

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 (5th March – 10nd March)

Monday..... Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday..... *no Mass*
Wednesday..... *no Mass*
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St John Ogilvie* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 10th/11th March (Fourth 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: no stations

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 Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig: 25.02 £384 (Gift Aid £235.50)
Arisaig: 25.02 £207.90 (Gift Aid £75.65)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mary Gribbens (Mallaig) 02.03.2007; Rachel Morrison (Mallaig) 01.03.1993; Katy Morrison (South Uist) 03.03.1993; Ronald Stephen MacDonald, Flora MacDonald; James Anthony MacDonald; Angus John MacDonald; Iain MacDonald (the Land) 05/03/2012.

Eternal rest...

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Third Sunday of Lent (B) **4th March 2018**
R) You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



LAETARE SUNDAY: The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714. Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple. The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominica de Rosa". Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, mi-carême, or mediana; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be on Sunday, 11th March for SCIAF. Our Lenten Boxes are still available at the back of our Churches.

CHRISM MASS: This year's Chrism Mass will be on Wednesday, 21st March at 7pm in Oban Cathedral. I hope to have the Community Bus organised with 14 seats. These will be divided equally between Arisaig and Morar/Mallaig Parish. Please put down your name asap to secure a seat. There is no charge for this trip as we pay an annual fee for the use of the bus. We will be charged mileage so if you want to contribute to cover the cost, simply put some extra into the Collection that week. Many thanks to Jackie, who has agreed to drive the bus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please note the times of the services at the back of the Parish Newsletter.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Many thanks for your participation last Friday in the Church of Scotland. Next year it will be again our turn to host the event.

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!

PILGRIMAGE: We had 2 cancellations for our Pilgrimage so if anyone is interested, please let me know asap. Speak to your friends and relatives!

SAFEGUARDING – NATIONAL NON-RECENT REVIEW: In 2013 the Bishops undertook to publish a statistical review of non-recent cases of abuse. The period of the review was set at 1943-2005. Diocesan records, together with those of Religious Orders and Congregations, were examined and all relevant data they held was subjected to an independent statistical analysis. This will be published on 2 March 2018. The full report can be viewed at: www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding.

The publication of this analysis demonstrates the Bishops' ongoing commitment to openness and transparency while providing an opportunity for the Church to repeat and renew apologies made to those who have suffered any form of abuse, at any time, by anyone representing the Church. Any record which contained an allegation or accusation of any kind was recorded for the purposes of this study. Clearly, incidents may have taken place which were not reported or recorded or where records have not been retained. As a result, the report is illustrative rather than definitive. Within the limitations of these qualifications, it is however a complete record of all cases known to the Catholic Church in Scotland during the years 1943-2005 and to Religious Orders and Congregations active in Scotland during that time period.

SCES: Sunday's SCES Open Forum in Oban has been postponed due to the weather. Please inform your parishioners. Barbara Coupar will get in touch in due course to book another date.

CENTENERARY OF EDUCATION ACT: As you know one hundred years ago state sponsored Faith Schools came into existence. Catholic Schools have been very advantageous, not only for Catholics, but for the whole of Scottish society. Bishop McGee has invited our four Catholic Primary Schools to join together for a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Monday 26th March at 12 noon, followed by hospitality in the Corran Halls. The Icon of Christ the Teacher is presently in our Cathedral.

RETIREMENT: Fr Paul Hackett will be retiring from parish ministry this coming Easter Week. We know that we are all very grateful for the service that Fr Paul has given to our diocese for the past twenty-five years. We wish Fr Paul every blessing as he ministers during his last Lent and Easter Triduum among us. We also wish him a very long and happy retirement – during which he can enjoy pursuing his hobbies. Bishop McGee would like to invite you to join Fr Paul for a Mass of Thanksgiving in Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba's Church, Kingussie on Tuesday 3rd April at 6pm.

CONCERT: I am very grateful for the wonderful performance last Sunday. It was indeed a top-class concert. Fiona MacDonald is an expert in organising such events because everything worked out great. I hope that we will have more such events in the future.

PERSONAL: I must say that I am a bit surprised myself as I expect you will as well but I will be travelling down to London again to pick up a new dog. She is also a Bavarian Mountain Hound and is a bit older (4 months) but I am sure I will manage to train her. I wasn't planning on getting another pet so soon after my last one died, not to mention the cost, but someone was so touched by my experience that they decided to give it to me as a gift. I wasn't even aware that there are Bavarians still to be found, as they are not very popular. I will be very stressed for the first 14 days because that's how long it takes for the Insurance to be in place. I asked the last breeder for a refund but I have not heard from him. I am taking a sleeper train Monday night and will be back on Wednesday.

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: Date of or next meeting will be provided shortly.

MORAR PARISH:

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

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.