

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 (1st October – 6th October)

Monday <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Mallaig: 5:00 pm
Wednesday <i>Requiem Mass of Antonia MacLean RIP</i>	Arisaig: 12 noon
Thursday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 6th/7th October (27th 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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
23.09	£352 (Gift Aid £214)
Arisaig:	
23.09	£334 (Gift Aid £146.50)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Antonia MacLean (died recently); Ian MacDonald (Morar) 06.10.2012; Dugald MacPherson (Arisaig) 06.10.1989.

Eternal rest...

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

30th September 2018

R) The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.
Alleluia, alleluia Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth. 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: I was in Glasgow last Friday to replace what I hope to be the last rental before my car arrives (mid-October). I guess swapping cars so often had its benefits (one can be more discreet!). Our thoughts of course go to Fr William, whose mother we will bury on Wednesday. I think that quite a few priests will also join us that day.

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

AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM VISIT: The Ad Limina visit obliges the bishops of each country to travel to Rome every five years, though longer delays are now common owing to the large number of bishops across the world. The Scottish bishops' last Ad Limina was in 2010, during which Pope Benedict XVI confirmed he would visit Scotland in 2013. Scotland's bishops will be in Rome for a week from Tuesday September 25 – Thursday October 4, and will submit reports on their dioceses to various Vatican dicasteries. President of the bishops' conference Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow said he would speak to the Holy Father about abuse in the Church at the meeting.

"I hope to advise the Pope on how the Bishops' Conference has confronted the issue of abuse over the last five years, how it has been a significant matter for the conference during that time and how the scandal of abuse had affected the morale of Catholics," he said. "I will point out that we are determined to get it right and to help survivors of abuse and create a safe environment for all within the Church."

He added: "As we prepare to travel to Rome, I look forward to extending the greetings and affection of the bishops, clergy, Religious and lay faithful of Scotland to the Holy Father. I will also assure him that Catholics in Scotland have always shown fidelity and loyalty to the Holy See, and love to the person of the Holy Father."

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:

TIME HAS STOPPED: I do not know if anyone noticed (sic!) but for a long time the clock on the tower has stopped working. It is due to the power-cuts that also damaged the bell mechanism. I was able to fix the bells some time ago but I am afraid that the clock is a different kettle of fish. I have contacted the company which deals with repairs and they promised to organise a crew to have a look. I do not know the cost of such a repair but hope that time would move again.

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 3rd October at 12 noon.

INSURANCE BILL: It is £2922.68 this year.

MESSAGE FROM ANGELA HARDMAN: *I'd like to thank my many friends in St Mary's for the beautiful card (signed by so many!) and framed photo of the altar & stained glass window that you sent me for my 80th birthday. It brought back wonderful memories of the times I spent in St Mary's over many many years. If any of you would like to get in touch for a chat, my phone number is 01494 917616 (please allow up to 10 rings for me to answer). Thank you again. Love Angela*

MORAR PARISH:

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

INSURANCE BILL: It is £3073.50 this year.

NEW LED LIGHTS: Many thanks to Anne MacDonald who was kind enough to salvage perfectly good lights. These will be installed by Alistair Neil and replace the old sodium floodlights. This is not the final solution to the problem.

COMMUNITY NOTICE:

High School's MacMillan coffee morning for cancer research will be from 11 to 12:30 on Friday 5th October.

Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

Statement to the Parish on Safeguarding

The Bishops of Scotland have made the following commitment to 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.

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Pope Francis has asked that our families are made aware that they have every right to expect that they are safe and secure in 'Our Father's House'.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding, it is vitally important that we remember those who have been harmed or abused either by a member of the Church, by members of their family or by any other person. We are asked to pray and to care for them.

The Diocese is fully committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of life in the Church. Both the Diocese and our parish embrace the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are part of our faith community. In this church, we display a Safeguarding poster which provides contact details for our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Team. Please make contact with them if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Safeguarding in our parish is a very important part of our community's commitment to caring for each other and for others. Each year, those directly responsible for Safeguarding here - our Parish Priest, our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and our parish Volunteers - commit ourselves to improving our practice. We commit to complying with the standards and the procedures laid out by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, as set out in their document 'In God's Image' which can be found on their website. These standards, and the vigilance of those involved in the life of the parish, help us to ensure that everyone will be safe when they come to Mass and when they take part in any parish groups or activities.

Bishop Brian McGee, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team are grateful for all the hard work done by our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and our parish volunteers. The dedication and motivation of the people in our parish continues to raise awareness of Safeguarding and highlights our shared responsibility in delivering a duty of care to all who engage with our parish community.