

BIRTHDAY MASSES:

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (3rd December – 8th December)

Monday <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday <i>St Ambrose</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday <i>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 8th/9th December (Second Sunday of Advent - C)

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 Arisaig

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
25.11	TOTAL £379 (Gift Aid £206)
Arisaig:	
25.11	TOTAL £243.60 (Gift Aid £96.40)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Graham Gillies 03.10.2006; Archie Dempster (Mallaig) 5.12.2014; Mary Margaret MacKellaig 08.12.1918; Margaret Culley 09.12.1983; Marybel MacDonald (Morar) 1.12.2008; Canon John Angus MacDonald (Birthday).

Eternal rest...

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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

First Sunday of Advent (C)

2nd December 2018

R) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018



Saturday – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was conceived without *original sin*, that twist in our nature that makes our will tend not to follow what it knows to be right. It was this grace that enabled Mary to give a true and considered “Yes” to the request, conveyed by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God. The doctrine was almost universally believed over the centuries but was only formally defined as a doctrine of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854. Because it is so old, it is one of the Marian doctrines that Islam shares with the Catholic Church, though of course the theological details are very different.



VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. If you like our Parishes, please follow our page on Facebook! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.

PERSONAL: Despite the weather, I had a good trip down to Oban. Kora was not happy at all about the surgery and was very quiet afterwards. However, everything went well, and she is recovering from the whole ordeal. It is amazing how time passes by so quickly. We are entering into the time of Advent – a joyful preparation for the coming of our Saviour. It is sad however to see that apparently some Communities, even in the area, have decided not to celebrate Christmas this year. Even if it looks that Christianity is in decline, we should keep our heads high and focus all the more on our Spiritual renewal. Christ is to be born, let us prepare our ways for his arrival!

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Winter is upon us and the demand for assistance of this form is growing. A lot of people during the summer months depend on the seasonal jobs to provide for themselves and their families, however, when winter comes, these jobs are unavailable, and houses need to be heated children and vulnerable people fed. Therefore, I would like to ask you to help Fort William Food Bank. Sheila, working in the Coop, is helping to organise some form of stable connection between Arisaig/Morar/Mallaig and Fort William Food Bank. Please, consider buying few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be at the Crib during Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: I know there is still a lot of time till Christmas but remember that just like last year, Christmas Cards will be available in Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig Stalls. It is a great opportunity to support your Parish as well as using Religious Cards for Christmas. There is a lot to choose from.

ADVENT WREATHS: Many thanks to all who helped to prepare the Churches for Advent, including decorations and Wreaths.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: Thank you to all who participated at our Prayer Group Meeting last Tuesday. Our next meeting will take place in Arisaig Club Room (Parish Hall) on Thursday, **6th December at 6pm**. Please speak to me, if you would like to receive our 'homework' to read and pray over.

PILGRIMAGE – A lot of people have been asking me about the details of our New Pilgrimage in 2019. So here are some headlines: the dates are 17-24.09.2019, we will be flying out from Edinburgh Airport to Porto and travelling to places like Pontevedra, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lisbon and many other places. There will be a time even to relax in a SPA! I will announce the details shortly and hope to keep the costs similar to our last Pilgrimage (pray for good exchange rate!). There are only 40 places available and I already have some volunteers!

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:

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The discussion at the meeting was very fruitful but unfortunately, due to the prolonged event, we had to postpone our discussion till **3rd of December at 5pm**. The minutes will become available only after the second part of the meeting as members need more time to think about some matters regarding the graveyard.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Anne Bernadette MacMillan has prepared a Christmas Hamper this year. The tickets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider buying a ticket for your friends and in this way support the Parish. Many thanks for preparing this wonderful prize!

NEW WREATH: We have a New Wreath in Arisaig this year. It was donated by the late Alistair MacLean RIP and Morag MacDonald in memory of their deceased family members.

OLD CHURCH GRAVEYARD: At the PC meeting last Monday we were informed by local undertakers that because of existing legislation **no graves can be open for burials in the existing plots**. Since there are no more empty plots, we cannot hold any more burials in the Old Graveyard, even if there are graves with your relatives buried a long time ago. I can only add that I had nothing to do with this decision, neither did the Parish Council. However, I do have to remind you that the Old Graveyard, which served the whole Community is part of the Church Grounds and has nothing to do with the New Graveyard, which is the responsibility of the Highland Council. Any works taking place in the Old Graveyard (ex. Tombstones) have to be done with my permission due to Health and Safety regulations. Again, I have no objections to any works that you wish to do for your loved ones but simply have to be informed to protect also other tombstones (there has been a recent complaint about damage being done to the old tombstones).

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Marina Muir has prepared a Christmas Hamper this year. The tickets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider buying a ticket for your friends and in this way support the Parish. Many thanks for preparing this wonderful prize!

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

LEAKS: Still need to be fixed. The chimney has to be rebuilt in Morar which is an extensive work. MacKellaig Builders will be working on it in the coming weeks.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Anna and Milosz Fellmann on the occasion of their Marriage. Anna and Milosz were both working in the Morar Hotel this summer and decided to get married in our beautiful Church in Morar. They hope to return in the new season to the hotel. We wish them all the best in their life together as husband and wife!

MALLAIG SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH: Thank you for this kind invitation. Mallaig Community Council has asked me pass on this invitation to all Mallaig Senior Members of our Congregation. It will take place on the 12th December in Mallaig and Morar Community Centre at 12.00 for 12.30pm. I am very grateful to them for making me feel part of this Community.

MORAR SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Thank you for this invitation to the Christmas Lunch. I am very grateful to them for making me feel part of this Community.