

Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY:** .....*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (10<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May)**

**Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.** *Public Masses: You need to book your attendance on Sunday in advance! Weekday: Leave your contact details at the door*

**Monday** Sts Philip and James ..... Morar, 10am  
*Special Intention*

**Tuesday** ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Fr John Dewar RIP*

**Wednesday** ..... Morar, 10am  
*Charlie MacDonald RIP*

**Thursday** *Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord* ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Rose MacDonald RIP*

*Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord* ..... Morar, 6pm  
**Friday** *St Matthias* ..... Morar, 10am  
*John McGuire RIP*

**Saturday** ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Morag MacPherson RIP*

**Sunday Masses 15<sup>th</sup> May / 16<sup>th</sup> May (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – B)**  
**Saturday** ..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*Lizzie Hanratty RIP*

**Sunday** ..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Nan MacInness RIP*

**Sunday Children’s Mass** ..... **Morar: 12noon**  
*Duncan McDonnel RIP*

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. FOR ALL ONLINE DONATIONS, ENVELOPES POSTED TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE AND STANDING ORDERS INTO THE PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS.

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Morar/Mallaig:**  
02.05 ..... £189 (Gift Aid £115)

**Arisaig:**  
25.04 ..... £202 (Gift Aid £96)  
02.05 ..... £334 (Gift Aid £84)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Frank O’Donaghue 16.05; Fr John Dewar; Charlie MacDonald; Rose MacDonald; John McGuire 14.05; Morag MacPherson 14.05.1964; Nan MacInness 16.05.2012; Duncan McDonnel; Margaret MacDonald 10.05; Lizzie Hanratty.

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



**HEATING&LIGHTING:**

*Donald John Dempster*



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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**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

*R) The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’ Alleluia!**



**Thursday – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Although the place of the Ascension is not distinctly stated, it would appear from the Acts that it was Mount Olivet. Since after the Ascension the disciples are described as returning to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, within a

Sabbath day's journey. Tradition has consecrated this site as the Mount of Ascension and Christian piety has memorialized the event by erecting over the site a basilica. St. Helena built the first memorial, which was destroyed by the Persians in 614, rebuilt in the eighth century, to be destroyed again, but rebuilt a second time by the crusaders. This the Moslems also destroyed, leaving only the octagonal structure which encloses the stone said to bear the imprint of the feet of Christ, that is now used as an oratory.

Not only is the fact of the Ascension related in the passages of Scripture cited above, but it is also elsewhere predicted and spoken of as an established fact. Thus, in John 6:63, Christ asks the Jews: "If then you shall see the son of Man ascend up where He was before?" and 20:17, He says to Mary Magdalen: "Do not touch Me, for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God." Again, in Ephesians 4:8-10, and in Timothy 3:16, the Ascension of Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact.

The language used by the Evangelists to describe the Ascension must be interpreted according to usage. To say that He was taken up or that He ascended, does not necessarily imply that they locate heaven directly above the earth; no more than the words "sitteth on the right hand of God" mean that this is His actual posture. In disappearing from their view "He was raised up and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9), and entering into glory He dwells with the Father in the honour and power denoted by the scripture phrase.



## Shrines around the world link up for recitation of the Rosary

Join the daily live broadcast of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in link-ups with Marian shrines around the world, as part of the May marathon of prayer called by Pope Francis.

"Guided by Shrines around the world during this month of May, we recite the Rosary to invoke an end to the pandemic and the resumption of social and work-related activities."

(Pope Francis, General Audience, 5 May 2021)

As part of an initiative promoted by the Dicastery for the New Evangelization, the Marian prayer of the Rosary unites 30 Shrines around the world.

The list of Shrines where the Rosary is prayed each day at 6:00 p.m. (CET), with links to watch live, or afterwards on demand is available at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

May is a very special month in the Catholic calendar as it marks the month of Mary. This is a time when we should take time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. During this month we should take time out from our day to reflect and pray to Mary, especially when we are all living through such new and uncertain times.

As part of our May Devotions we will be reciting a Litany of Our Lady of Loreto



**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.*

**UPDATE! MALLAIG CHURCH:** Following the loosening of the restrictions, I am open to the possibility of opening Mallaig Church again. However, to make it happen, the space would have to be prepared and regular maintenance to take place. If you would like to volunteer and become a coordinator, please feel free to speak to me. You would have to measure out the space, prepare signage, organise and coordinate volunteers etc. I have undertaken that responsibility with a lot of help in Morar and Arisaig but having to actively maintain yet another building during social distancing etc. is simply too much for me alone. On the other note, Teresa MacKellaig has kindly offered to sponsor the paint providing there will be enough volunteers to re-paint St. Patrick's. Please, speak to Teresa in the Harbour Shop if you would like to help/volunteer. So far no-one approached me to help therefore we are maintaining status quo.

**ANTHONY MACMILLAN:** Many thanks to Anthony for bringing Fr Donald over to be with us and provide professional coverage of the event.

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## STARTING IN MAY, YOU WILL NOT NEED TO BOOK BUT SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AT THE DOOR

Please note that the change of system is to simplify the process and is on trial basis. This means that if we are at capacity, you might be turned away at the door. I am open to your comments regarding the system during the trial period.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** 4 Parishioners have received Papal Awards! Mae MacDonald, Isa Henderson and Lillian MacDonald have received Papal Benemerenti Medals in recognition of their work for the Church. Angus MacDonald has been Awarded Papal Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory. All these awards are extremely rare, and it is indeed a wonderful recognition and shows that the Universal Church remembers about such remote locations as the Rough Bounds. Mae's and Isa's award ceremony will take place in Morar on 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm/ Bishop McGee will preside. Lillian's and Angus's Ceremony will take place in Arisaig on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.30am. It is an extremely important event for the Parish and we will invite some 'dignitaries' to the event.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Last Sunday we celebrated our first Mass for the Children. Thank you to Lindsay, Lillian and all the parents who help to prepare the children. It will be a crucial element of Preparation toward First Confessions and First Communions of our children, but anyone can attend. There were quite a few spaces available to our Parishioners who wish to attend this Mass. First Communions will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon in Morar

**ELLEN KENNEDY RIP:** Thank you for your prayers and support to the family during this difficult time.

**ARISAIG PARISH GROUNDS:** Thank you to all who are making our Parish grounds look so tidy. Cutting the grass takes a lot of time and effort as well as maintaining the garden. We are grateful for your support.

**HEATING IN MORAR:** One of the units (10yo, commissioned by Fr Joe) broke down in Morar. There are limited options for repair, but I contacted KS Refrigeration from Ballachulish to take a look. Judging from the fault code, it might require a new unit. Cost with labour can be in the range of £2000. Provisional repair was unsuccessful and will require further repair and expense.

**DIGGER IN MORAR:** Following successful week in the garden and possibly huge repair bill for the heating, I decided to hold off with the digger and do the work myself.

**GAS TANK:** was disconnected and the old gas hob found a new home. A lot of thanks to Alistair Neil for installing the new one. It took him a lot of time to lead the new cables and I know how busy he is.

**FENCE:** Parish grounds in Morar are finally taking a nicer look for visitors. A lot of thanks to Michael Currie and recently to Hugh MacDonald for their help and keeping me right when necessary!

**CHAPEL HOUSE IN ARISAIG:** With conversion into a non-domestic Self-Catering Accommodation, we are required to carry out electrical inspection and fulfil other requirements. Many thanks to David Smith for helping to prepare the house for the electrical inspection which will be carried on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. John MacKinnon will be installing the new windows in the coming weeks and also fixing the ones commissioned and replaced before.

**ELECTIONS:** We congratulate all the winning Candidates and will remember to pray for them!

**EV CHARGING POINT:** Both Arisaig and Morar Parishes have been awarded grants from Energy Saving Trust to cover 50% of the installation of the EV Charging Points. These will be available to our Parishioners with special key card. Installation will begin shortly. I am glad we are following guidance from Pope Francis looking for sustainable ways and caring for the Environment.