

# 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 (4<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> February)

Monday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday *St Agatha* ..... Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday *St Paul Miki and Companions* ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday ..... Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday ..... Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday ..... Arisaig: 10.15 am

### Sunday Masses 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February (Fifth Sunday of the Year - 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):

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

Housebound visits ..... Arisaig

## COLLECTIONS:

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
27.01 ..... TOTAL £362 (Gift Aid £258.60)  
**Arisaig:**  
27.01 ..... TOTAL £201 (Gift Aid £76)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Isabela MacDonald (Kinsadel) 04.02.

*Eternal rest...*

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

*R) My lips will tell of your help.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**



## TUESDAY - St Agatha

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her. However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge. He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her. Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture? this evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off. He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul." Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251. She is commonly featured in religious art with shears, tongs, or breasts on a plate. St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer patients, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires.



### WEDNESDAY - Sts Paul Miki and Companions

He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose, he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Our next Special Collection will be on 10<sup>th</sup> February toward Church Maintenance. (Please use your Parish GA envelopes and tick the correct box). Our following Special Collection will be on 11<sup>th</sup> March for SCIAF (do not use Parish GA envelopes)

**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!

**PERSONAL:** My thanks to Fr Kyran for the Mission Appeal. He was very impressed by the hospitality he received in our parishes and the kindness of people. I thank you for making his visit smooth and easy. I did enjoy my time off and had a good break. However, part of my trip was saddened by the news that Fr Ross is considering leaving the Diocese. I must say that even if we do not meet so often with other priests in the diocese, there is a bond of fraternity and any departure, no matter in what circumstance, has an effect on the others. What is so important to say is that you are a great support for me in my priesthood and if not for your continuous support, many would consider leaving. There is a lot of pressure nowadays (maybe not as much as it used to, even few years past) on Parish Priests. We are all human and make mistakes but remember that the great majority of Parish Priests want what is best for the Parish and not only oneself. At least this is something that I have been trying to achieve in my priesthood and what I believe God has been calling me to do in prayer. I ask you to pray for me and the priests of the diocese because ultimately, they are the ones 'on the front line' which makes them vulnerable not only to the attacks of the enemy but sometimes even to friendly fire. It all got me thinking of John Vianney, who tried to run away from his Parish 4 times... just to realize that it simply was not God's will. In such moments, it always has been good to look for some comfort in prayer and study of the experience of others... and so I return to Catherine of Siena, who so nicely put it: 'But take heart and don't be afraid, for God's providential help will always be with you. Don't be surprised even though you see a great deal of opposition, and see that human help is failing us, and that those who should be helping us most disappoint us and act against us. Don't be afraid, but even more self-confident; don't give up or restrain your sweet holy desire, but let it be more enkindled with each day that passes.'

**PILGRIMAGE:** Booklet with details is available at the back.

**WINTER IS HERE:** The past few days has shown us that what we might face this year is a harsh winter. This will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

**FR ROSS CRICHTON:** Beginning February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, Fr Ross will join the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in Lancaster for one month. This forms part of a discernment process for him to join them permanently. Bishop McGee thanked Fr Ross for his openness with him over a considerable period of time and for also arranging cover for Eriskey and Daliburgh when he is away. Fr Ross will return to his parishes in March after a week's retreat. Even if Fr Ross was to apply to join the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, he will remain in his parishes until the summer.

**FR NOEL UGOAGWU:** Fr Noel, who belongs to the same order as Fr Francis, who served briefly in Mingarry and now in Kingussie has received his visa and will arrive in the diocese within the next few weeks.

**VOCATIONS:** Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood? - The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from men considering a Vocation to the Priesthood and would like to apply for Seminary in 2020. Do you feel called to the Vocation of the Priesthood? Would you like to be a Priest for our Diocese of Argyll & the Isles? For more information on applying or for any other questions in discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood-then please contact our Diocesan Vocations Director - Fr. John Paul MacKinnon, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Castlebay, Isle of Barra, HS9 5XD or Telephone 01871 810267 or email- [castlebay@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:castlebay@rcdai.org.uk)

#### Thank You - Fr Kyran

'A huge 'Thank You' to Fr Stan and to everyone in Arisaig, Morar & Mallaig for your warm welcome and wonderful hospitality during my recent visit. I enjoyed my visit very much - and your generosity, hospitality and goodness more than made up for the poor weather! A special 'Thank You' for the very generous mission collection of £707.65 - a truly generous response. Thank you on my own behalf and on behalf of all who will be blessed by your generosity and goodness. I pray our paths will cross again sometime. *Fr Kyran*

**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:

**ARISAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Thank you for your presence and support at the meeting.  
**IS CONFESSIONAL CLUTTERED?** This year, due to Health and Safety, and the fact that it was getting more and more difficult to carry parts of the Crib from the tower, I decided to allow it to be stored in the Confessional. This means that there is less space in the back area. However, the back of the Confessional is not an open space and other than the priest, the only reason for being there is confession or access to cleaning supplies or flower pots. In the coming weeks, we will also dispose of the extra items that have not been used. I am sorry that some people felt it to be undignified that these extra items are stored there, and such comments are made, when there is a visiting priest in the Parish.

#### MORAR PARISH:

**CHURCH LOTTERY:** Have you bought your ticket today? It is a great way of showing support.  
**NEW WIRELESS MICROPHONES:** Having continuous issues with the old wireless microphone I decided to get a new double set. It should help with any Children's Masses and other events as well have an extended range to reach even the end of the Church! I am sure that children will very helpful during homilies.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Next Sunday!

**WHY WAS IT COLD IN MALLAIG?:** I would like to thank everyone for help in my absence. I realise that the Church got cold by the end of Mass last Sunday. The heating, controlled by a thermostat, is set on timer that switches off at 12.30pm. As the Mass on a Sunday usually takes less than that, we do not feel the cold so much. However, as our Church buildings are not insulated, the cold runs away so fast that even after 10 mins we can feel the significant drop in temperature. As I could not have predicted the length of Mass in my absence, the heating was left as it normally was, hence the cold feel at the end last Sunday. Unfortunately, as the financial strain on the Parish was increased, while Collections did not, it would be irresponsible to leave the heating on for too long or when the Church is not used. I would like to thank those, who continue to support the Parish and have increased their contributions at Bishop McGee's request.

**ORGAN IS FIXED:** Last Wednesday evening, a company from England serviced our organ in Mallaig. There has been some issues with it that required professional assistance.



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of Niamh Henderson.

#### New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic



We are opening a new clinic in the Diocesan offices, Paisley on Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm. The first clinic will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and will run every alternate Monday thereafter. We run clinics in Edinburgh, Hamilton, Aberdeen and Paisley.

At Fertility Care Scotland, we teach The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation, which helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural way. We can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving.

Our service is free and confidential, and no appointment is necessary. We invite you to come and visit us at one of our clinics.

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