

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (6th December – 11th December)

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
	Mary Gillies RIP
Tuesday <i>St. Ambrose</i>	Arisaig, 10am
	Fr John Dewar RIP
Wednesday <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	Morar, 10am
	Angie MacDonald RIP
Thursday	Arisaig, 10am
	Polly Pringle RIP
Requiem Mass of <i>Mary Coats RIP</i>	Morar, 12noon
Friday <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	no Mass
Saturday	Arisaig, 10am
	Donor's Intention

Sunday Masses 11th / 12th December (3rd Sunday of Advent – C)

Saturday.....	Morar: 6pm
	Iain MacDonald RIP
Sunday.....	Arisaig: 10am
	Donald MacDonald RIP
Sunday, <i>Children's Mass (open to everyone)</i>	Mallaig: 12noon
	Fr Stan's Ordination and First Mass Anniversary

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:

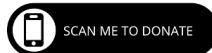
Morar/Mallaig:	
28.11	£381 (inc. Gift Aid £204)
Arisaig:	
28.11	£219 (inc. Gift Aid £101)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mary Gillies; Fr John Dewar; Angie MacDonald; Polly Pringle; Joan Blair; Sandy MacDonald;
Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

John Gillies RIP



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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // **Facebook Page:** www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds
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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**

2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

5th December 2021

R) What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Weekend Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil: *Angie MacDonald RIP*; **Sunday 10am:** *Sandy MacDonald RIP*;
Sunday 12noon: *Allan and Elizabeth MacDonald's Wedding Anniversary Blessing Mass*



2nd Sunday of Advent

VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors!

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Next Special Collection at the Crib / Holy Childhood. Following, on 1st / 2nd January for Justice and Peace (do not use GA Envelopes).

MARY COATS RIP: Mary passed away last Friday, peacefully, after receiving the Sacraments. Her funeral will take place in Morar on Thursday, 9th December at 12noon.

STANDING ORDERS: It was brought up to my attention that some people had difficulties setting up Standing Orders at their Bank. The problem is related to the length of the name on the Parish Account. Quite often there are not enough fields to put it in, so it prompts a message, which informs you about a problem with the name. You have to disregard the message and ask to proceed anyway. The full name of the Account is **RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Morar Mission**. You have to make sure that the Sort Code **83-91-25** and Account Number are correct **65628087**. As long as these numbers are correctly set up, your money will land in the Parish Account. Pledges were made as an additional promise to your regular contributions. I would like to encourage you to make your regular contributions via Standing Order as well.

If you wish to make a Standing Order to Arisaig, the full name on the account is **RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Arisaig Mission. Sort Code: 83-91-25 Account Number: 65626995**.

ELECTRICAL TESTING: Some adjustments still need to be still made to have Arisaig and Morar fully tested and certified. Cost of the works was quite significant already.

SAVE ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE: Following the recent improvement of our situation, I have appealed to Bishop McGee to hold off any decisions regarding the sale of the Church until at least August 2022. This will give us enough time to fully assess the situation and have another consultation and Parish Council meeting on the matter. I am fairly positive that with continuous efforts of the Committee, we will be able to keep the doors open for a long time in the future. I remain positive and ask God for His continuous guidance. I have received a response in which Bishop McGee commends the efforts taken already:

"I agree that no decision regarding St. Patrick's should take place at this time. Indeed one year will demonstrate a better picture."

I think that this is an extremely positive response! Thank you for all that you are doing. I was extremely stressed over the situation, and I am sorry if I have also put too much pressure on your shoulders. Parish Community is like a family to me, and I want to see it flourishing not only for me, but any of my successors and yours. We have to continue to pray for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life! We also have to continue to encourage people to attend Mass.

SAVINGS MODE: With the financial year ending in November, we managed to do a lot of upgrades and projects both in Arisaig and in Morar over the past few years. We endured the difficulty of lockdowns and diminished income. However, all these works came with an expense. I am hopeful that no major repairs will be necessary this year. Other than St. Mary's renovation project (funds are reserved), I will have to limit the number of projects in the Parishes unless new grants are found. With the extra income thanks to Standing Orders, unless the Diocese decides to increase the levy again, I am fairly sure that the running costs will be covered. This means that once again I will try to set aside any surplus and build up our deposit account. It also means that I also won't be carrying any works in the foreseeable future apart from emergency repairs. I hope that this will meet with your appreciation. I am grateful to all the benefactors of the Parish and thank God for so many good and generous people.

FUNERALS: I need not remind you that we are still not operating as usual. With the Pandemic ongoing, we have to adjust to the reality and limit our expectations. Therefore, I uphold my decision regarding the Reception of the Remains. These will not be taking place the night before but immediately precede Requiem Mass, set for 12noon. I know that some parishes reinstated them, but I try to limit the possible exposure to Covid. Funerals involve people travelling from different places and it does not mean that they are a threat but having 2 events rather than one in my opinion unnecessarily increases the risk of possible exposure. We still do not know much about the new variant, hopefully we will not be going into another wave of restrictions. From the very beginning, I have been consistent with my decisions regarding funerals, and I do not think I could be accused of preferential treatment to anyone. Restrictions however have been changing in the meantime. I will continue to respect the privacy of the families and their choices, not comment on them or engage in such discussions. I am just one person covering the area with limited number of volunteers above certain age. I have to make choices as my conscious dictates, and this is something that I will continue to insist upon. We respect the past, but we have to live in the present.

On another note, I expect that if the risk does not increase, we will re-open St. Patrick's for Funerals starting from the 2nd January, which is the date set up by the Bishops to reinstate Sunday Mass and Holiday Obligation. There are no live-streaming facilities in Mallaig which means that funerals taking place at St. Patrick's will not be live-streamed.

VISITING PRIEST: Between 28th December and 11th January, we will have a visiting missionary in the Parish. Fr Paul Annis will be staying in Morar during this time. I think it is quite a blessing that on the Feast of the Epiphany, when the whole Church prays for the Missions, we will have an actual missionary to be with us. Fr Paul wrote: *I returned back to Scotland in 2020 after being sent from Glasgow 1996 to Khartoum, Sudan, later in 2007 to South Sudan in Babr el-Ghazel of the Diocese of Wau. Then in 2011 I was sent to Cairo as a Major Superior surviving the so-called Arab Spring revolutions until my return to Glasgow.* From what I gather, Fr Paul has a tremendous experience in the missions. I was hoping to be away while Fr Paul is here, but with the Omicron Variant travel restrictions might not make it possible. In case I do get to take a break, I would like to ask for your help with transport and catering. Fr Paul is coming by train so will need a rota of people to transport him to Mass. He would also appreciate a hot meal for his dinner. At the back of the Church, I will leave a rota for volunteers with days to be covered during my possible absence. Thank you for your help.