

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Duncan MacDonald 22.08; Fr Michael Hutson 21.08; Rev Stewart Goudie 13.08; Iain MacKinnon (Eriskay) 15.08; Fr Kieran Brady 17.08; Winnie MacKinnon (Canna) 20.08; Anne Tittley 21.08; Claire MacLeod (Barra).

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (16th August – 21st August)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. *Public Masses: No need to book your attendance, remember to leave your contact details at the door. Arrive early to allow yourself enough time and avoid queuing.*

Monday Morar, 10am
Peter Gillies RIP

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am
Anne Laura MacNeil RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Ronnie MacPhee RIP

Thursday Arisaig, 10am
Alasdair Roberts RIP

Friday Morar, 10am
Alasdair Roberts RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am
Fr Robert Pollock OP RIP

Sunday Masses 21st August / 22nd August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
Duncan MacDonald – Birthday Mass

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
Claire MacLeod - Birthday

Sunday, Children's Mass (open to everyone) **Mallaig: 12noon**
Alasdair Roberts RIP

HOUSEBOUND VISIT THIS WEEK: Please note that due to Covid, I am only doing regular visits on a specific day after morning Lateral Flow Test. I am still available for urgent visits. 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig).

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:

08.08 £408 (inc. Gift Aid £157)

Alasdair Roberts RIP £209

Arisaig:

08.08 £250 (inc. Gift Aid £71)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Alasdair Roberts (passed away recently); Anne Laura MacNeil RIP 27.07.1976; Ronnie MacPhee RIP 27.07.1976; Fr Robert Pollock OP RIP; Fr Donald MacKay 13.08; Margaret Catherine MacDonald 04.08.1991;

Eternal rest...



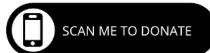
HEATING&LIGHTING:

no intention this week



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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**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary(B)15th August 2021

R) On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.



Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

“It was fitting,” St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, “that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death,” and “that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.”

In Eastern Christian tradition, the same feast is celebrated on the same calendar date, although typically known as the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. Eastern Catholic celebration of the Dormition is preceded by a two-week period of fasting which is similar to Lent. Pius XII, in “Munificentissimus Deus,” mentioned this same fasting period as belonging to the traditional patrimony of Western Christians as well.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.

First Mass since lockdown at St. Patrick's for **Sunday, 22nd August at 12noon**. We will see how long we can keep it open and if it is viable. Weekday Masses will remain in Morar and Arisaig for the foreseeable future. We will also look at the possibility of re-opening the Churches for visitors during the week for private prayer. This is only if we will be able to provide volunteers to open/close the Churches daily and make sure the spaces are tidy (there will be a list at the back to leave your details).

VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors, especially our regular visitors whom we missed greatly because of Covid!

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.

IMPORTANT! HOUSEBOUND VISITS: I resumed regular visits with Communion to our Housebound. As we are still under restrictions, it would be difficult to point to the exact day/time as I have to and want to follow some Covid safety, including regular lateral flow testing. I am aiming to pay a visit once a month, with each week being dedicated to Mallaig (3rd week of the month), Arisaig (1st week of the month) and Morar (2nd week of the month). I have been double vaccinated now thanks to our wonderful team working at the Health Centre and feel to underline the importance remind you once again of the importance of the importance of receiving Sacraments of the Church. Taking all this into consideration, this is an opt-in service which means that you have to either phone or ask a friend to contact me (email) to add you to the new regular housebound list. Please, do not hesitate to speak about this and share this information with as many parishioners as possible.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL HOUSE: Last Tuesday, following a scheduled power cut, the Chapel House suffered a major electrical failure. I am grateful to Gus Cameron from SSE for a 10min response time and Chris Rice (electrician, who recently worked in the House to certify it), for his prompt response. It took Chris, Cindy (who was visiting) and me well until midnight to fix the fault. We had to strip floorboards and lead new cables, crawl into spaces and later on trying to re-assemble everything together. Suffice to say that if I had not changed and improved safety (I had a dream about it when I decided to carry out the improvements!) of the board, it could have ended up in a much bigger problem. All this happened while guests were in the house. They were very understanding. This is sadly what it takes when properties are being let, every repair has to be carried out asap and requires 24/7 response time.

FR PAWEL NOWAK PhD: will be visiting us and staying in Morar with me over the next week. Fr Pawel has already been with us before and enjoyed the beauty of the Highlands. I hope he will have a good and pleasant stay.

RAFFLE: A surprise visit from Hughie over a week ago with a small money box. Proceeds from the Raffle that went toward Arisaig Parish. Thank you so much for remembering and for help.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Our next Special Collection will be on **21st/22nd August for Retired Priests (Please use Gift Aid Envelopes).**

TRIP HOME/HOLIDAY: I will be going away for a visit home 23-26 August 2021. It is my mother's 70th Birthday and we agreed on the date to have a small family gathering. My annual leave along with a retreat will hopefully take place now 6-30 September 2021. Cover in my absence will be provided by Fr MacKinnon. There will be no weekday services during this period except for Funerals. Urgent calls will be diverted to Fr MacKinnon. In case of a Funeral, local undertakers will have Fr Donald's contact details, otherwise he will be available urgently at 01687460290.