

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: Malcolm Morrison 10.03.

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (4th March – 9th March)

MondayMorar: 10.15 am
 Tuesday.....Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Ash Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
..... Mallaig: 7.00 pm
 ThursdayMallaig: 10.15 am
 Friday *Mass on Eigg*
 Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Sunday Masses 9th/10th March (First Sunday of Lent - C)
 Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm.....Morar
 Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
 Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Stations of the Cross (starting from 12th March):

Tuesdays and Fridays after/before Weekday Mass
 ThursdaysArisaig: 7 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):
 Saturday, 9th March Morar: 5pm
or upon request
Housebound visits.....Morar

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

24.02 TOTAL £426 (Gift Aid £291)

Arisaig:

24.02 TOTAL £435.35 (Gift Aid £258.60)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Monsignor John Archie Canon MacNeil 3/3/1993; Donnie MacKenzie 28.02.1987; James MacDonald (Mallaig) 4/3/1985; Ian (the Land) MacDonald 5/3/2012; Katy Morrison 3/3/1993 and Donald R. Morrison (South Uist) 21/1/1997; Rachel Morrison (Mallaig) 01/03/1993; Mary Gribbens (Mallaig) 2/3/2007;

Eternal rest...

8th Sunday of the Year (C) **3rd March 2019**
R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,
 to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!



ASH WEDNESDAY: It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved (Jer. 18:11, 25:5; Ez. 18:30, 33:11-15; Joel 2:12; Mt. 3:2; Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:38). Christ Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed (Lk. 5:35). The general law of penance, therefore, is part of the law of God for man. The Church for her part has specified

certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfil the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics:

Canon 1250: All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251: [...] abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

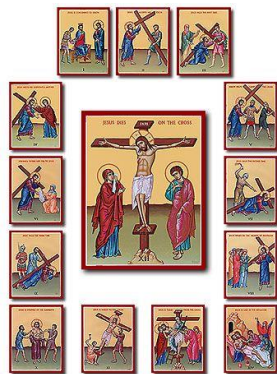
Canon 1252: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253: It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

The Church, therefore, has two forms of official penitential practices - three if the Eucharistic fast of one hour before Communion is included.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross are usually a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. Please note the times of the services at the back of next week's Parish Newsletter.



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

PILGRIMAGE: Unfortunately, our numbers for the Pilgrimage are too low. Please, try to encourage others to join. We need 10 more people.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Many thanks to all who participated and helped to organise this year's event, in particular to Deirdre Roberts who was our coordinator.

WORLD MISSION EVENING: Our Christian Brothers and Sister's are organising Mission Evening with talks on 8th March at 7.30pm in Mallaig Church Hall.

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!

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).

BISHOP MCGEE: will be with us at the weekend 23/24th March...

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Latest Newsletter available at the back of the Church or Parish Facebook.

SCIAF MATERIALS: Our Lenten Boxes have arrived and are available at the back of our Churches. This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who,

with your support, are being helped to create a brighter future for themselves. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and make big changes happen with your WEE BOX.

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.

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ARISAIG PARISH:

CONCERT: Concert at St. Mary's was a real success. There were a lot of people from the area coming to listen to a beautiful Requiem Mass. We are so grateful to the artists and in particular, to Fiona MacDonald for organising it.

GRAVEYARD APPLICATIONS: I hope to have the decisions ready by the end of March after meeting with the Committee and reviewing the applications. Everyone will be informed of the decision, whether positive or negative.

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.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Today!

DEANERY MEETING: It is Morar's turn to host the Deanery Meeting on 12th March. Priests from all the area are invited to attend and contribute to the subjects provided by the Bishop and other arising matters. It is also an opportunity to meet around the table and enjoy a nice meal together. When the meeting was held in Arisaig, all were very impressed with the Parishioners preparing the spread. This time, Mae MacDonald will be coordinating the catering. Please, if you can and would help, speak to Mae.
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 Ian MacDonald (the Land).

