

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: *Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (20<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> April)**  
*Video Streamed Mass usually at 3pm on Parish Facebook*

Monday ..... Mass in Private  
*Donor's Private Intention*

Tuesday ..... Mass in Private  
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Wednesday ..... Mass in Private  
*Birthday Mass for Jadwiga Horewicz*

Thursday ..... Mass in Private  
*For Priests Suffering from Coronavirus*

Friday **St. Egbert** ..... Mass in Private  
*Marie MacLeod RIP*

Saturday **St. Mark the Evangelist** ..... Mass in Private  
*Mary MacDougall RIP*

**Sunday Mass 26<sup>th</sup> April (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - A)**  
Easter Sunday 12 noon ..... Mass in Private  
*Joan Young RIP*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement, in Morar)**

*Housebound visits this week.....no visits*

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Canon Malcolm Morrison (South Uist) 14.04.1985; Marie MacLeod 24.04.2018; Ian (the Land) MacDonald; Joan Young; John O'Donoghue 12.04; Donald Kennedy; Elizabeth Hanratty.

*Eternal rest...*



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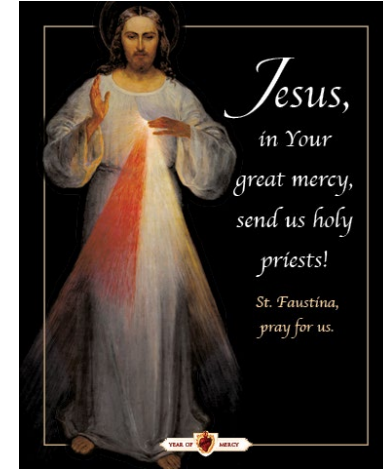
# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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**

**Divine Mercy Sunday (A)** **19<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!*



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from Sr. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

St. Faustina Kowalska was a nun who, in the 1930s, received a series of private revelations centered on God's mercy as his greatest attribute. She recorded those experiences in her Diary. In addition to a theology and spirituality of Divine Mercy, the revelations also contain five concrete forms of devotion requested by the Lord, one of which was the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (The others include a chaplet prayer, similar to the rosary; a daily 3:00 p.m. reflection on Christ's passion and divine mercy; an image of Jesus as the Divine Mercy; and a request to spread mercy, both in terms of the devotions themselves, as well as through concrete spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy). The devotions themselves also have promises attached to them for those who pray them sincerely. In the case of the Feast of Divine Mercy, our Lord promises that "... [W]henever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment" (Diary, # 300). "On this day, the very depths of my tender

mercy are open. I pour a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession, and receive Holy Communion, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (Diary, # 699).

**I wish to thank you for your Easter cards and kind gifts! Your thoughtfulness is always deeply appreciated! I also pass on kindest wishes from my parents in Poland to all the Parishes!**

**GIFT AID:** My thanks to Lilian MacDonald for help with the accounts. This year, the Diocese changed the way Gift Aid claims are submitted to HMRC. It would not be possible if not for Lilian’s dedication to the Parish.

Instead of waiting for all the Parishes to submit their details, they are now submitted individually for each Parish. This means that we will receive our payment sooner rather than waiting for the latecomers. I think this change is quite beneficial, especially due to Coronavirus and decrease in Parish income. Thank you so much for continuing to support your Parish. We are still waiting for the approval from Facebook to receive donations. So far, we raised £277 via PayPal Just Giving. Thank you to all who set up a standing order into the Parish account. It really helps us to survive.

**REDEMPTORISTS:** Normally, like each year, Fr Kieran Brady would be here with us. He is sending best wishes from Renfrew. Fr John Eagers, another good friend of mine has allowed Fr Kieran to stay and be close to his elderly father. We offer our prayers for Fr Kieran and his father.

**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.*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** *In Memory of Elizabeth Hanratty RIP*

# Pope to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in Rome church

This year, the feast of Divine Mercy, which is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, turns 20. Pope Francis will mark it on Sunday with a Holy Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit in SASSIA, the centre of the devotion to Divine Mercy in Rome.

**By Robin Gomes**

Some 200 meters from St. Peter’s Square is the Church of the Holy Spirit, the sanctuary and centre of the devotion to Divine Mercy in Rome, where Pope Francis will mark Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19. The Mass that will be streamed and televised live, will have only a handful of faithful because of the coronavirus lockdown in Italy and the Vatican.

## **SAINTS FAUSTINA AND JOHN PAUL II**

The devotion to Divine Mercy was popularized by the 20th-century Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, as requested to her by Jesus in visions and conversations..

Saint Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, April 30, 2000, the Second Sunday after Easter, thus opening the devotion and the feast of Divine Mercy to the Universal Church.

From his early years, Pope John Paul II had an ardent devotion to Divine Mercy, as promoted by Sister Faustina, who died in 1938 at the age of 33 in Krakow, where Karol Wojtyla was to become archbishop, cardinal and was later elected Pope in 1978.

Pope John Paul II who beatified Sister Faustina on April 18, 1993, Sunday after Easter, died on April 2, 2005, the eve of the Sunday after Easter.

John Paul II himself was beatified on May 1, 2011, Divine Mercy Sunday, and declared a saint on April 27, 2014, also Divine Mercy Sunday.

In an Apostolic Letter issued on the occasion of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2002, Pope John Paul II granted indulgences to Catholics who go to confession, receive Communion and recite specific prayers on that day. Subsequently, this was formally decreed by the Apostolic Penitentiary.

#### **POPES JOHN PAUL II AND FRANCIS**

During his general audience live-streamed on Wednesday, Pope Francis told Polish pilgrims that on Sunday, April 19, he will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, established by St. John Paul II, in response to the “the request of the Lord Jesus to St. Faustina”. “Jesus said: ‘I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls.’ Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.”

The Holy Father urged that prayers be said with “confidence to Merciful Jesus for the Church and for all humanity, especially for those who suffer in this very difficult time”.

Divine Mercy is certainly a strong, common bond between the Popes John Paul II and Francis. “Dives in Misericordia” (Rich in Mercy), the 1980 encyclical of the

Polish Pope is often cited by Pope Francis, the hallmark of whose pontificate has been mercy.

In this regard, we particularly recall the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis called from December 8, 2015, to November 20, 2016.

Both the pontiffs are known for their sensitivity to human dignity, poverty, disease and suffering, and the need to show mercy.

Pope Francis envisages the Church as a “field hospital” that particularly reaches out to the least, the lost and the last. On the eve of his election, he said that “the Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents, and of all forms of misery.”

Today, the devotion to Divine Mercy is widespread across the world. Churches and shrines dedicated to Divine Mercy have sprung up across the world, most importantly the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow, which houses the remains of Saint Faustina. Built between 1999–2002, the sanctuary has been visited by 3 popes. Millions of pilgrims from around the world visit it every year.