

BIRTHDAY MASSES: Ewen MacDonald 22.06

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (24th June – 29th June)

Monday *Nativity of St John the Baptist* Morar: 10.15 am
Tuesday Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Friday *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* Morar: 10.15 am
Saturday *The Immaculate Heart of Mary* Arisaig: 10.15 am
Sunday Masses 29th June / 30th June (Sts Peter and Paul – 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):

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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
 16.06 £376 (including £234 of Gift Aided Donations)
Arisaig:
 16.06 £312 (including £122 of Gift Aided Donations)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Marie Mitchell 20.06; Elizabeth McDonell (Bracara) 21.06;
 Donald MacEachen (Seaview) 01.07.1967; Ewen Angus MacDonald (London)
 29.06.2018; James MacDonald (Birthday Remembrance) 25.06.

Eternal rest...

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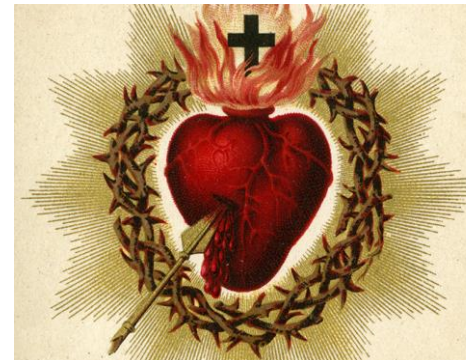
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 Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
 St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C) 23rd June 2019

R) You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.
 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
 says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



The heart has always been seen as the "center" or essence a person ("the heart of the matter," "you are my heart," "take it to heart," etc.) and the wellspring of our emotional lives and love ("you break my heart," "my heart sings," etc.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on his interior life and on His threefold love -- His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life.

Pope Pius XII of blessed memory writes on this topic in his 1956 encyclical, *Haurietis Aquas* (On Devotion To The Sacred Heart). The Friday that follows the Second Sunday in Time After Pentecost is the Feast of the Sacred Heart which brings to mind all the attributes of His Divine Heart mentioned above. Many Catholics prepare for this Feast by beginning a Novena to the Sacred Heart on the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the Thursday of the week before. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart itself, we can gain a plenary indulgence by making an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart. From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side, the wound in the Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of love." (Catholic Encyclopedia) This general devotion arose first in Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of that time, especially in response to the devotion of St. Gertrude the Great, but specific devotions became popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love -- and His woundedness caused by Man's indifference to this love. He promised that, in response to those who consecrate themselves and make reparations to His Sacred Heart, that: He will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life. He will establish peace in their homes. He will comfort them in all their afflictions. He will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death. He will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings. Sinners will find in His Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection. He will bless every place in which an image of His Heart is exposed and honored. He will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in His Heart. In the excessive mercy of His Heart that His all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in His disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. His divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our next Special Collection will be **Peter's Pence (do not use GA envelopes)** on 29th/30th June. Following on 20th/21st July for the Bishop's Fund (please, use the envelope by ticking the correct box).

PRIVATE: It seems that not a single week can be spent without some issues with the fabric... It seems to be a continuous strain of my focus in recent time. Looking for funds is really a mammoth task. Of course there was some recent publicity in regard to Airbnb business but I think I would very much like to be associated more with real religious work rather than entrepreneurship. Maybe it is just vanity from my side and this is what God wants me to focus on at the moment instead? It can be really confusing sometime to read his will. Nevertheless, I am replacable and someone else will come to reap what I sow. On another issue, I seem to have some problems with Kora and the cat. Cat has begun acting like a bully and Kora seems to be terrorized a bit. She finds it difficult to walk outside in the morning when the cat is around. I think some mediation is required.

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP: We accompany our youngsters with prayers for a good and fruitful trip to France. Margaret Andow has organised the trip for the High School Students from 23rd till 27th of June this year and it is very meaningful indeed. We remember to pray for peace!

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

CILLE CHOIRIL: we will celebrate the first of our summer masses for all our loved ones who are buried there on Sunday 30th June, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Mass will be at 3pm.

CANON BILLY FRASER: We congratulate Canon Fraser on his retirement. After a long time serving in many places of the diocese he is finally retiring to live in Dalmally.

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:

EMERGENCY APPEAL: Last Sunday we discovered significant damage to the Chapel House Windows (due to old age) in one of the bedrooms. Decision was made to order replacements due to number of bookings for the summer already taken. As this is an unexpected expense, we currently do not have sufficient funds and have to look for resources. Any help that you can give toward this project would be extremely helpful. At the moment, we have estimated income from let at £4000. I know how good you have been in the past and hope that you would support us again.

CHURCH TOWER: Last Sunday John MacKay had to perform an emergency repair to the tower wall. The condition of the stones, pointing and lead is so bad, that it could have led to a tragedy. Angus Macdonald has been working hard to make the necessary arrangements for the works on the church and I hope that the damage to the tower will be assessed properly.

MORAR PARISH:

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

BINGO: We decided at the Parish Council meeting that we will hold a Bingo night. To make it successful and noteworthy, we need decent prizes. Please, consider donating prizes. Mairi Henderson and Lindsay Murray will be responsible for collecting prizes.

Pope in Naples: Dialogue and welcome for Mediterranean of peace

The Pope's speech concluded two-day conference in Naples on the theme "Theology after Veritatis gaudium in the context of the Mediterranean". With that Apostolic Constitution, Pope Francis provided for a renewal of theological studies in the context of a Church that goes forth.

Pope Francis began his reflection by recalling that "the Mediterranean has always been a place of transit, exchange, and sometimes even conflict" and today it is a place that "poses a series of questions, often dramatic. To face them - he observes - we need "a theology of welcoming", aimed "at developing an authentic and sincere dialogue (...) for the construction of peace in an inclusive and fraternal society and for the protection of creation".

The Pope indicates two elements, kerygma, that is, the proclamation of Christ who has died and risen, and dialogue, as "criteria" for renewing studies for a Church that puts evangelization at its centre. Dialogue is above all a "method of discernment" and of proclamation, capable of relating to every human situation. It is Saint Francis of Assisi who outlines how dialogue and proclamation can take place, by witnessing to God's love for all men and women. It requires docility to the Spirit, that is, "a style of life and proclamation without a spirit of conquest, without a desire for proselytism and without an aggressive intent to refute". It is a dialogue with people and their cultures that also includes witnessing to the point of sacrificing life as did, among others, Charles de Foucauld, the monks of Tibhirine, and the bishop of Oran, Pierre Claverie.

This dialogue was established by encouraging courses in Arabic and Hebrew language and culture in the theological faculties to foster relations with Judaism and Islam in order to understand common roots and differences. With Muslims, he says, "we are called to dialogue to build the future of our societies and our cities", "to consider them partners to build a peaceful coexistence, even when there are shocking episodes by fanatical groups that are enemies of dialogue, such as the tragedy of last Easter in Sri Lanka.

"Yesterday the Cardinal of Colombo told me this: "After I did everything I had to do, I realized that a group of people, Christians, wanted to go to the Muslim neighborhood to kill them. I invited the imam with me, in the car, and we both went there to convince the Christians that we are friends, that these are extremists, that they are not our own". This is an attitude of closeness and dialogue."

With Jews, we are called to "live our relationship better on the religious level". The Mediterranean - the Pope observes - is a "bridge" between Europe, Africa and Asia, a space in which to build a "great tent of peace" where the different children of the common father Abraham can live together.

The Pope launches an appeal to theologians: "In this continuous journey of going out of oneself and meeting with the other, it is important that theologians be men and women of compassion, touched by the oppressed life of many, by the slavery of today, by social wounds, by violence, by wars and by the enormous injustices suffered by so many poor people who live on the shores of this 'common sea'. Without communion and without compassion, constantly nourished by prayer, theology not only loses its soul, but loses its intelligence and ability to interpret reality in a Christian way".

Therefore, it deals with the complex events of "aggressive and warlike attitudes", "colonial practices", "justifications for wars" and "persecutions carried out in the name of a religion or a claimed racial or doctrinal purity". The method of dialogue, guided by mercy, can enrich a reinterpretation of this painful history by promoting also "by contrast, the prophecies of peace that the Spirit has never failed to arouse".

"Now that Western Christianity has learned from many errors and criticisms of the past, it can return to its sources, hoping to be able to bear witness to the Good News to the peoples of East and West, North and South. Theology (...) can help the Church and civil society to get back on the road in the company of many shipwrecked people, encouraging the people of the Mediterranean to reject any temptation to reconquest and to identitarian closure".

The task of theology is to tune in to the Risen Jesus and "reach the peripheries", "even those of thought". In this sense theologians must "encourage an encounter of cultures with the sources of Revelation and Tradition"; but the Pope warns, although "the great theological syntheses of the past" are mines of theological wisdom, they "cannot be applied mechanically to current issues": "It is a matter of treasuring them to seek new ways. Thanks be to God, the first sources of theology, that is, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, are inexhaustible and always fruitful; therefore, one can and must work in the direction of a 'theological Pentecost', which allows the women and men of our time to listen 'in their own language' to a Christian reflection that responds to their search for meaning and full life".

To do this, it is necessary to "start again from the Gospel of mercy" because theology is born in the midst of concrete human beings, met with the gaze of God who goes in search of them with love: "Practicing theology is also an act of mercy (...). Even good theologians, like good shepherds, smell of the people and the streets and, with their reflections, pour oil and wine on the wounds of men. Theology should be the expression of a Church that is a 'field hospital', that lives its mission of salvation and healing in the world!

The Pope emphasizes that "theological freedom" is necessary because without the possibility of experimenting with new paths, nothing new is created: "everything must be oriented" to "encourage as much as possible the participation of those who wish to study theology", such as lay men and women, in addition to seminarians and religious. "I dream of theological faculties where one lives the conviviality of differences, where one practices a theology of dialogue and acceptance; where one experiences the model of the polyhedron of theological knowledge in place of a static and disembodied sphere. Where theological research is able to promote a challenging but compelling process of enculturation.

The theology after Veritatis gaudium, concludes Pope Francis, is therefore in dialogue with cultures and religions "for the construction of the peaceful coexistence of individuals and peoples".