

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (13th December – 18th 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 St Lucy Morar, 10am
Susan MacLellan RIP

Tuesday St. John of the Cross Arisaig, 10am
Mima Gillies RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Donald Angus MacDonald RIP

Thursday Arisaig, 10am
Canon Philip Doherty RIP

Friday Morar, 10am
Canon Herbert Flack RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am
Allan MacDonald RIP

Sunday Masses 18th / 19th December (4th Sunday of Advent – C)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
Basil Death Trust – Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
For Fr Stan's Parents

Sunday, Children's Mass (open to everyone) **Mallaig: 12noon**
Peter Gillies 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:
 05.12 £253 (inc. Gift Aid £120)

Arisaig:
 05.12 £259 (inc. Gift Aid £110)

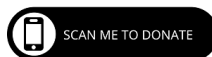
ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Susan MacLellan 13.12; Mima Gillies; Peter Gillies; John Gillies; Donald Angus MacDonald; Canon Philip Doherty; Canon Herbert Flack; Allan MacDonald; Marybel MacDonald (Morar) 01.12.2008; Margaret (MacPherson) Ginger; Jessie Ann MacDonald 20.12.1990; Mary Coats.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

Peter Gillies RIP



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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds
 Liturgical Calendar texts taken from Universalis® or New Advent Encyclopaedia unless stipulated otherwise

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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

3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

12th December 2021

R) Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. Alleluia!

Saturday-Vigil: *Iain MacDonald RIP; Sunday 10am: Donald MacDonald RIP; Sunday 12noon: Fr Stan's Ordination Anniversary Mass*



3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday!

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: Thank you for your prayers and participation at the Funeral Mass.

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**.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: We are lucky to have 3 Hamper Baskets year. Many thanks to Ann MacMillan in Arisaig and Maureen MacNeil in Morar/Mallaig. We mustn't forget that for years Marina and Mairi have also prepared hampers and they will do so again this year. This is indeed a magnificent chance and opportunity to win a hamper! Tickets will be available at the back of the Churches through the Advent Season. I am sure that the winners will not be disappointed. Wide selection of items available in the An Cala Café in Mallaig with proceeds going toward the Parish. We are still looking for volunteers to service the stall (Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm). Please speak to Maureen if you would like to help. My gratitude to all who prepared the stall as well as those who donated the items. It is a much-needed help especially in the winter months.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 10.30am on 18th December in Arisaig; Monday, 20th December from 7pm until 8pm in Morar. Fr Stan will be hearing confessions but there will be an opportunity after Christmas as well with Fr Paul.

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.

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 Bahr 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.

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP:

- After almost two years the Bishops are restoring the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation from Sunday 2nd January 2022, Solemnity of the Epiphany. The recent Pastoral Letter (28th November) recalled the positive reasons why people should now come to Mass while stressing that the dispensation would still apply to those who considered that they could not yet return. This would include those who are suffering from anxiety.(...)

- The Obligation could only be restored because we know that our Churches are safe places where the risk of infection is low. Implementing the hygiene protocols consistently has given confidence to people to return to public worship. I thank you and all your volunteers for the dedication involved in maintaining such high standards over a prolonged period (...)
- I have been reflecting recently on people who have asked to receive Holy Communion on the tongue during Mass. While I understand that receiving on the tongue is important for some this temporary regulation was made for good reason. Now that the Obligation is returning it would not be right to have a practice that carries a higher risk of infection and would cause anxiety for people attending Mass. I do appreciate that a number of clergy have reached compromises with parishioners for pastoral reasons. However, I ask that the instruction that Communion is not to be distributed on the tongue during Mass is fully implemented. I know that you will support any parishioners who find this temporary regulation difficult. I am happy to interact with people directly if that would be helpful.
- I want to address the sensitive issue of vaccinations. As we are aware Pope Francis, Pope Benedict and the CDF have endorsed vaccinations as an important tool in the fight against Covid-19. The data available demonstrates that the percentage of those who are vaccinated suffering from serious illness and death is significantly smaller than the percentage of those who are unvaccinated, while the chances for fuller recovery are greatly enhanced. Therefore, it is from my heart that I encourage anyone who has thus far decided to remain unvaccinated to at least speak with his G.P. or nurse about his concerns. The decision is yours but you will have had the opportunity for a one to one discussion. If any priest or deacon remains unvaccinated I have no intention of even trying to force him to be so. I appreciate that a person's health is a personal matter but it is also true that, since we are public figure during a pandemic, there is also a public dimension. We all have obligations to other people. I would therefore ask that anyone who chooses to remain unvaccinated ought to take a Lateral Flow Test each day they will interact with people, that he wears a face covering and regularly sanitises his hands. Perhaps he should also inform vulnerable parishioners before any visitation. However, it is also clear that vaccinated people can also receive and pass on the virus and therefore everyone should be taking regular Lateral Flow Tests, wearing masks and sanitising hands.
- You will be aware that Book VI of the Code of Canon Law has been rewritten and comes into force today (December 8th 2021). The new Book VI can be found on the Vatican Website.
- Gaelic Liturgy: Fr Ross Crichton and his co-workers have completed a proposed translation of the Sacraments into Gaelic. This work was presented to the Bishops' Conference yesterday. It is the Conference's intention that the texts will be made available for comment and notification of this process will shortly be made public. I thank Fr Ross and those involved for their hard work. I encourage participation in this wider consultation period.
- Bishops decided to give priests in Scotland a raise of 2.9%. From January 2022 the annual salary is going to be £3198.

SAFEGUARDING

1. Diocesan Safeguarding Day

Thank you for advertising this recent event which was the best attended diocesan online event so far.

2. Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA)

The Hon Lady Rita Rae QC has been appointed as the first Board Chair of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA). You will receive the most recent copy of the newsletter *Safeguarding Matters* which will bring you up to date with how the SCSSA is developing. Please post *Safeguarding Matters* on your parish social media and mention it in your Newsletter so that as many people as possible can know what our Church is doing to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.

3. Independent Audits

It is fully expected that our Diocese of Argyll and the Isles will be independently audited during 2021, probably before the summer. Once concrete details are known I will let you know.