



Our Holy Redeemer, Stornoway Ar Fear-Saoraidh Naomh, Steòrnabhagh

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Third Sunday of Easter
1st May 2022

Mass Times:

Feasts this week
Monday, St. Athanasius
Tuesday, Sts. Philip & James

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 11am

Sunday 2pm (Harris)

Monday to

Friday, No Mass

Saturday, 12 noon

Confessions: On appointment

Collection:

Offertory £248.00

Votives £19.00

Donations and eggs £13.00

SCIAF Wee boxes £257.00

S.O.: £320.00

I will be away on holiday from Monday 2nd May to Friday 13th. I have asked Deacon Tony Livesey from Skye to give a service on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May. I am aware that a deacon does not celebrate Mass, but with the shortage of available priests I want to test the water and try this option. The nearest available priest is Canon Michael Hutson in Benbecula, 01870 602221. He would be willing to come if someone was dying or to do a funeral.

I have decided to suspend Mass in Harris on 8th May, as it presents a logistical problem for Deacon Tony as there is no tabernacle there. But the good news is that the BBC have cancelled their booking and so the Centre will be available for Mass as usual on 15th and 22nd May. So it is just the Sunday I am away that there will be no Mass.

We had our final synod meeting on Tuesday. Malcolm and Bunter have been finalising our parish response along the lines of the eight questions we were given. Thank you all for your interest, your candour and your insights. You will get a copy of the report once I am back from holiday.

Bishop Brian will be coming to Stornoway on Thursday 19th May, 7pm, to Confirm some of our parishioners. We have a varied age group this year, four people to be confirmed, including one granny!

My brother phoned me with great news. They have had a baby boy, Benjamin John Maclean, born on Wednesday. He looks very healthy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Once I get back from my holiday I would like to reinstate the Parish Council. Please ask yourself if you would like to be on it, and what skills and ideas you would bring. This should be one of the first fruits of our synod discussions, as it was mentioned as something people would like.

I sent a total of £257 to SCIAF during the week from the Wee Boxes. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity.

The church will be closed while I am away, although there is a keybox on the wall of the house with a key for both the house and the church in it.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray for Philip Bua, who will be ordained to the priesthood in June.

“Christ cannot live his life today in this world without our mouth, our eyes, without our going and coming, without our heart. When we love it is Christ loving through us.”

Card. Leon Suenens

Divine Office	Week 3 (Easter Antiphons)
Sunday readings	Acts 5: 27-41, Ps 29 Apoc 5:11-14, John 21: 1-19
Purple Mass books	Pages 265-268
Weekday readings	Easter Week 3