

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:

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (27th January – 1st February)

Monday	Morar: 10.15 am
	<i>For a Priest in need</i>
Tuesday <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
	<i>James Manson McLean RIP</i>
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
	<i>For a successful surgery</i>
Thursday	Mallaig: 10.15 am
	<i>For the Parish Priest</i>
Friday <i>St John Bosco</i>	Morar: 10.15 am
	<i>Alex Gillies RIP</i>
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
	<i>Andrzej Szerszeń RIP</i>

Sunday Masses 1st/2nd February (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm.....	Morar
	<i>Hugh MacPherson RIP</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	Arisaig
	<i>Alec MacDonald RIP</i>
Sunday 11:30 am	Mallaig
	<i>Pro populo</i>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

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
2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm	Morar

Housebound visits this week Arisaig and Morar

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: James Manson McLean (Birthday Ann 26.01); Hugh MacPherson 20/01/1968; Alec Gillies 24/01/2020; .

Eternal rest...

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

26th January 2020

R) The Lord is my light and my help.
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Today, 26th January, we will have a Special Collection for Scottish Catholic Education Service. Our Next Special Collection will be on 9th February for Parish Maintenance.

PARISH RAFFLE: 3 Hamper Baskets will be prepared to Fundraise for the Trip. You can buy the Raffles from our Youth.



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!

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Winter is here and the demand for assistance of this form is growing. A lot of people during the summer months depend on seasonal jobs to provide for themselves and their families, however, when winter comes, these jobs are unavailable, and houses need to be heated



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children and vulnerable people fed. Please, consider buying a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

YOUTH TRIP MEETING: Will take place on the afternoon of 31st January in the High School.

MASS INTENTIONS: Following comments (and complaints), I have decided to publish Mass Intentions on the last page of the Newsletter. This will be done on a trial basis only. The actual Masses might change at the last minute due to exceptional circumstances. Examples:

- If someone is sick and going through a surgery, I would rather celebrate a Mass for his/hers wellbeing rather than for someone who is deceased. I realise that such Mass can fall on someone's anniversary, but I hope you will understand.
- Funeral Mass takes precedent over any other intentions. If I celebrate a Funeral Mass, it is always for the person being buried.

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:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, 5th February after morning Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL: It is time to hold a Parish Council meeting. I suggest Monday, 2nd March at 6pm in the Club Room. Finance Committee will meet before to go through our last year's accounts and present the summary at the meeting.

MORAR PARISH:

WINTER IS HERE: If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Donald MacDonald

COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:	
19.01	TOTAL £276.65 (Gift Aid £179.70)
Morar and Mallaig:	
19.01	TOTAL £397 (Gift Aid £288)

By Christopher Wells

Responding to Pope Francis' call for the elderly to become "protagonists", the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has organized an International Conference on the pastoral care of the elderly, entitled "The Richness of Many Years of Life". The meeting will focus on how to deal with the culture of "discarding" the elderly, as well as their role in the family, and their particular vocation in the Church.

In an interview with Vatican News ahead of the Conference, the Prefect of the Dicastery, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, said that our contemporary "throwaway" culture tends to set people aside; and he acknowledged that even in the Church, the elderly are sometimes forgotten. "Anybody that's worked in a parish, especially in developed countries, knows that the elderly live a very lonely existence", he said. "They need to become protagonists, because of the great experience that they have for the many years of life".

The elderly as protagonists

Cardinal Farrell said that for the elderly to become protagonists means that "the Church needs to care for them, the Church needs to reach out". That, he said, is one of the reasons for the seminar: "to reach out to the world, and see what exactly is happening in the Church".

He said it's very important for the Church to make use of the "many years of experience" the elderly bring with them. In particular, the Cardinal noted that in many families, grandparents play a huge role in raising and educating the younger generations. At the same time, he said, we must care for their needs. "We need to promote this, we need to promote a desire to care for the elderly, among everyone, and not to abandon... the elderly. They have a lot to offer."

"We need to find out what is the best instrument to do all of this", Cardinal Farrell said, "and that is why we are having this seminar".

The International Conference on the pastoral care of the elderly is taking place in Rome from 29-31 January, and will include representatives of Episcopal Conferences, religious congregations, associations and lay movement from around the world involved in this pastoral work.

By Lydia O'Kane

This Sunday, 26 January, will mark the inaugural "Sunday of the Word of God", which will be dedicated to the celebration, study and spreading of God's Word.

Knock Shrine

As part of this celebration, Ireland's National Marian Shrine at Knock will participate at a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St Peter's Basilica.

During Sunday's Eucharistic celebration, a new pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Knock, which was commissioned to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the apparition at Knock in 1879, will be displayed at the Papal Altar.

The statue was blessed by the Pope in Rome last year following his visit to the shrine during the World Meeting of Families in 2018.

The story of the apparition is a unique one. On the 21 August 1879 fifteen people in the village of Knock watched for two hours in the pouring rain as Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and a cross on an altar appeared to them at the gable wall of the Parish Church.

On the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the apparition last year, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation, addressed the National Novena in Knock. Following his visit, the shrine was invited to participate in a prominent way at the inaugural "Sunday of the Word of God" Mass.

The Knock Shrine is situated in the Archdiocese of Tuam in the west of Ireland, which is the largest diocese in the country.

The Archbishop, Michael Neary, who will be participating at Sunday's Mass, spoke of his delight that Knock was involved in this way, calling it a "privilege".

The importance of silence

The apparition of 1879 was a silent one, and the Archbishop noted that, "for the Word of God to be in a position to take root, there is a need for a welcoming in silence."

He went on to say that, "when you consider the proliferation of words today in chat shows and all of that, maybe what we need is time for silence. A silence that will be creative, receptive, and a silence that will enable us to listen to what is really taking place."

The "Sunday of the World of God" was established by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter "Aperuit illis", and is to be celebrated on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Pope Francis, said Archbishop Neary, has emphasized that "the Word of God can never be just the preserve of a few... that the Word of God is for everyone."

Irish pilgrims

Many people from the Parish of Knock and farther afield are coming to Rome for this celebration and the Archbishop said there is great excitement surrounding the occasion.

He also said a choir from Knock, which will perform on Sunday, has been rehearsing very hard in preparation for the celebration in St Peter's Basilica.