

# 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:** Jaroslaw Horewicz 13.10.

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (15<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> October)**

Monday *St Teresa of Avila* ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday *St Ignatius of Antioch* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday *St Luke* ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October (29<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* ..... *Mallaig Bheag*

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
07.10 ..... £428 (Gift Aid £251.80)  
**Arisaig:**  
07.10 ..... tba

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Flora Gillies 17.10; Iain Lindsay (South Uist) 04.10.94; Joan Lindsay (South Uist) 14.10.97; Jackie MacKellaig (Mallaig / Parkmhor) 16.10.2009; Allan MacKellaig 12.10.1976; John MacLeod 20.10.1953; Patrick Morrison (Mallaig) 09.10.2001; Donald MacKinnon (Benbecula) 13.10.1978; Donald Alistair MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 19.10.

*Eternal rest...*

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

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

*R) Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

Alleluia, alleluia! As long as we love one another, God will live in us and this love will be complete in us. 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.

***IF THE PRIEST FORGETS, REMIND HIM!***

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Our Masses during that month will be offered for our deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and for those for whom you wish to pray. There are brown Envelopes at the back of the church specially for that purpose. Please, try to return the envelopes as soon as possible so that I could divide them like last year to be read out at each Sunday Mass in November.

**THOUGHT:** Last Tuesday I was down in Glasgow to pick up my new car. The road down was horrendous – it was raining heavily all the way and there had been several delays due to road closures and breakdowns. I have never seen the road so badly flooded before. But putting that aside, I am very pleased with the new car and hope it will survive longer than its

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predecessors. Just to remind you that the car was entirely funded from the insurance and gap insurance claim I made on the last vehicle. It is a private purchase and Parish funds have not been used. As before, the diocese has a set mileage allowance which is the same if you drive a new car or a flashy car or an old banger! Of course, on Friday I was down in Fort William for the Funeral. I also had a chance to see Fr Donald, who is still feeling very fragile and will need some more time to recover from his fall. He took the death of Canon John Angus pretty bad. He needs our prayers!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Next week our Special Collection will be for Propagation of Faith (Mission Sunday) (Please do not use your GA envelopes). Special Collection to follow on 4<sup>th</sup> November for Pastoral Formation.

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP:** This year I would like to invite you to attend a weekly meeting of our Advent Prayer group. It will involve some personal reading and contemplation. To give me a rough estimate of how many materials I need to produce, please put your name on the list if you are interested. We would be meeting in Arisaig Hall for these meetings. It is a meeting for all interested so please, encourage your friends and neighbours from all denominations to join us in preparation for Christmas. Could you also put the days of the week that you would be available for and time (morning or late afternoon).

**MESSAGE FROM SCIAF:** Make your gifts matter this Christmas. SCIAF's Real Gifts make excellent presents at Christmas while helping families in poor countries free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice. The new catalogue has gifts to suit every budget, from stocking fillers like seeds and fingerlings to more practical items like school books and birth certificates. Visit [www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts) or call 0141 354 5555 to find out more.

**BISHOP BRIAN:** We began our Ad Limina visit with Mass at the tomb of St Peter. Today on our final day of the Ad Limina visit we celebrated Mass in the St John Lateran Basilica. St John's is the Pope's Cathedral and is therefore the Mother Church of Rome. Bishops are the Successors of the Apostles and our visit to both the Pope's Cathedral today and to Pope Francis last week, who as Successor of Peter - leader of the apostles, expressed both our unity with the Holy Father and with Catholics throughout the world. Our diocese of Argyll and the Isles may have small numbers and lie at the periphery of Europe but the Ad Limina stresses that we are an integral part of the Catholic Church.

The Pope governs the Church through the Vatican's departments or dicasteries. The Pope determines the role of each dicastery and the manner in how he expects it to be run. In other words the dicastery, in its dedicated field, should reflect the Pope's vision. The open and reforming nature of Pope Francis has been easy to identify when meeting the dicasteries and I am grateful for his positive influence.

There are 22 dicasteries and we have visited them all. I came to Rome with a little trepidation but the meetings were enjoyable and reassuring. It has been interesting to learn more of how the Church is governed and encouraging to meet so many dedicated men and women who work at the Vatican. It was obvious that our reports had been carefully studied in advance and open dialogue took place at every meeting. I was able to discuss not just worldwide or even national issues but also raise points which I believe are relevant for a unique diocese like Argyll and the Isles.

I pray that our diocese and the Church throughout our nation will benefit from our many experiences during the Ad Limina visit. Although the Scottish Bishop's Conference must be one of the world's smallest I also hope that our participation will have contributed something positive to the Universal Church. St Andrew, pray for us. St Columba, pray for us. St Margaret, pray for us. All saints of Scotland, pray for us.

**CANON JOHN ANGUS MACDONALD RIP:** A lot of Priests and lay people gathered at St. Mary's in Fort William to say a final farewell to Canon John Angus MacDonald. Bishop McGee presided along with Bishops Toal and Moran and priests from our diocese and beyond. In his homily Bishop McGee spoke long of Canon John Angus and his achievements in life with emphasis on his deep reverence for the Eucharist.

**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:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Our annual end of financial year meeting will be on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November after Morning Mass in Arisaig.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** It is about time we have a PC meeting. We will meet on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm in the Club Room. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

**CLOCK UPDATE:** The mechanism has been fixed and we are back on time!

**GUTTERS AND LEAKS:** Water has shown up on the walls of the passage leading from the House to the Church. I hope it is nothing serious.

**GRAVEYARD:** Works on the extension should begin shortly. My thanks to Rosemary Bridge for coordinating.

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Our annual end of financial year meeting will be on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November straight after 5pm Mass in Mallaig. Meeting to take place in Chapel House in Morar.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** It is about time we have a PC meeting. We will meet on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm in Morar Chapel House. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

**BAPTISM:** We congratulate James Robert Allen and his parents Leah and Robert on the occasion of his Baptism.

**WEDDING:** A bit more information this week as the last edition went to print before the actual wedding. It was a lovely day (gladly in-between the showers) and the wedding ceremony was very special to Leah and Robert. The hymns and readings were selected by the couple and plenty of guests arrived. I was very happy for them and their friends and family. It is always a wonderful occasion for a priest to celebrate these moments of joy. I believe the dance at the West Highland Hotel was successful and people enjoyed themselves!

**SLATES:** There are some loose slates on St. Patrick's Church which will require some attention. I am sure that MacKellaig Builders will attend to it asap and I am very grateful for their help.

**LEAK:** Recent rainfall has revealed a serious leak in the Chapel House. This will have to be fixed as well.



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of Jackie MacKellaig and Joan Lindsay