind thoughts. It is so good to be remembered in this way and I am also very grateful to God for your remembrance.

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Please make a note for Monday, 19th February at 7pm.

KITCHEN IS DONE: Many thanks to all who made it all happen. Christopher Smail did a wonderful job and the kitchen looks like new. Many thanks to Anne and Rosemary for tidying it all up.

NEW ADVENT WREATH: I have ordered a new Advent Wreath. One might ask – why now? The response is easy – on sale! The beautiful wooden wreath will be donated in memory of some people. Will announce details when everything arrives and plaque is ordered.

MORAR PARISH:

CONFIRMATIONS: This year will take place in Mallaig on 15th February at 6.30pm.



I hope as many as possible come to support our children. There will be a tea/coffee at the West Highland Hotel afterwards. Bishop McGee is looking forward to it.

HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Duncan and Maria Gillies and son John Gillies