

BIRTHDAY MASSES: Eleonor Reed 18.05.

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (27th May – 1st June)

Monday	Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday <i>Requiem Mass of Josie Cruden RIP</i>	Mallaig: 12 noon
<u>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (30th May)</u>	
Wednesday (<i>Vigil-Mass</i>)	Mallaig: 7:00 pm
Thursday	Arisaig: 10:15 am
Friday <i>The Visitation of the BVM</i>	no Mass
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
Sunday Masses 1st/2nd June (Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year C)	
Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm	Morar
Sunday 10:00 am	Arisaig
Sunday 11:30 am	Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Morar: after Mass on Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

1 st Saturday of the month 10:30 am.....	Arisaig
3 rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm	Mallaig
<u>2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Morar</u>
<i>Housebound visits this week</i>	<i>Mallaig</i>

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	
19.05	£361 (including £247 of Gift Aided Donations)
Arisaig:	
19.05	£272.50 (including £87.30 of Gift Aided Donations)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Lewis MacDonald (Gorten) 29.05; Flora MacDonald (Arisaig) 22.05; Neil Gillies (Kinloid) 25.05.1970; Ronnie McLellan (Seaview) 21.05; Josie Cruden (died recently).

Eternal rest...

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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

6th Sunday of Easter (C)

26th May 2019

*R) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!*



Thursday – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Although the place of the Ascension is not distinctly stated, it would appear from the Acts that it was Mount Olivet. Since after the Ascension the disciples are

described as returning to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, within a Sabbath day's journey. Tradition has consecrated this site as the Mount of Ascension and Christian piety has memorialized the event by erecting over the site a basilica. St. Helena built the first memorial, which was destroyed by the Persians in 614, rebuilt in the eighth century, to be destroyed again, but rebuilt a second time by the crusaders. This the Moslems also destroyed, leaving only the octagonal structure which encloses the stone said to bear the imprint of the feet of Christ, that is now used as an oratory.

Not only is the fact of the Ascension related in the passages of Scripture cited above, but it is also elsewhere predicted and spoken of as an established fact. Thus, in John 6:63, Christ asks the Jews: "If then you shall see the son of Man ascend up where He was before?" and 20:17, He says to Mary Magdalen: "Do not touch Me, for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God." Again, in Ephesians 4:8-10, and in Timothy 3:16, the Ascension of Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact.

The language used by the Evangelists to describe the Ascension must be interpreted according to usage. To say that He was taken up or that He ascended, does not necessarily imply that they locate heaven directly above the earth; no more than the words "sitteth on the right hand of God" mean that this is His actual posture. In disappearing from their view "He was raised up and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9), and entering into glory He dwells with the Father in the honour and power denoted by the scripture phrase.

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!

DAY FOR LIFE: Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on **31 May in Scotland**, 16 June in England and Wales and 1 October in Ireland.

On this year's Day for Life, we pray for all those who are suffering and surviving domestic abuse, that they may be given hope and be filled with the love of God. Guide their abusers away from a course of violence and onto one of love.

We pray for anyone who feels trapped or isolated in their home. Help us to reach out in love and friendship, responding to families affected by domestic abuse with patience, understanding and wisdom. Lord hear us.

Lord, give us the courage to offer friendship to people in distress, remembering your example of the good Samaritan. Help us to know that prayers and actions must work hand in hand to bring about change. Lord hear us. On this Day for Life, we pray for all lives, that they may be treated with respect and have their God-given dignity acknowledged from conception to natural death, as well as throughout life. Special Collection for Day for Life will take place on 9th June. There are materials at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our next Special Collection on June 2nd for Communications (do not use GA). Following, Special Collection on June 9th for Day for Life (do not use GA).

PRIVATE: I had a lovely wedding at Glenfinnan the other day. It was a couple from Poland who are in love with Scotland and wanted to have their wedding abroad. Last Thursday, my black cat appeared at the window sill – a nice surprise. I am glad he has returned from his extended holiday. White cat is still missing but where the black one is, the white will follow.

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Please, continue with your generosity!

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:

NEW BOILER: We still need some final touches to install the boiler but should be up and running! It took a lot of work and the boiler room is all nice and tidy. Thank you to Henry and Jamie Young. There is also new wiring done by Alistair Neil MacKay. It was not easy going through the walls with the new cables. I would suggest training mice instead of using rods, since there seems to be ample supply of them in the Church. Traps will be appearing shortly.

CAMERAS: There is a camera now in the Church Porch for security purpose and 2 new cameras have been installed by David Smith. Many thanks for his help.

PARISH COUNCIL: Very few came to the meeting. A bit disappointing as a lot of matters were being discussed about the Parish. I only hope that more people will become involved in the Parish Council.

SKIP: Yet another skip has been filled in Arisaig. Some of the stuff from the Confessional and the Club Room has been dumped. Next stage of clear-out would be the Garage and the Shed. There is a lot of firewood so if anyone would like to claim it, now is the time!

AIRBNB: Many thanks to Catriona (Kinsadel) and Anne MacMillan. They have been working really hard to make the house ready for our guests.

GARDEN: My thanks to all who make our garden look so beautiful. Also special thanks for looking after the Graveyard.

MORAR PARISH:

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

JOSIE CRUDEN RIP: Sad news about Josie struck us the other day. She was fighting her illness for a long time with great bravery. She will be missed. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday at 12noon at St. Patrick's in Mallaig with reception of the body the day before at 5.30pm.

VISITOR: We had a lovely visit from Fr Joe on Thursday. He joined us for Mass in Mallaig. I took the liberty of inviting him over for a thanksgiving Mass at the weekend the next time he will be coming.

PARISH COUNCIL: It is time we meet to discuss matters concerning the Parish. I will schedule the meeting for Thursday, 30th of May at 7pm. Please, consider the matters you would like to be discussed on the Agenda.

MALLAIG SCHOOL: Congratulations to Mallaig Primary. They did extremely well at their Gala Day!

In his General Audience this week, Pope Francis concluded his series of catechesis on the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father", which he began on December 5.

Courage to call "Father"

The Pope noted that Christian prayer that is "born of the audacity to call God by the name of 'Father'", expresses a "filial intimacy" into which we are introduced by the grace of the Holy Spirit. He cited a few examples from the New Testament where the various expressions of Jesus' prayers recall the text of the "Our Father".

In Mark's Gospel, when Jesus prays, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will", we discover His filial trust in the Father amidst the darkness, fear and anguish of the night of Gethsemane, where He asks that the Father's will be fulfilled.

Not without brothers and sisters

Elsewhere, Jesus teaches his disciples to cultivate a spirit of prayer that is insistent, but especially that bears the memory of our brothers and sisters, especially when we have difficult relationships with them.

In this regard, Jesus says in Mark's Gospel, "When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."

The Pope noted that in the writings of Saint Paul we do not find the text of the "Our Father", but His presence emerges in that stupendous synthesis where the invocation of the Christian is condensed into a single word: "Abba! Father!" (cf. Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6).

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus fulfils the request of the disciples and teaches them how to pray to the Father.

Holy Spirit – the true protagonist of prayer

Pope Francis noted that the New Testament as a whole indicates that the first protagonist of all Christian prayer is the Holy Spirit.

"We could never pray without the power of the Holy Spirit. It is He who prays in us and moves us to pray well."

The Spirit, the Pope explained, is both the teacher and protagonist of true prayer. It is He who breathes into the heart of each one of Jesus' disciples, enabling them to pray as children of God, which they truly are in Baptism.

"The Spirit makes us pray in the 'furrow' that Jesus dug for us," the Pope said, explaining that by grace Christian prayer attracts us to the dialogue of love of the Most Holy Trinity.

Core of every prayer – "my" intimacy

The Holy Father observed that sometimes Jesus uses expressions that are very far from the text of the "Our Father". For example, while dying on the cross He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

Certainly, the Pope said, the heavenly Father cannot abandon His Son. "Yet His love for us, sinners," the Pope said, "has brought Jesus to this point: to the point of experiencing the abandonment of God, His distance because He has taken upon Himself all our sins."

But even in His anguished cry, "My God, my God", the Pope noted, the "my" remains the "core of the relationship with the Father" and the "core of faith and prayer".

Pope Francis noted that with this nucleus, a Christian can pray in any situation. All the prayers of the Bible, especially the Psalms, and the prayers throughout millennia of history have this nucleus.

The Holy Father urged that we never cease to speak about our brothers and sisters in humanity to the Father, so that none of them, especially the poor, may remain without consolation and a portion of love.

But to pray genuinely, the Pope said, "we must make ourselves little, so that the Holy Spirit may come into us and guide us in prayer."

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