

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY:

..... *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (28th December – 2nd January)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.

Public Masses: You need to book your attendance on Sunday in advance!

Weekday (Monday only this week): you have to leave your contact details at the door

Monday The Holy Innocents..... Morar, 10am

John Gillies RIP

Tuesday 5th Day within the Octave..... Arisaig, 10am

Ian MacDonald RIP

Wednesday 6th Day within the Octave..... Morar, 10am

Johann MacCuish and Veronica O'Grady RIP

Thursday 7th Day within the Octave..... Arisaig, 10am

Donald MacDonald RIP

Friday Mary, Mother of God Morar, 3pm

Donald Lawrence MacNeil RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am

Lawrence and Helen, Claire McGeough and Anne Agnew RIP

Sunday Masses 2nd / 3rd January (2nd Sunday of Christmas - B)

Saturday..... Morar: 6pm

Elizabeth Blakeway RIP

Sunday Arisaig: 10am

Alasdair

Sunday Morar (no live streaming or recording): 12 noon

Anne Laura MacNeil RIP (Mallaig) 21.3.2005

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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig: 20.12 TOTAL £160 (Gift Aid £106)

Average income from Standing Orders per month - £400

Arisaig: 20.12 TOTAL (again not provided by the counters)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Jim Wright 31.12; Angela Wright; Lawrence and Helen, Claire McGeough and Anne Agnew; Irene MacKellaig 28.12; Dougie MacKellaig RIP; Leisha MacKellaig RIP; Ronnie MacDonald RIP; Michael Leonard RIP; John Gillies 02.12; Ian MacDonald RIP; Johann MacCuish and Veronica O'Grady RIP; Donald MacDonald; Donald Lawrence MacNeil RIP (27.12.2010); Elizabeth Blakeway (nee Hanratty) 31.12.2019; Ryan Moynihan Gillies 01.01.

..... *Eternal rest...*



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RC Diocese Argyll & Isles – Arisaig & Morar Missions:

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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

CHRISTMAS / The Holy Family (B)

27th December 2020

R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

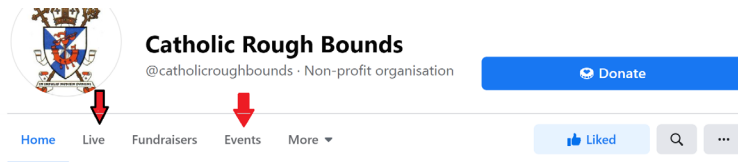


Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope

that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE MASS: This Pandemic has forced many of us to learn more and more about computer and internet usage. A lot of forms, bookings etc. are done over the internet without any paper. If you would like to benefit from our online presence, watch Masses, have instant news from the Parish and the area, you can go to:

www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds/



In the menu bar, when you click 'Live', it will take you to our livestreaming Masses. If you click on 'Events', it will help you to Book your places. You can also access 'Videos' where you will find all Services. If you do not have a Computer or Tablet, consider asking your family member to buy it and set up for you. It is very simple to use and will allow you to join in with others.

TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS: As you know, from 26th December we have been placed in Tier 4. This means that Public Mass capacity has been limited to 20 people. In response to this limitation, I have decided to add an additional 12 noon Mass in Morar on a Sunday. I understand that there have been many questions like why other Churches decided to go into lockdown and we are increasing the number of services? Are we not placing ourselves in bigger risk? As much as I would not like to comment on the decisions of other Congregations, I can only say that Catholic Faith is based on the Eucharist. The **real presence of Christ** is part of our core-belief and we continue to believe in it presence during pandemic or not. We do so with trust, knowing that our combined efforts and Government advice allow us to continue. Please remember that if you are concerned about your safety, you can stay at home and participate Online. All are welcome in our Churches, so if your friends want to join us for worship, they can simply book like everyone else. Please tell your friends that they should not feel as if they are taking up our spaces. If need be, I can add another Eucharist over the weekend.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Congratulations to Merac MacDonald!

CRIB ASSEMBLY TEAMS: Many thanks for the lovely Cribbs and decorations for Christmas in our Churches.

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

WINTER IS COMING: 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.

MORAR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: You have probably noticed the absence of live flowers this year, which normally would have been contributed by Alistair MacLeod in memory of Marie MacLeod (Alistair also offered this year, but we could not accept live arrangements). This year however, the silk-flower arrangements have been donated by Mae MacDonald and Cathy MacDonald:

In Memory of Cathie's Boys and Ian MacDonald

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: Many thanks to Alistair Neil for installing new lights for the Statue of St. Joseph. This has been possible thanks to Alistair MacLeod, who offered to cover this significant expense when his grandson was born some time ago!

PUBLIC MASSES: Please note the change in the schedule this week.

APPEAL FOR HELP: I am grateful for all your financial support. Fundraising has been done entirely on Parish level and we continue to pay our monthly levies, which have been increased now to **100%** of pre-covid state. Despite our Masses being available to the Public, our income has actually fallen even further. **At the moment, our Parishes are running a deficit, which means there is more money going out as coming in.** What more, this year the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, under Bishop Brian McGee, has sent the following message through the Treasurer of the Diocese:

"I am acutely aware that in the present circumstances offertory income is under great strain which affects a parish's ability to meet costs, including levy payments to the Diocese. For the financial year 2020/2021 (01/12/20 to 30/11/21) we are estimating a total levy of £206,004. This is taking

into account estimated Diocesan costs of £250,294 less other Diocesan income of £44,290 and represents a 7% decrease on last year's normal monthly payment. So if your levy was £1,000 per month last year, it'll be £930 this. As last year, the Diocesan office will process monthly transactions, so you need do nothing regarding setting up payments."

Allow me to explain how I understand it on the example of Morar Parish only. Arisaig Parish pays its own levy.

- In 2018, our income from Parish Offertory was £22841.00. The Parish paid that year £4512 (19.75% of Offertory income that year).
- In 2019, our income from Parish Offertory was £22467.00. The Parish paid that year £8616 (38.35% of Offertory income that year).
- In 2020 (COVID-19), our income from Parish Offertory was £14112. The Parish paid £6463 (45.80% of Offertory income that year, during the Pandemic and increased expenses).
- According to the email, in 2021, Morar will have to pay to the Diocese £8013. Strangely this email reminded me of the famous Movie by Akira Kurosawa.

IF YOU STOP CONTRIBUTING TO THE PARISH, IT WILL NOT HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE DIOCESE. THE LEVY IS SET, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CONTRIBUTE. IF YOU CONTRIBUTE LESS, THE PARISH RESOURCES WOULD BE EVEN FURTHER DIMINISHED.



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, despite all the difficulties and restrictions: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Niamh Henderson and Caroline Currie