

# 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

## BIRTHDAY MASSES:

*Ad multos annos!*

### Weekday Services (24<sup>th</sup> September – 29<sup>th</sup> September)

Monday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday .....	<i>no Mass</i>
Saturday <i>SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i> .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am

### Sunday Masses 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September (26<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 (unless announced otherwise):

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

Housebound visits this week .....

### COLLECTIONS:

<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
16.09 .....	£380 (Gift Aid £235.50)
Ecclesiastical Students .....	£291 (Gift Aid £95)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
16.09 .....	£326.60 (Gift Aid £199)
Ecclesiastical Students .....	£ (Gift Aid £95)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Ina Hancock (died recently); Patrick Rodden; John MacDonald (Gorten) 10.09; Paul Houston 15.09.2012; Ulrich Visschers 29.09.2010; Allan MacLeod 27.09.1976; Duncan Gillies 28.09.1980; Maria Gillies 22.10.1979.

*Eternal rest...*

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

*R) The Lord upholds my life.*

Alleluia, alleluia I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

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



**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:** Please remember about the Rosary in the month of October. There is a plenary indulgence for recitation of the Rosary in the Church, the family or pious association. Five decades of the Rosary must be prayed continuously. The prayers of the Rosary must be prayed vocally and one must meditate upon the Mysteries of the Rosary. If the recitation of the Rosary is public, the Mysteries of the Rosary must be announced. Plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. Three other conditions must be fulfilled: a Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, Prayers for the Pope's intentions. In addition, one must be free of all attachments to sin, even venial sin. If this complete integrity is not present or if the above conditions are not fulfilled the indulgence is only partial. Both a plenary and partial indulgence may be applied to the dead.

I know that these requirements sound difficult to fulfil but above everything else it is important to pray the Rosary. I am sure that if our prayers are sincere, they have a special meaning to God through the intercession of Our Lady. In October, we will recite a decade of the Rosary before each weekday Mass. Masses on Saturdays will be special Votive Masses to Our Lady.

**THOUGHT:** Last week has been filled with office work. After some absence it is amazing how things can pile up and eat up your time if not done continuously. Ina's Funeral was a time of prayer for a good person. There was also a very upsetting meeting of the Parish Finance Committee. The Diocese is currently looking to increase the Levy (the money we pay out to the Diocese every month). This is to cover the current expenditure of the Diocese. The suggested proposal includes paying £54 per parishioner (£1 extra per week), per year extra to the Diocese. This is on top of what we are already paying to the Diocese (on average 1

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Collection a month in a parish). I do not have to explain that this will mean, that our tight Parish budgets will be even tighter from 1<sup>st</sup> December if the proposal is accepted. I can only say that I had nothing to do with this decision and it came directly from Diocesan Office. Please, speak to your Finance Committee members about the details of the increase and their response to the Diocese.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Our next Special Collection will be on 21<sup>st</sup> October for Propagation of Faith (Mission Sunday) (Please do not use your GA envelopes).

**AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM VISIT:** Bishop McGee will be in Rome from Monday 24th September-Friday 5th October. We keep him in our prayers.

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

**INTERESTING QUOTE FROM FR BRIODY'S NEWSLETTER:** J.R.R.Tolkien, the famous author, was also a very committed Catholic. The following is an extract from a letter he sent to his son who was upset by the behaviour of a priest:

You speak of 'sagging faith', however, that is quite another matter. In the last resort faith is an act of will, inspired by love. Our love may be chilled and our will eroded by the spectacle of the shortcomings, folly, and even sins of the Church and its ministers, but I do not think that one who has once had faith goes back over the line for these reasons...the act of faith is not a single moment of final decision: it is a permanent indefinitely repeated act which must go on – so we pray for 'final perseverance'. The temptation to 'unbelief' (which really means rejection of Our Lord...) is always there within us...I think I am as sensitive as you to the scandals, both of clergy and laity. I have suffered grievously in my life from stupid, tired, dimmed, and even bad priests; but I now know enough about myself to be aware that I should not leave the church (which for me would mean leaving the allegiance of Our Lord) for any such reasons...We must therefore either believe in Him and in what he said and take the consequences; or reject him and take the consequences. I find it for myself difficult to believe that anyone who has ever been to Communion, even once...can ever again reject Him without grave blame.

**NEW DECREE ON HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2018, a revised observance of the obligation to attend Mass on holy days will be in use. This decision of the Bishops of Scotland has been confirmed by the Holy See. Consequently, the holy days of obligation in Scotland are:

- Sunday
- The Nativity of the Lord (25 December)
- The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday Week 6 of Easter)
- Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles (29 June)\*
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August)\*
- All Saints (1 November)\*\*

\* When the Solemnities of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fall on Saturday or on Monday they will be transferred to the adjacent Sunday. It is intended, in such years, that a greater number of the faithful will be gathered on a Sunday to celebrate these important feasts.

\*\* When the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Saturday it will be transferred to the adjacent Sunday, when it falls on Monday it is kept on that day with obligation. This is to ensure that All Saints is celebrated every year as a holy day of obligation and that All Saints and All Souls are always celebrated on adjacent days. In years when All Saints is transferred to Sunday 2

November, All Souls will be transferred to Monday 3 November.

These arrangements avoid Saturday holy days of obligation which could cause confusion alongside the Sunday celebration of Masses. They also ensure that the feasts of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints are always of obligation. The faithful will be annually reminded of the significance of the Apostles, the Mother of God and the Communion of Saints in the economy of salvation. This will serve to highlight defining elements of Catholic ecclesiology, Mariology and eschatology.

The Obligation to Participate in the Mass

The Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who intentionally fail in this obligation commit a serious sin.

Just as God 'rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done,' human life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord's Day and the celebration of other important feasts help everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives.

It is hoped that this revised observance will enrich the faithfulness of Christ's members to him and his Church, and that they will strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**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:**

**INA HANCOCK RIP:** Thank you for your prayers and support.

**ANTONIA MACLEAN:** With sadness I got word of the death of Mrs MacLean, who was a mother to Fr William MacLean. She will be buried from Arisaig on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12noon.

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

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

### **Statement to the Parish on Safeguarding**

*All components of the Catholic Church in Scotland, especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility, value the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.*

*We seek to uphold the highest safeguarding standards in our relationships with people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations.*

*And therefore, as a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and voluntary members - to work together to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.*

**IN GOD'S IMAGE, p.3**