

# 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:** Alistair Neil MacKay 15.03; Catriona MacDonald 12.03; Cathy MacKay 15.03; Joe McHenry 16.03.

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (18<sup>th</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> March)**

Monday .....Morar: 10.15 am  
Tuesday *St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM*.....Mallaig: 5.00 pm  
Wednesday .....Arisaig: 10.15 am  
Thursday .....Mallaig: 10.15 am  
Friday .....Morar: 10.15 am  
Saturday .....Arisaig: 10.15 am

**Sunday Masses 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March (Third 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:**

*Morar: after Mass on Friday*

**Stations of the Cross:**

Tuesdays and Fridays before/after Weekday Mass

Thursdays .....Arisaig: 7 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):**

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March .....Mallaig: 5pm  
*or upon request*

*Housebound visits* ..... Mallaig

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Morar/Mallaig:**

10.03 .....TOTAL £387 (Gift Aid £260.40)  
SCIAF ..... TOTAL £306

**Arisaig:**

10.03 .....TOTAL £249.20 (Gift Aid £85)  
SCIAF ..... TOTAL £141.10

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald MacEachen 18.03.1980; Ian Dempster (Mallaig) 15.03;  
Anne Laura MacNeil (Mallaig) 21.03.2005;

*Eternal rest...*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

*R) The Lord is my light and my help.*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

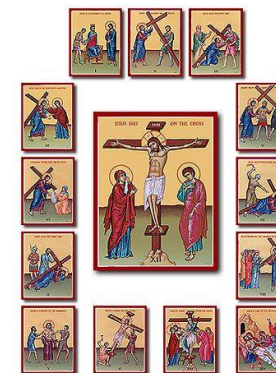


**TUESDAY – ST. JOSEPH**

Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; and he supported Mary and brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. Although he is not officially a patron saint of anything in particular (though he is a patron of the Church as a whole), he is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, and of workers in general.

**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 the Parish Newsletter.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Our next Special Collection will be on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 6 more people.**

**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!

**BISHOP MCGEE:** Will be with us next weekend. We are delighted that he has decided to find time in his busy diary and especially during Lent!

**SCIAF:** By giving, reflecting and acting with SCIAF during Lent, your parish is helping people like Lydia from Uganda to work their way out of poverty. By supporting SCIAF this Lent you can ensure this vital work continues.

**READERS ROTA FOR EASTER:** Our Rota for Easter Services is almost ready and hopefully we will have all the readers and, music and texts ready for Palm Sunday and Holy Week by next weekend.

**CHRISM MASS:** This year's Chrism Mass will be on Wednesday, 10th April at 7pm in Oban Cathedral. I have booked a School Minibus for volunteers. **Please, speak to me if you wish to go with me on the bus asap.**

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:** Will take place in Holy Week when Fr Kieran arrives.

**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:**

**GRAVEYARD APPLICATIONS:** There was a meeting held of the Graveyard Committee last week and decisions will be posted by the end of March.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Details at the back of the Newsletter.

**NEW OFFERTORY/GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** At the back of our Churches you will find new Gift Aid envelopes. Starting from Sunday, 7th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 31st March so as not to be confused. Please remember to notify me if you are no longer a tax payer and need to leave the scheme.

**EASTER SERVICES:** All the Paschal Triduum Services will take place in each parish separately. Maundy Thursday (Fr Kieran) – 7pm; Good Friday (Fr Stan) – 3pm; Easter Vigil (Fr Kieran) – 8.00pm; Easter Sunday (Fr Stan) – 10am.

#### **MORAR PARISH:**

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

**CHARLES BREMNER RIP:** Thank you for your participation. We raised £612 in memory of Charlie to be shared between the Parish and the MacKintosh Centre.

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Sunday, 7th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 31st March so as not to be confused. The numbers have changed so that the Parishes would no longer have to pay for the excess box sets. As the numbers have diminished over the years and some people are no longer tax payers, we need to limit the number of these sets. I apologise for this minor inconvenience. Please remember to notify me if you are no longer a tax payer and need to leave the scheme.

**DEANERY MEETING:** Many thanks to all who contributed to organising last week's Deanery Meeting. Food was delicious and the priests were really impressed with the reception and kindness of our Parishioners. Many thanks.

**CANNA APPEAL:** As you well know, St. Columba's on Canna is part of Morar Parish. Just recently I received a new bill for electricity as Historic Scotland will no longer be providing it. I was quite high for such a small building. Considering how the Bishop and the Diocese have increased the financial burden on the Parish, we have to look at other ways to raise funds to help with the running costs. As there was no votive candle stand on Canna, I thought it might be a good way of helping the Parish with the financial burden. However, a fire safe votive stand is a cost in itself (£500) so I was wondering if anyone would like to donate the stand in memory of a loved one? Please speak to me if you would like to donate the Candle Stand so that we could also include a memorable plaque.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Works are progressing in this matter. Mallaig Church needs to be improved now.

*"Ask the Lord for strength and go forward with humility, doing what you can. But don't put make-up on your soul, because the Lord won't recognize you. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be consistent, not to be vain, not to want to appear more worthy than we are. Let us ask for this grace, during this Lent: the coherence between formality and the reality, between who we are and how we want to appear". (Pope Francis)*

*"Idolatry is an attitude of the heart, when you prefer to do something because it is more comfortable for me, instead of the Lord – precisely because we have forgotten the Lord. At the beginning of Lent, it would be good for all of us to ask for the grace to preserve memory, to preserve the memory of everything the Lord has done in my life: how he loved me so much, how he loved me. And from that memory, to go forward. And it would also do us good continually to repeat the advice of Paul to Timothy, his beloved disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead". I repeat: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead". Remember Jesus, Jesus who has accompanied me up to now, and will accompany me until the moment when I must appear before Him in glory. May the Lord give us the grace to preserve memory". (Pope Francis)*