

# 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**

*Please watch for any last moment alterations*

**Weekday Services (3<sup>rd</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> September)**

Monday <i>St Gregory the Great</i> .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday <i>The Nativity of the BVM</i> .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - B)**

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

**Weekday Services (10<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> September)**

Monday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St John Chrysostom</i> .....	<i>no Mass</i>
Friday <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> .....	Morar: 5.00 pm
Saturday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September (24<sup>th</sup> 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 (only on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September – visiting confessor):**

Saturday, after morning Mass .....	Arisaig
Saturday, 5:00 pm.....	Mallaig
<i>Housebound visits this week</i> .....	<i>no visits till Fr Stan's return</i>

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Morar/Mallaig:**

26.08 .....	£482 (Gift Aid £254)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
26.08 .....	tba

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald Gallacher (South Uist) 07.09.2010; Joan MacDonald (Arisaig) 13.08; Mary Margaret MacLeod 15.09.1962.

*Eternal rest...*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

*R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

*R) My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**VISITORS:** We welcome all the Visitors to the Parishes!



**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Our next Special Collection will be on 16<sup>th</sup> September for Ecclesiastical Students Fund (Please use your GA envelopes).

**WELCOME TO SUPPLY PRIESTS:** We welcome Fr Kieran Brady, well known to us by now Redemptorist. Fr Kieran will be covering in the Parishes in my absence. He will be staying in Arisaig. You can reach him at 01687450223. I will be returning on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and can be reached under 01687462201 (calls will be diverted). Please take an opportunity to go to Confession. Fr Kieran will be available on Saturday in Arisaig after morning Mass and at 5pm in Mallaig. In the meantime, Fr Perry Gildea is still enjoying his break in Morar.

**LITURGY WORKS:** Full details of the next LiturgyWorks from 28th-30th September are on the posters. LiturgyWorks allows parishioners and clergy from across the diocese to spend time together reflecting on the liturgy and so deepening our worship of God.

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:** Pope Francis, in his message of April 26, 2015 on the 52nd Day of World Prayer for Vocations states; "Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness." The Holy Father stresses, "The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest."

National Vocations Awareness Week is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are asked to include, during the week starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> September, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

**MALLAIG HARBOUR:** Big celebrations coming to Mallaig Harbour Authority as it marks an important anniversary. We are grateful for all the work they do and wish many happy years in the future. We pray for all who work at sea.

**NEW MINISTER:** We welcome Rev Stewart Goudie, who will now take charge of North West Lochaber Church of Scotland Parish. It will be his second appointment. Rev Stewart was inducted on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mr Goudie, who worked as electronics engineer for thirty-five years before entering the ministry, was inducted first to Melness and Tongue in August 2010. He said some time ago - "In engineering, we have to try to figure things out and work out why things aren't working, and try to make them better. It seemed that God was leading me into ministry to try to use those gifts and skills that I'd developed in engineering and use them in the church instead, to help the church develop some creative solutions to try to be the church of the future."

**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:**

**TRACY MACDONALD RIP:** Thank you for your participation and prayers.

**KATHRYN AND DAVID CONRAD:** We congratulate David and Kathryn who got married at St. Mary's last Saturday. They both come from America and found our church to be in such a beautiful spot that they decided to celebrate their Sacrament here. We wish them many blessings!

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

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

**NEW LIGHTING IN MORAR:** Still looking for solutions.

***HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS***

"You have the words of eternal life!" (Jn 6:68)

At the end of this World Meeting of Families, we gather as a family around the table of the Lord. We thank God for the many blessings we have received in our families. And we want to commit ourselves to living fully our vocation to be, in the touching words of Saint Therese, "love in the heart of the Church".

In this precious moment of communion with one another and with the Lord, it is good to pause and consider the source of all the good things we have received. Jesus reveals the origin of these blessings in today's Gospel, when he speaks to his disciples. Many of them were upset, confused or even angry, struggling to accept his "hard sayings", so contrary to the wisdom of this world. In response, the Lord tells them directly: "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (Jn 6:63).

These words, with their promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, are teeming with life for us who accept them in faith. They point to the ultimate source of all the good that we have experienced and celebrated here in these past few days: the Spirit of God, who constantly breathes new life into our world, into our hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes. Each new day in the life of our families, and each new generation, brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed our Encourager.

How much our world needs this encouragement that is God's gift and promise! As one of the fruits of this celebration of family life, may you go back to your homes and become a source of encouragement to others, to share with them Jesus' "words of eternal life". For your families are both a privileged place for, and an important means of, spreading those words as "Good News" for everyone, especially those who long to leave behind the desert and the "house of bondage" (cf. Jos 24:17) for the promised land of hope and freedom.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul tells us that marriage is a sharing in the mystery of Christ's undying fidelity to his bride, the Church (cf. Eph 5:32). Yet this teaching, as magnificent as it is, can appear to some as a "hard saying". Because living in love, even as Christ loved us (cf. Eph 5:2), entails imitating his own self-sacrifice, dying to ourselves in order to be reborn to a greater and more enduring love. The love that alone can save our world from its bondage to sin, selfishness, greed and indifference to the needs of the less fortunate. That is the love we have come to know in Christ Jesus. It became incarnate in our world through a family, and through the witness of Christian families in every age it has the power to break down every barrier in order to reconcile the world to God and to make us what we were always meant to be: a single human family dwelling together in justice, holiness and peace.

The task of bearing witness to this Good News is not easy. Yet the challenges that Christians face today are, in their own way, no less difficult than those faced by the earliest Irish missionaries. I think of Saint Columbanus, who with his small band of companions brought the light of the Gospel to the lands of Europe in an age of darkness and cultural dissolution. Their extraordinary missionary success was not based on tactical methods or strategic plans, no, but on a humble and liberating docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It was their daily witness of fidelity to Christ and to each other that won hearts yearning for a word of grace and helped give birth to the culture of Europe. That witness remains a perennial source of spiritual and missionary renewal for God's holy and faithful people.

Of course, there will always be people who resist the Good News, who "murmur" at its "hard words". Yet like Saint Columbanus and his companions, who faced icy waters and stormy seas to follow Jesus, may we never be swayed or discouraged by the icy stare of indifference or the stormy winds of hostility.

But let us also humbly acknowledge that, if we are honest with ourselves, we too can find the teachings of Jesus hard. How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection, betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom.

Yet it is precisely at those times that the Lord asks us: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" (Jn 6:67). With the strength of the Spirit to "encourage" us and with the Lord always at our side, we can answer: "We believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God" (v. 69). With the people of Israel, we can repeat: "We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God" (Jos 24:18).

Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, each Christian is sent forth to be a missionary, "a missionary disciple" (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). The Church as a whole is called to "go forth" to bring the words of eternal life to all the peripheries of our world. May our celebration today confirm each of you, parents and grandparents, children and young people, men and women, religious brothers and sisters, contemplatives and missionaries, deacons, priests and bishops, to share the joy of the Gospel! Share the Gospel of the family as joy for the world!

As we now prepare to go our separate ways, let us renew our fidelity to the Lord and to the vocation he has given to each of us. Taking up the prayer of Saint Patrick, let each of us repeat with joy: "Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me" [repeated in Irish]. With the joy and strength given by the Holy Spirit, let us say to him with confidence: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).