

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 (30th April – 5th May)

Monday *Requiem Mass of Marie MacLeod* Morar: 12.00 noon
Tuesday *Saint Athanasius* Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday *Saint Philip and Saint James* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Saturday Mallaig
Sunday Masses 5th/6th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter - B)
Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / May Devotions:

Morar: 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:
15.04 £394 (Gift Aid £255)
22.04 £300 (Gift Aid £236)
Arisaig:
15.04 tba
22.04 tba

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Marie MacLeod (died recently); Mary MacDougall (died recently); Joe Duffy 23.04.1995.

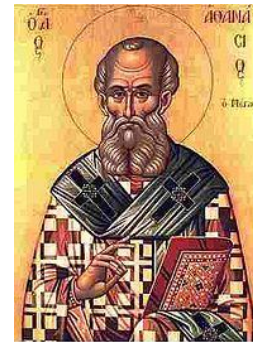
Eternal rest...

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

29th April 2018

R) You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!



WEDNESDAY – SAINT ATHANASIUS

He was born in Alexandria. He assisted Bishop Alexander at the Council of Nicaea and later succeeded him as bishop. He fought hard against Arianism all his life, undergoing many sufferings and spending a total of 17 years in exile. He wrote outstanding works to explain and defend orthodoxy.

THURSDAY – PHILIP AND JAMES

Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ.



James, a cousin of the Lord, was the son of Alphaeus. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62.

THE ROSARY ON THE COAST: is a UK-wide venture. It has three main purposes. It is a public exercise in bringing together Catholics from different parts of the country to say that we love our FAITH. We are not trying to impose it on anyone else, but we reserve the right to freedom of belief and expression of our beliefs. We are also praying for a renewal of the Faith in our country and that others will hear the call of the Holy Spirit to give God his proper place in their lives. Following on from the example of our Irish brothers and sisters who had the Rosary prayed at various points around the Irish coast a few months ago, we join them in their concern about the abortion referendum which is due on 25 May which is geared towards “liberalising” Ireland’s strict laws on the matter. We will be praying for Ireland for its continued protection of LIFE. We have plenty to pray about our own country in that and other moral matters.

Lastly, we are praying for PEACE. There has been much need of that already over the last few years, but recent tensions between the big powers demand more serious prayer (and penance) from all of us. We pray for peace in our homes and families, and in every heart.

The idea is that the Rosary is recited at 3.00pm wherever people gather. I would like to encourage you to join in in this initiative and maybe ask someone else with you to say a Rosary together (maybe during a walk along the shore?).

SCIAF WEE BOXES: Today is the last Sunday when you have to return the Wee Boxes. If you have not returned it to the Parish by now, please send it directly to SCIAF.

GIFT AID: We will be shortly submitting our applications to the Diocese!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our Special Collection today is for Seminarians. Bishop McGee has decided to hold this additional Collection. There is a letter attached to this newsletter from Bishop McGee that was supposed to be read/distributed last Sunday. However, as it reached me after my departure, I am only able to distribute it today. Our next Special Collection will be on 13th May for Communications.

PILGRIMAGE: We had a wonderful time in Poland. Weather was wonderful and I really enjoyed the people. There is a special bond that forms with people on a Pilgrimage and this is part of that wonderful experience. There are some photos printed in today's newsletter. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our Pilgrims for their participation and truly fraternal behaviour.

FR JOHN CLARKE: Many thanks to Fr John, who looked after the parishes in my absence. I believe that a lot of people have found his Mission Appeal truly moving. We hope to see him back in the future!

SAFEGUARDING: The diocese needs new volunteers for Safeguard training. We need at least two new trainers in Lochaber and one each in Argyll and the Southern Isles. Please speak to me if you are interested in becoming a trainer for the diocese. There are new materials at the back of the Church regarding the new Instruction issued by the Bishop's Conference of Scotland.

INFORMATION ON BEQUESTS TO THE PARISHES: During our last Clergy Assembly in Oban we were given instructions on Wills/Bequests. I feel very uncomfortable to write about these things but following advice from the Diocese, it is worthwhile to remember that our Parishes depend solely on your generosity. However, as our numbers are dwindling, so do our donations, while running costs remain the same if not higher. If you never considered it, maybe it would be something you would like to remember while preparing your will. If you have one already, it can be done as a simple Codicil. There have already been some people, who left donations in their Wills in the Past. A lot of these funds have been used for crucial repair/maintenance of our Churches. Quite often we tend to miss the Words of the Priest during Offertory – ...*Bread we offer you, fruit of the*

earth and work of human hands. We should never forget about our benefactors and their generosity.

PERSONAL/CAR: It turned out that it will take a bit longer than expected to deliver my new car, hence another courtesy provided by the garage till delivery of the new car, this time expected at the end of May.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET IN MALLAIG: Over recent years, the number of fishermen has been decreasing throughout the UK, but despite this trend, the employment as well as the social function of fishing (also in terms of the identity of coastal towns as 'fishing towns') remains important in our area. To show our support to our fishermen, along with the Church of Scotland and the Fishermen's Mission, we will pray for our fishermen and others working at sea next Saturday in Mallaig Harbour. Please, refer to notices at the Fisherman's Mission for the exact timing. I would really like to encourage you to participate in this service.

The Blessing of the Fleet is a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing communities. The practice began predominantly Catholic but is now practiced by all Christians as a blessing from the local priest and pastors that is meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

ARISAIG PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Please make a note for Parish Council meeting on Monday, 7th May at 7pm.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Stephanie and Fraser on the occasion of their daughter's baptism. **Laurie May Allison** was Baptised at St. Mary's last Saturday. She did extremely well!

NEW WINDOWS: John MacKinnon has been working hard to replace the windows in the chapel house. He said that so far, they have been the worse he has seen. As we have a very limited funds, we will discuss at the Parish Council meeting possibility of organising a fundraiser. If you would like to make a contribution toward the bill of over £24000, it would be greatly appreciated.

MORAR PARISH:

MARY MACDOUGALL RIP: With sadness I heard about Mary's passing. She was well known in Mallaig as 'Mary Brass' or in Fort William 'Mary God Bless'. Her burial took place on Barra last Friday. May she rest in peace.

MARIE MACLEOD: It was terribly sad to hear that Marie passed away. She was taken up to the Belford Hospital last Sunday and died on Tuesday surrounded by her family. Marie was very much loved and involved in our parish. She will be greatly missed. The Reception of the Body will take place today (Sunday) at 7pm in Morar and Requiem Mass on Monday, at 12 noon.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Caroline Currie.