

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: Annag MacKay 10.02; Anne MacPherson 09.02; Lindsay Murray 08.02; Angela MacKay 08.02.

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (11th February – 16th February)

Monday *Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of Sick* Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Morar: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday *St Cyril and St Methodius* no Mass
Friday no Mass
Saturday no Mass

Sunday Masses 17th/18th February (Sixth Sunday of the Year - C)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar
Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Weekday Services (19th February – 23rd February)

Monday no Mass
Tuesday no Mass
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday *The Chair of St Peter the Apostle* Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *St Polycarp* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 24th/25th February (Seventh 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):

Saturday, 9th February Morar: 5pm
or upon request

Housebound visits Mallaig Bheag, if duties allow this week

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
03.02 TOTAL £345 (Gift Aid £224.30)
Arisaig:
03.02 TOTAL £267.65 (Gift Aid £152.05)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Canon Angus MacQueen (died recently), Duncan MacKellaig 04.02.1963; Angus MacKellaig 20.02.1999; Elizabeth MacNeil (Barra – died recently); Mary Ann Dempster (Mallaig) 15.02; Hugh McKelvie (Mallaig) 11.02; Chrissie McKelvie (Mallaig) 02.02.1997.

Eternal rest...

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5th Sunday of the Year (C)

10th February 2019

R) Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

6th Sunday of the Year (C)

17th February 2019

R) Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!



MONDAY, 11th Feb – World Day of the Sick

In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called “de Massabielle.” Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

**THURSDAY, 14th Feb -
St Cyril and St Methodius**

St. Methodius and St. Cyril were born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith.



They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. Methodius after his brother's death went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885.

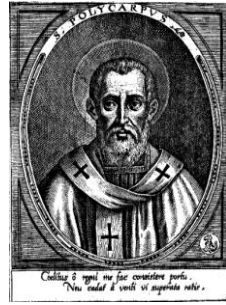
**FRIDAY, 22nd Feb -
Feast of the Chair of St Peter**

From the earliest times the Church at Rome celebrated on 18 January the memory of the day when the Apostle held his first service with the faithful of the Eternal City. According to Duchesne and de Rossi, the "Martyrologium Hieronymianum" (Weissenburg manuscript) reads as follows: "XV KL. FEBO. Dedicatio cathedrae sci petri apostoli qua primo Rome petrus apostolus sedit" (fifteenth day before the calends of February, the dedication of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle in which Peter the Apostle first sat at Rome). The Epternach manuscript (Codex Epternacensis) of the same work, says briefly: "cath. petri in roma" (the Chair of Peter in Rome).



SATURDAY, 16th Feb - St Polycarp

He was a disciple of the Apostles, bishop of Smyrna, and a friend of St Ignatius of Antioch. He went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the celebration of Easter. He was martyred in about 155 by being burnt to death in the stadium. Polycarp is an important figure in the history of the Church because he is one of the earliest Christians whose writings still survive. He bears witness to the beliefs of the early Christians and the early stages of the development of doctrine.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Today, Sunday the 10th, our Special Collection is toward Church Maintenance. (Please use your Parish GA envelopes and tick the correct box). Our following Special Collection will be on 11th 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: I will be going away on Wednesday to attend a Religious Conference in Vicenza in Italy, part of which will be concentrated on the aspects of religious violence which used to be my area of expertise at the University. There will be also a huge exhibition of Church Furnishing and Supplies. Not to worry, there is no money to spend! Fr Willy Slavin will be supplying over the weekend and I will be back on Tuesday, 19th February.

CATS ARE MISSING: During my last break, cats seem to have been offended that I did not take them with me or sent off to a nice pet hotel like Kora and wandered off. They were last seen around Rhubana. If you do spot a black and black and white cat around – tell them to go home!

PILGRIMAGE: Booklet with details is available at the back.

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

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.

CANON ANGUS MACQUEEN RIP: Last Saturday, at St. Brendan's House on Barra, Canon MacQueen passed away. For a number of years he has been suffering from dementia, but thanks to the kindness of people on Barra, he was always well looked after. There are no details about his funeral yet. May he rest in peace.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

- Fr Noel arrived in the diocese. Bishop McGee is very grateful to the Missionary Society of St Paul for sending Fr Noel to us and, of course, to Fr Noel himself, for accepting this posting. I am sure that Fr Francis will also be delighted to have his confrere in the diocese too. Fr Noel has temporarily taken up residence in St Mun's, Dunoon last Wednesday.
- Since the summer Bishop McGee has spent a lot of time in a number of parishes, which he greatly enjoyed. However, the arrival of Fr Noel last week and of Fr Basil Ejim next month (until October) will allow him to visit the other parishes between March and the end of June. His intention is to celebrate the weekend masses. He suggested the weekend of 23rd/24th March for Arisaig and Morar. We are so, so lucky that Bishop McGee found some time in his busy schedule to visit us here in the Rough Bounds...
- This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 10th April at 7pm. I will try to arrange the bus for those willing to go, providing we have both volunteers to go and the driver to take us.
- On Thursday 11th April, the morning after the Chrism Mass, Bishop will offer Mass in the Cathedral at 10am for the deceased clergy of our diocese.
- Bishop McGee will be participating in the SCIAF trip to Beirut from Monday 25th February to Saturday 2nd March. Among other things, he will spend the day in a refugee camp for displaced Syrians which is supported by SCIAF.
- The relics of St Therese of Lisieux will be in Scotland during September 2019 and will spend some time in every diocese. St Therese's Little Way offers great insights into a practical spirituality and she is greatly loved by many of our people. I hope that the visitation of the relics will be a time of blessing for the diocese. Bishop McGee has asked Fr Michael Hutson to represent our diocese on the national steering group. Once some details emerge, he will inform us of the itinerary.

- The next LiturgyWorks weekend is 3rd-5th May. Details will follow nearer the time.

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:

CONCERT: On 24th February at 5pm at St. Mary's, we will hold a Concert. Details below.

GRAVEYARD APPLICATION FORMS: Are available at the back of the Church. You have time till end of February to submit your applications along with a £50 deposit (cash only).

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Works are progressing in this matter. My thanks to Anne MacDonald for coordination and paperwork! And Alistair Neil for electrical work. As the building is old, all these security measures require constant improvement of our wiring. Not an easy job, but we are slowly progressing forward.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of the MacDonald Family (Cnoc-na-faire).

MORAR PARISH:

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

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HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Sarah MacEachen and Donald MacEachen.



Commemorating the sinking of the **Glenart Castle** hospital ship and the lives of all of those from this village whose lives have been lost in war.

Please contact Fiona MacDonald to notify us of your attendance
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This is a free event but donations to support future events will be warmly received

Peter Stewart-Sandeman of Ardnish Estate will present 'The Potted History of the Ardnish Peninsula' to the Moidart Local History Group in Glenueig Village hall on Monday 11th February at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXVII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, to be solemnly celebrated on 11 February 2019 in Calcutta, India, the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the "tree of life" (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today's culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that "gift" is the category best suited to challenging today's individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. "Gift" means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. "Gift" differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the

basis of society. "Gift" is a reflection of God's love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as "creatures", before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life.

Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good. We should not be afraid to regard ourselves as needy or reliant on others, because individually and by our own efforts we cannot overcome our limitations. So we should not fear, then, to acknowledge those limitations, for God himself, in Jesus, has humbly stooped down to us (cf. Phil 2:8) and continues to do so; in our poverty, he comes to our aid and grants us gifts beyond our imagining.

In light of the solemn celebration in India, I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – a model of charity who made visible God's love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavour to her work; it was the 'light' that shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor" (*Homily*, 4 September 2016).

Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of

language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. I express my gratitude and offer my encouragement to all those associations of volunteers committed to the transport and assistance of patients, and all those that organize the donation of blood, tissues and organs. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church's care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance. I would also mention the many efforts made to raise awareness and encourage prevention. Your volunteer work in medical facilities and in homes, which ranges from providing health care to offering spiritual support, is of primary importance. Countless persons who are ill, alone, elderly or frail in mind or body benefit from these services. I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church's presence in a secularized world. A volunteer is a good friend with whom one can share personal thoughts and emotions; by their patient listening, volunteers make it possible for the sick to pass from being passive recipients of care to being active participants in a relationship that can restore hope and inspire openness to further treatment. Volunteer work passes on values, behaviours and ways of living born of a deep desire to be generous. It is also a means of making health care more humane.

A spirit of generosity ought especially to inspire Catholic healthcare institutions, whether in the more developed or the poorer areas of our world, since they carry out their activity in the light of the Gospel. Catholic facilities are called to give an example of self-giving, generosity and solidarity in response to the mentality of profit at any price, of giving for the sake of getting, and of exploitation over concern for people.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that

can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Vatican City, 25 November 2018

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Francis

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POPE FRANCIS

Message for World Day of the Sick 2019

Generous Lord, with love beyond all telling, Jesus sends us to shower your love on those most in need, particularly in our ministry to the sick. In the spirit of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, inspire us to serve with courage, love and generosity.

Give us courage to guard the dignity of those who are abandoned and discarded, especially the dying, unborn, migrant and refugee. Let those among us whose voices are strong raise them in defense of the weak.

Give us love that unveils the face of Christ in the face of every individual we meet, particularly in those we find most difficult to care for.

Give us generosity born from the knowledge that all good things are gifts of your love and, through us, are to be shared with the world.

Amen.

