

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: Anne Cameron *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (9th March – 14th March)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am
Auntie Jasia – for successful surgery

Tuesday *St John Ogilvie* Mallaig: 5.00 pm
Jackie Milligan RIP

Wednesday Arisaig: 10.15 am
For the Milligan Family

Thursday Mallaig: 10.15 am
Hugh McKelvie RIP

Friday Morar: 10.15 am
Chrissie McKelvie RIP

Saturday Arisaig: 10.15 am
Ann Black RIP

Sunday Masses 14th/15th March (3rd Sunday of Lent - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar
Pro populo

Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig
Thanksgiving Mass for a Good Friendship

Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig
James Manson MacLean RIP

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Arisaig: after/before Mass on Wednesday 11th March; Mallaig: after/before Mass on Tuesday 17th March.

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 Morar

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Helen Campbell (Mallaig) 15/03/2012; James MacDonald (Mallaig) 04.03.1986; Sarah MacEachen 11/02/1984; Donald MacEachen 18/03/1982; Winnie MacDonald (Arisaig-Oban) 15.03; Ian Dempster (Mallaig) 12/3/1965; Juliet Parks (Bracara) 7/3/1995; Ronnie MacPhee (South Uist/Mallaig) 8/3/2012; Bella MacDonald (Hazelgrove) 06.03.

Eternal rest...



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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

8th March 2020

R) May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: On 22nd March an annual Collection for SCIAF. Mission Appeal will take place on 28th/29th of March.

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE: We congratulate soon to be Canons... Fr Roddy Johnston, Fr Michael Hutson, Fr William MacLean and Fr John Paul MacKinnon. Their installation is to take place in Oban on 10th March. All welcome.

ST MARGARET'S DEANERY MASS FOR SAFEGUARDERS:

Protecting the vulnerable is a core Gospel value. The Catholic Church understands that safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a core principle of the Christian life. Furthermore, a transparent and stringent safeguarding policy within our Diocese allows her to minister and evangelise more effectively. Bishop Brian appreciates the work of parish volunteers, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, Trainers, Clergy, members of DSAG (Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group), DRAMT (Diocesan Risk Assessment Management Team) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Secretary. He invites everyone involved in any level of Safeguarding to join him for the Deanery Mass in St John's, Caol on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm to reflect on your ministry and to ask for God's blessing. There will be hospitality afterwards. Everyone, including those not formerly involved in Safeguarding, are most welcome.

GENDER RECOGNITION REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL:

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on new legislation around the ability to legally change gender. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a four-page briefing to help people engage with the consultation process. The briefing can be accessed via the link, below. Please do consider responding to the consultation. Please note the consultation closes on 17th March.
<https://rcpolitics.org/briefing-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/>

SCIAF BOXES: This year we did not receive our packages with Lenten Boxes. I do not know the reason why. I tried calling SCIAF but received no response. If you would like to receive your boxes, you can contact them directly at 0141 354 5555 or email sciaf@sciaf.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: It was discussed at the Parish Council meeting that due to a low interest in our congregations, we will not be actively participating in the event in the future. I will discuss it with Rev Goudy in the near future.

EASTER: Please note that this year, services in Parishes will be joint up with Maundy Thursday Mass at 7pm in Mallaig, Good Friday Service at 3pm in Arisaig and Solemn Easter Vigil Mass in Morar at 8pm. There will be Masses on Easter Sunday at 10am in Arisaig and 11.30pm in Mallaig. Fr Kieran Brady will be with us this year and provide Confessions in preparation for Easter.

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:

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you for a really good attendance at the meeting. Minutes will be available at the back of the Church in the coming weeks. Financial summary is available at the back. Many thanks for all the help with the finances.

HELP NEEDED: I am very sorry to be asking again. I am very grateful to Iain MacQueen for all that he is doing preparing the Church for Masses on a Sunday but we simply cannot put all that work on one man's shoulders. We also need some help to set up for Masses during the week. It really does not take much and would be greatly appreciated. I will not be here forever and making sure that there are several people involved with daily running of the parish would ensure smooth transition when the need arises. It is also easier for the Supply Priests to adapt. Please, speak to me if you can offer some help.

CHURCH TOWER: Thank you all the ladies for help with clearing out the loft. We have reached a stage when another skip might be ordered to remove the debris. We will wait however for some clear weather to proceed.

MORAR PARISH:

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you for a really good attendance at the meeting. Minutes will be available at the back of the Church in the coming days. We discussed a range of matters, including this year's Parish activities.

PARISH RAFFLE/SALE: We have a lot of Raffle Prizes and we will begin shortly our sale. The items are of top quality and were so well thought that will suit all ages and interests. Many thanks to Maureen and Rita for coordinating the sale. All proceeds will support our really stretched Parish Budget.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING: *In Memory of Sarah MacEachen and Donald MacEachen*

COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:
01.03 TOTAL £388.10 (Gift Aid £159)
Morar and Mallaig:
01.03 TOTAL £363 (Gift Aid £144.50)

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN REGARDING PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

Dear brothers and sisters,
Due to the confirmed arrival of the Coronavirus in Scotland I have decided that throughout our diocese:

1. The founts are to be emptied of Holy Water

Furthermore, during the celebration of the Eucharist:

2. The Sign of Peace is to be offered by bowing to each other rather than by shaking hands
3. Holy Communion will not be received on the tongue
4. The Chalice will not be offered to the congregation

I have taken this decision as a precaution and to help safeguard your health and the health of others. The ruling is temporary, and I will revoke it when it is considered appropriate to do so. Let us continue to pray for those who across the world are suffering from the virus, for those who care for them and that medical advancement will successfully combat it.

Yours in Christ,
+Brian McGee

4th March 2020 until further notice