

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 (19th February – 23rd February)

Monday..... Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *Mass on Eigg*
Thursday *The Chair of St Peter the Apostle* Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 23rd/24th February (Second 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
Morar: after Mass on Friday
Mallaig: before Mass on Tuesday

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:
11.02 tba
Arisaig:
11.02 tba

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Fr Vernon Boutilier (died last Wednesday); Angus MacKellaig (Parkmhor) 20.02; Bill Simmonds; Thomas Simmonds 'the Diver'; Maryann Dempster (Mallaig) 15.02;

Eternal rest...

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First Sunday of Lent (B)

18th February 2018

*R) Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.
Praise to you o Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you o Christ, king of eternal glory!*



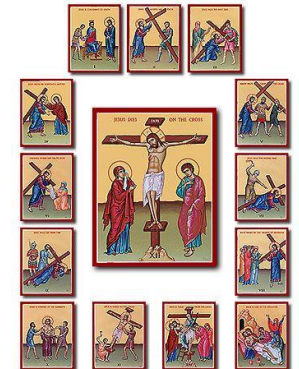
Thursday Feast of the Chair of St Peter

From the earliest times the Church at Rome celebrated on 18 January the memory of the day when the Apostle held his first service with the faithful of the Eternal City. According to Duchesne and de Rossi, the "Martyrologium Hieronymianum" (Weissenburg manuscript) reads as follows: "XV KL. FEBO. Dedicatio cathedræ sci petri apostoli qua primo Rome petrus apostolus sedit" (fifteenth day before the calends of February, the dedication of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle in which Peter the Apostle first sat at Rome). The Epternach manuscript (Codex Epternacensis) of the same work, says briefly: "cath. petri in roma" (the Chair of Peter in Rome).

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.



CONFIRMATIONS: Congratulations to Lucia, Emma and Freya on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! We had a wonderful celebration with Bishop McGee. We were happy to see Fr Francis from Mingarry as well. Many thanks to everyone who made this celebration so special.

FR VERNON BOUTILIER RIP: I regret to inform you that Fr Vernon Boutilier died last Wednesday. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on Monday 18th February at 2pm. I thank you for the prayers which you offered for him while he was ill.

As you know Fr Vernon worked within our diocese, especially in Kinguissie. There will be a Mass for Fr Vernon in Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba, Kinguissie on Tuesday 27th February at 6.30pm.

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 must apologise for not 'being my usual self' recently. Indeed, I have had my share of misfortune recently. I was very worried about 'Kora', my puppy, who has not been well ever since I got her. Even the readings this week about Noah remind me about the care of animals – how God entrusted to Noah care of the living creatures. I know that there is no comparison to human beings and yet when you take responsibility over something, you just cannot abandon it. I was so attached to my new dog. Kora had to be put to sleep during an attempted surgery to fix her liver defect. Please, keep me in your prayers, as these recent events have really shaken me up. I have been so happy ever since I got here that the load of misfortune put me out of balance. I trust the good Lord has a reason to test me perhaps – maybe to better discover the meaning of Lent. I will do my best to keep up my responsibility and apologise if I have failed you in any way recently.

ARISAIG PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday (Fr Stan) – 7pm; Good Friday (Fr Kieran) – 3pm; Easter Vigil (Fr Stan) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday (Fr Kieran) – 10am.

PARISH COUNCIL: Please, allow me to postpone our meeting till March. I just have too much on my plate.

MORAR PARISH:

EASTER SERVICES: All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday (Fr Kieran) – 7pm; Good Friday (Fr Stan) – 3pm; Easter Vigil (Fr Kieran) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday (Fr Stan) – 11.30am.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Thomas and Bill Simmonds 'the Diver'.