

CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR THE DEAD: Elaine MacKay; Helen & Laurence McGeough; Claire McGeough; Irene, Dougie & Leisha MacKellaig; Ronnie MacDonald; Michael Leonard; Mairi MacLeod

Requiescant in pacem...

Weekday Services (24th December – 29th December)

Monday Morar: 10.15 am

Christmas Services: Tue 24th / Wed 25th December 2018

Christmas Night Mass (*Carols begin 9.40pm!*) 10:00 pm... Morar

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am Arisaig

Christmas Day Mass 11:30 am Mallaig

Wednesday *St Stephen* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Thursday *St John* Mallaig: 10.15 am

Friday *The Holy Innocents* Morar: 10.15 am

Saturday *Christmas Octave* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 29th/30th December (The Holy Family - C)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar

Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig

Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Devotions:

Morar: after Mass on Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (upon request).

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
16.12 TOTAL £374 (Gift Aid £239)

Arisaig:
16.12 TOTAL £287.90 (Gift Aid £125.70)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Jessie Ann MacDonald (Arisaig) 20.12; Donald Lawrence MacNeil 27.12.2010; Isabella MacLellan (Seaview) 24.12.1964; Bobby Corson (died recently); Angus MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 27.12; Flora McBride (died recently).

Eternal rest...

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

23rd December 2018

R) God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018



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! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.



Wednesday – St. Stephen: He was one of the deacons appointed by the Apostles to organize the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul.



Thursday – St. John: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus “the sons of thunder.” John is involved in many of the central events of Jesus’ life, including the Transfiguration, the

Crucifixion, and the discovery of the Resurrection. He is “the disciple whom Jesus

loved” and the one to whom he confided the care of his mother Mary. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles; later he was exiled to the island of Patmos. He is said to have died at Ephesus. He wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the Apocalypse. As tradition goes, on the Feast of St. John the Church would **bleed the wine** to drink. I would like to continue with that tradition so if you would like to have your wine blessed, **please bring your wine bottle/s to Mass in Mallaig on Thursday.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be at the Crib during Christmastide.

MORE VISTORS: My parents and my sister arrived safely and successfully boss me around!

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Winter is upon us 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. Therefore, I would like to ask you to help Fort William Food Bank. Sheila, working in the Coop, is helping to organise some form of stable connection between Arisaig/Morar/Mallaig and Fort William Food Bank. Please, consider buying a few extras and leaving them in the Coop for the most vulnerable ones.

BOBBY CORSON RIP: Quietly, just like the man he was, we got news about Bobby’s death. It was his wish that he be buried at the graveyard without any big services. For many years he was an undertaker, who served our community with great dignity. We keep him in our prayers.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: This year, Morar is hosting the Shepherd’s Mass. I am sure that we will all try to make an effort to come to this special liturgy. Carol Concert will begin at 9.40pm.

CRIB ASSEMBLY TEAMS: Many thanks for the lovely Cribbs and decorations to everyone that contributed.

WINTER IS COMING: The past few days has shown us that what we might face this year is a harsh winter. This will lead to higher heating bills for our churches. 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.

ORGANIST: Our thanks once again to Joe McHenry, who travelled all the way from Glasgow to play at our Mases this Christmas! He has always been a wonderful friend to me and our Parishes.

SCHOOL BREAK: We wish our children a good Christmas Break! In recent days I have attended Christmas Concerts at our Nurseries and Schools and they were all joyful. It was really good to be part of these.

PILGRIMAGE 2019 – A lot of people have been asking me about the details of our New Deanery Pilgrimage in 2019. So here are some headlines: the dates are 17-24.09.2019, we will be flying out from Edinburgh Airport to Porto and travelling to places like Pontevedra, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lisbon and many other places. There will be a time even to relax in a SPA! I will announce the details shortly and hope to keep the costs similar to our last Pilgrimage (pray for good exchange rate!). There are only 40 places available and I already have some volunteers! Speak to your children/parents. It would be a wonderful Christmas present!

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:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Anne Bernadette MacMillan has prepared a Christmas Hamper this year. The tickets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider buying a ticket for your friends and in this way support the Parish. Many thanks for preparing this wonderful prize!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Many thanks to Michelle MacDonald for making the flower arrangements this year. St. Mary’s looks really lovely this Christmas. We think of Tracy as well as she along with her sister was always ready to help with flowers. May she rest in peace.

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER – LAST CHANCE! Marina Muir has prepared a Christmas Hamper this year. The tickets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider buying a ticket for your friends and in this way support the Parish. Many thanks for preparing this wonderful prize!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Every year, at Christmas, our flowers were donated by Mairi MacLeod. They have always been selected and prepared with such great care, thanks also to our flower ladies. As you know, Mairi is no longer with us, and yet Alistair has decided to continue this custom. Christmas is such a special time for many of us, but it can be very difficult especially to those, who lost their other halves. We offer our prayers for Mairi and all those who passed away this year, and also the ones, who will spend their first Christmas without their loved ones.

CHILDREN’S PLAY: Our children will perform in Mallaig after Mass and present to us a short Nativity Scene. Many thanks for helping them to prepare for this wonderful annual presentation.

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

MORAR SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS LUNCH: It was lovely to join Morar citizens for this event. I am very grateful for the invitation.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Iain MacDonald (the Land)



Christmas Wishes

This is my Christmas card to all the parishioners and all the friends of the parishes, near and far.

I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all!

Our sincere thanks to all who help make our Christmas Masses so special: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers, and the young servers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches and all who donated to the flower displays.