

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: Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (16th March – 21st March)

Monday	Morar: 10.15 am
	<i>For Ann Holmes</i>
Tuesday <i>St Patrick</i>	Mallaig: 5.00 pm
	<i>Rachel Morrison RIP</i>
Wednesday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
	<i>Katy Morrison RIP</i>
Thursday <i>St Joseph</i>	Mallaig: 10.15 am
	<i>Mary Gribbens RIP</i>
Friday	Morar: 10.15 am
	<i>Helen Campbell RIP</i>
Saturday	Arisaig: 10.15 am
	<i>James MacDonald RIP</i>

Sunday Masses 21st/22nd March (4th Sunday of Lent - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm	Morar
	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	Arisaig
	<i>Anne Cameron's Birthday Mass</i>
Sunday 11:30 am	Mallaig
	<i>Winnie MacDonald RIP</i>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Mallaig: after/before Mass on Tuesday 17th March. Morar: 27th March; Arisaig: 1st April.

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 no visits

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Maria MacLeod (died recently); John Dempster (Mallaig) 21/3/1993; Helen Campbell (Mallaig) 15/3/2012; Charlie MacDonald 08.03; Rose MacDonald 13.03; Hugh Rodden 14.03.1975; James MacLean 15.03.2019; Louise Kennedy 22.03.1973; Donald Kennedy 22.03.2012; Winnie MacDonald 15.03;

Eternal rest...

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

15th March 2020

R) O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Tuesday – ST. PATRICK

He was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century. As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelize, and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.



Thursday – 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: On 22nd March an annual Collection for SCIAF. On 10th April we will hold a Good Friday Collection for African Missions and Holy Places.

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.



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NEW OFFERTORY/GIFT AID ENVELOPES: At the back of our Churches you will find new Gift Aid envelopes. You will probably notice that the numbers are different than before. Starting from Sunday, 12th April, your old envelopes should no longer be in circulation. Please, dispose of them after 5th April 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.

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

PARISH CEILIDH: We remember about the Ceilidh Dance on 7th June in Mallaig Community Centre. Our Committee has been formed and all the details will be coordinated jointly between two parishes. I am very grateful for the donation that allowed us to organise the Dance and have a good Christian gathering. I am also thankful to all the members of the Committee.

FR MACKINNON: I wish to thank Fr MacKinnon for his help in the Parishes. As he is a retired priest, he has no obligation to work in the Parish. However, I know well that he is a priest to the bone, which means that he will always be ready to serve when the need arises. Fr MacKinnon is both a Monsignor and a Canon. It is good to know that these titles can be given to those who deserve them for their service to the Church. Fr MacKinnon is always welcome in our parishes.

TRIP TO POLAND POSTPONED: As you probably know, I was supposed to go to Poland for a check-up/treatment at the end of March. Sadly, due to Coronavirus outbreak I had to postpone the trip. This means that the Mission Appeal that was supposed to take place will also be postponed, so that I could use this opportunity of a Supply Priest.

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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS – FR KIERAN BRADY:

Morar, 6th April 2020 – 7pm; Mallaig, 7th April 2020 – 5.30pm; Arisaig, 8th April 2020 – 10.30am.

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:

HELP NEEDED: Last appeal! I am very sorry to be asking again and 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.

MORAR PARISH:

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

SALE: In the Church Porch in Mallaig you will find a variety of Raffles. They were all donations from an anonymous donor and are of top quality. Everyone can find something interesting – everything has been designed to serve different age groups and variety of tastes. Many thanks to Rita and Maureen for looking after the Raffles.



HEATING&LIGHTING: *In Memory of James MacDonald RIP*

COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:
08.03 TOTAL £232.80 (Gift Aid £96.70)
Morar and Mallaig:
08.03 TOTAL £393 (Gift Aid £277)

The 7th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate comes in the midst of the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis.

By Andrea Torielli

As Pope Francis begins the eighth year of his pontificate, humanity faces the dramatic challenge of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The powerful and universal invitation to keep focused on what is essential, means this anniversary is being celebrated differently than in previous years. As we all confront the precariousness of our existence at this difficult time, Pope Francis has chosen to accompany us with prayer, entrusting all to Mary, and celebrating daily Mass at the Casa Santa Marta. Complete with English translation, this Mass is broadcast live throughout the world every morning.

These daily celebrations of the Eucharist by Pope Francis at the Casa Santa Marta represent one of the hallmarks of his pontificate. Each day, the Pope becomes like a "parish priest", preaching to small groups of the faithful, sharing with them what his meditation on the day's Word of God has stirred in him. A daily appointment, which has become a source of comfort to the many people who, over the past seven years, have searched for and read the synthesis of the Pope's Casa Santa Marta homily, offered by Vatican Media. Now, this simple and meaningful accompaniment by the Pope has become even more comforting and important, as he celebrates Mass in the chapel of his residence and offers the Eucharistic Sacrifice for the suffering and the sick, for their relatives, for doctors, nurses, volunteers, the lonely and the elderly, for prisoners and authorities.

On Ash Wednesday, before the coronavirus emergency erupted, Pope Francis said: "We begin the Lenten Season by receiving ashes: 'Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The dust sprinkled on our heads brings us back to earth; it reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are weak, frail and mortal. Centuries and millennia pass and we come and go; before the immensity of galaxies and space, we are nothing. We are dust in the universe. Yet we are dust loved by God. It pleased the Lord to gather that dust in His hands and to breathe into it the breath of life. We are thus a dust that is precious, destined for eternal life. We are the dust of the earth upon which God has poured out His heaven, the dust that contains His dreams. We are God's hope, His treasure, and His glory".

The Pope concluded his homily saying: "May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with Him at our side. Let us allow ourselves to be loved, so that we can give love in return. Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter. Then we will experience the joy of discovering how God raises us up from our ashes."

Pope Francis is leading us by accompanying us. At the beginning of the Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday 10 March, he prayed for priests, especially: that during this time they may have the strength to accompany, comfort and be close to those who suffer. While taking all possible precautions, the Pope said priests should have "the courage to go out and visit the sick, bringing the strength of the Word of God and the Eucharist", as they accompany healthcare workers, volunteers, and all those assisting people afflicted with the coronavirus.