



HEATING&LIGHTING:

Weekday Services (23rd July – 28th July)

Monday <i>St Bridget</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday <i>St James</i>	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St Joachim and Anne</i>	Mass on Eigg
Friday	Morar: 10:15 am
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 28th/29th July (17th 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: after Mass on Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

1 st Saturday of the month 10:30 am	Arisaig
3 rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm.....	Mallaig
2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm	Morar

Housebound visits this week Mallaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
15.07	£510 (Gift Aid £295)
Bishop's Fund	£197
Arisaig:	
15.07	£173.12
Bishop's Fund	£137.38

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mary Potter (Greenock – died recently); Helen Smith (died recently); Donald Buchanan (Morar) 24.07.1986; Beatrice Wilkinson 23.07.2016; George Wilkinson 23.07.1972; Jessie MacDonald 26.07; Jack Sawers 17.07;

Eternal rest...

Parish Priest: Fr Stanislaw J. Pamula, Chapel House, Morar, Mallaig. PH40 4PB.

Tel. (01687) 462201 E-mails for Arisaig arisaig@rcdai.org.uk or for Morar Parish morar@rcdai.org.uk

Parish website: catholicroughbounds.org

facebook.com/catholicroughbounds

PARISH NEWSLETTER

CATHOLICROUGHBOUNDS.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/CATHOLICROUGHBOUNDS

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

22nd July 2018

R) The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!



SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be on 19th August for Sick and Retired Priests (Please use your GA envelopes).

JUST A THOUGHT: This past week has been quite eventful. I was particularly pleased to visit Knoydart last Thursday. A lot of upset has been caused by the fact that someone helped himself/herself to our oil tank at St. Patrick's in Mallaig. It is so sad that someone would do such a thing and what's more to a church. The matter has been passed on to the Police and the new part for the tank ordered to have it fixed. I know that there are a lot of visitors around at the moment but I would like to ask you to be vigilant and react if you see anything suspicious around our Churches. But putting that aside, I was pleased to remove a lot of rubbish from Morar. Two skips were necessary to get rid of all the junk around the Chapel House in Morar. What I am pleased for is that the boiler room is now empty. It's former shape was quite

hazardous and I am sure Health and Safety would have a lot to complain about. But now the problem is sorted. Fr Pawel is leaving us on Monday. He had a great time and is ready to resume his duties as an Assistant Priest in Pionki in Poland.

MASS ON EIGG: On 26th August I will be going to Eigg to celebrate Mass. Perhaps you would like to join me?

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC OBSERVER: There is an interesting article at the back of the paper which can be purchased in local shops in Mallaig.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There are 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.

ARISAIG PARISH:

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES:

- Saturday, 11th August – Sale of work and teas/coffees/soup/baking. Please bring things to donate. If you have any gift cards or vouchers, please consider donating them to the sale. Ask your family members from further away – maybe they would like to help us out? Please speak to Anne and Hugh MacDonald for details. We need volunteers.

ALISTAIR MACLEAN RIP: Many thanks for your presence and support to the family. We raised £336 for the Parish and the River Fund.

MORAR PARISH:

CHURCH LOTTERY: Have you bought your ticket today? It is a great way of showing support.

NEW ENTRANCE: New entrance has been ordered by now (I hope) and Douglas will progress with the installation in the near future. I am looking forward to having this done.

NEW GATE: Within the past few weeks I have been experiencing some sudden wake up calls in the middle of the night. Kora's barking even strengthened its impact on my sleep quality. I was surprised to discover that these were visitors going through the cattle grid making that noise. After three nights in a row of camper vans and visitors past midnight I have decided to install a night gate over the cattle grid. Gerry has kindly agreed to make a simple wooden gate.

Dear Brothers and Sisters Good Morning! *Pope Francis on 8th July:*

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 6:1-6) narrates the story of when Jesus returns to Nazareth and begins to teach in the synagogue on a Saturday. Ever since he had left it and begun preaching in the nearby hamlets and villages, he had never again set foot in his country. He has returned. Therefore, the whole town must have been there to listen to this son of theirs, whose fame as a wise master and powerful healer had by now spread throughout Galilee and beyond. But what could have stood out as a success, turned into a resounding rejection, to such an extent that Jesus could not perform any mighty work but only a few healings (cf. v. 5). The dynamics of that day are reconstructed in detail by Mark, the Evangelist: At first the people of Nazareth listen [to him] and are astonished; then perplexed, they ask themselves "Where did this man get all this?", this wisdom? and in the end they take offence, recognizing him as the carpenter, Mary's son whom they had seen grow up (cf. v. 2-3). Thus Jesus sums it up with the expression which has become proverbial: "A prophet is not without honours, except in his own country" (v. 4).

We may ask ourselves: why do Jesus' fellow townsmen go from astonishment to disbelief? They make a comparison between Jesus' humble origins and his current abilities: he is a carpenter; he did not study and yet he preaches better than the scribes and he performs miracles. And instead of opening up to the reality, they take offence. According to the people of Nazareth, God is too great to humble himself to speak through such a simple man! It is the scandal of the Incarnation: the unsettling event of a God made flesh who thinks with the mind of a man, works and acts with the hands of a man, loves with a human heart, a God who struggles, eats and sleeps like one of us. The Son of God overturns every human framework: it is not the disciples who washed the feet of the Lord, but it is the Lord who washed the feet of the disciples (cf. Jn 13:1-20). This is a reason for scandal and incredulity, not only in that period, but in all ages, even today.

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination. Indeed, even in our day it can happen that we harbour some prejudices that prevent us from seeing reality. But, today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations. Together, let us think about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, for example. A tiny sister — no one took her very seriously — who went around the streets to gather up the dying so that they could have a dignified death. With prayer and her work, this tiny sister performed wonders! A small woman revolutionized charity work in the Church. She sets an example for our times. God does not conform to human prejudices. We must make an effort to open our heart and mind to welcome the divine reality which comes to encounter us. It is a case of having faith: lack of faith is an obstacle to God's grace. Many people who have been baptized live as though Christ did not exist. They repeat the gestures and the signs of faith but these do not correspond to a true bond with Jesus' person and his Gospel. Each Christian — all of us, each of us — is called to deepen this fundamental belonging and try to bear witness to it with a consistent conduct in life, always motivated by charity.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, let us ask the Lord to melt the hardness of hearts and the narrowness of minds so that we can be open to his grace, to his truth and to his mission of goodness and mercy which is addressed to all, with no exception.