

# 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:** Frances Morrison 10.02;

*Ad multos annos!*

## Weekday Services (24<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March)

Monday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday .....	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday .....	Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday .....	Morar: 10.15 am
World Day of Prayer Service .....	Arisaig: 2.00 pm
Saturday .....	Arisaig: 10.15 am
<b>Sunday Masses 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March (Eight Sunday of the Year - C)</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):**

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March .....

Arisaig: after morning Mass  
or upon request

Housebound visits .....

Arisaig

## COLLECTIONS:

### Morar/Mallaig:

10.02 .....	TOTAL £342 (Gift Aid £201.70)
Church Maintenance .....	TOTAL £366 (Gift Aid £173)
17.02 .....	TOTAL £427 (Gift Aid £260)

### Arisaig:

10.02 .....	TOTAL £282.30 (Gift Aid £143.30)
Church Maintenance .....	TOTAL £144.40 (Gift Aid £72.50)
17.02 .....	TOTAL £189.30 (Gift Aid £87.55)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Iain MacDonald (Cnoc na faire) 25.02; Jack MacLellan; Mona MacLellan; Joan MacLellan 02.02; Alec Gillies 23.02; Anne Stevens; Thomas and Bill Simmonds; Maureen Boland.

*Eternal rest...*

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

24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

*R) The Lord is compassion and love.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Our next Special Collection will be on 10<sup>th</sup> March for SCIAF (**do not use** Parish GA envelopes). Following Collection will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday) for African Missions and Holy Places.

**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 am back from my trip to Italy. I had a really good time and the weather was extremely gracious. Now back to work...

## 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](mailto:castlebay@rcdai.org.uk)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement initiated and carried out by Christian women in more than 180 countries and over 1000 languages. Every year Christians of many traditions and all ages celebrate a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. Services are held all around the world, beginning in Tonga and New Zealand in the east and continuing throughout the day to Samoa and Alaska in the west. We bring the needs of the world, and of the writing country in particular, before Almighty God knowing that He will hear and answer us, as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. God invites us to have a prayer relationship with Himself, but He also expects us to have concerned relationships with our neighbours, throughout the world. Prayer must be accompanied by action, as God moves our hearts and directs our thoughts. This year we will hold the Service at St. Mary's, Arisaig on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP:** 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 a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones. Just recently Sheila informed me what a good response her appeal has brought in. Please, continue with your generosity!

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:** Veronica McKenna, for personal reasons, has handed in her resignation as the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. I thank Veronica for her service which, behind the scenes, has helped us adopt the practices mandated by In God's Image. Tony Livesey, a parishioner of Skye, will be our new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. I thank Tony for accepting this post and wish him well. Tony's professional career makes him very highly qualified for this role. Veronica will continue in post until March 1st when Tony takes over. Tony's mobile number is 07954563848.

**SAFEGUARDING:** As you possibly know Pope Francis has asked that the Catholics of each country annually dedicate a day for prayer for the victims of abuse. The Scottish bishops have decided that we will have our Day of Prayer on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. This year the Day of Prayer for Abuse Survivors is Friday 8th March. I will be celebrating Mass on Eigg that day (weather permitting).

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By Lidia O'Kane:

The "Protection of Minors in the Church" Meeting began on Thursday with prayers, readings, and brief periods of silent reflection, before Pope Francis gave his opening remarks in the Vatican's Synod Hall. In front of the Patriarchs, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Religious Superiors and other leaders, the Pope told them that, "in the face of the plague of sexual abuse perpetrated by men of the Church against children", he had called them together so, "we may listen to the Holy Spirit and with docility to His guidance we may hear the cry of the little ones who ask for justice."

Evil of abuse that afflicts the Church and humanity

He told those gathered that this meeting was, "weighed down by the weight of pastoral and ecclesial responsibility which obliges us to discuss together, in a synodal, sincere and profound way, how to deal with this evil which afflicts the Church and humanity."

Pope Francis noted that, "the Holy People of God look to us and expect from us not simple and predictable condemnations, but concrete and effective measures to be established".

A Journey of Courage and Concreteness

"Let us therefore", he commented, "begin our journey armed with faith and the spirit of maximum *parresia* [frankness], courage and concreteness."

As a help, the Pope said, he wanted to share with them "some important criteria formulated by the various Commissions and Episcopal Conferences... They are guidelines to help our reflection which will be handed over to you. They are a simple starting point, which comes from you and returns to you, and does not take away from the creativity that must be present in this meeting."

Concluding his remarks, Pope Francis thanked, "the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the members of the Organizing Committee for the excellent work done with great commitment in preparing this meeting."

Finally, he asked the Holy Spirit to support all those gathered in the Synod Hall "in these days and to help us transform this evil into an opportunity for awareness and purification. May the Virgin Mary enlighten us to try to heal the serious wounds that the scandal of paedophilia has caused both to children and to believers."

At the beginning of the meeting in the Vatican on "The Protection of Minors in the Church", Pope Francis shared with the participants some "guidelines" to help their work over the next few days. They are 21 "Reflection Points" formulated by various Commissions and Episcopal Conferences.

The Pope described them as "a simple starting point", that "do not take away from the creativity that must be present in this meeting."

Below find the text of the 21 Reflection Points

1. To prepare a practical handbook indicating the steps to be taken by authorities at key moments when a case emerges.
2. To equip oneself with listening structures that include trained and expert people who can initially discern the cases of the alleged victims.
3. Establish the criteria for the direct involvement of the Bishop or of the Religious Superior.
4. Implement shared procedures for the examination of the charges, the protection of the victims and the right of defense of the accused.
5. Inform the civil authorities and the higher ecclesiastical authorities in compliance with civil and canonical norms.
6. Make a periodic review of protocols and norms to safeguard a protected environment for minors in all pastoral structures: protocols and norms based on the integrated principles of justice and charity so that the action of the Church in this matter is in conformity with her mission.
7. Establish specific protocols for handling accusations against Bishops.
8. Accompany, protect and treat victims, offering them all the necessary support for a complete recovery.
9. Increase awareness of the causes and consequences of sexual abuse through ongoing formation initiatives of Bishops, Religious Superiors, clerics and pastoral workers.
10. Prepare pathways of pastoral care for communities injured by abuses and penitential and recovery routes for the perpetrators.
11. To consolidate the collaboration with all people of good will and with the operators of mass media in order to recognize and discern real cases from false ones and accusations of slander, avoiding rancor and insinuations, rumors and defamation (cf. Pope Francis' address to the Roman Curia, 21 December 2018).
12. To raise the minimum age for marriage to sixteen years.
13. Establish provisions that regulate and facilitate the participation of lay experts in investigations and in the different degrees of judgment of canonical processes concerning sexual and / or power abuse.
14. The right to defense: the principle of natural and canon law of presumption of innocence must also be safeguarded until the guilt of the accused is proven. Therefore, it is necessary to prevent the lists of the accused being published, even by the dioceses, before the preliminary investigation and the definitive condemnation.
15. Observe the traditional principle of proportionality of punishment with respect to the crime committed. To decide that priests and bishops guilty of sexual abuse of minors leave the public ministry.
16. Introduce rules concerning seminarians and candidates for the priesthood or religious life. Be sure that there are programs of initial and ongoing formation to help them develop their

human, spiritual and psychosexual maturity, as well as their interpersonal relationships and their behavior.

17. Be sure to have psychological evaluations by qualified and accredited experts for candidates for the priesthood and consecrated life.

18. Establish norms governing the transfer of a seminarian or religious aspirant from one seminary to another; as well as a priest or religious from one diocese or congregation to another.

19. Formulate mandatory codes of conduct for all clerics, religious, service personnel and volunteers to outline appropriate boundaries in personal relationships. Be specific about the necessary requirements for staff and volunteers and check their criminal record.

20. Explain all information and data on the dangers of abuse and its effects, how to recognize signs of abuse and how to report suspected sexual abuse. All this must take place in collaboration with parents, teachers, professionals and civil authorities.

21. Where it has not yet been in place, establish a group easily accessible for victims who want to report any crimes. Such an organization should have a certain autonomy with respect to the local ecclesiastical authority and include expert persons (clerics and laity) who know how to express the Church's attention to those who have been offended by improper attitudes on the part of clerics.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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:** Still few things to be done.

#### MORAR PARISH:

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

**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 Thomas and Bill Simmonds.



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PRESENTS

# MOZART REQUIEM

5pm Sunday February 24th  
St Mary's Church Arisaig

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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