

## Parish Services

**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.*

### Weekday Services (17<sup>th</sup> January – 22<sup>nd</sup> January)

Monday *St Antony* ..... Morar, 10am

*Mary Theresa MacDonald RIP*

Tuesday ..... Arisaig, 10am

*Bob Trybis RIP*

Wednesday ..... Morar, 10am

*Jackie Milligan RIP*

Thursday ..... Arisaig, 10am

*Mary Theresa MacDonald RIP*

Friday *St Agnes* ..... Morar, 10am

*Polly Pringle RIP*

Saturday ..... Arisaig, 10am

*Special Intention for the family*

### **Sunday Masses 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – C)**

Saturday ..... **Morar: 6pm**

*Blessings for Mae MacDonald*

Sunday ..... **Arisaig: 10am**

*Blessings for Jessica and Allan*

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

*Special Intention for the family*

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Week (Arisaig); 2<sup>nd</sup> Week (Morar); 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 09.01 ..... £197 (incl. Gift Aid £90)

**Arisaig:** 09.01 ..... tba

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Christine Calder (died recently); Ronnie Campbell (died recently); Bridget Kyte (18.01.2010); Sheonag Walker (South Uist, died recently); Elizabeth MacDonald (Arisaig, died last Thursday); Bob Trybis 18.01; Jackie Milligan; Mary Theresa MacDonald; Polly Pringle; Kenny Stewart; Declan Loughrey; Tommy McShane; Lara Arrighi; Augusto Arrighi; Richard Watters; Iain and Margaret MacLellan 15.01; Marybel MacDonald.

*Eternal rest...*



## **HEATING&LIGHTING:**

*no donation 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**

## **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

*Mass Intentions:*

**Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm:** *Marybel MacDonald RIP;*

**Sunday 10am:** *Blessings for Pat; Sunday 12noon: Blessings for Helen McDonell*



**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 Weekend, Special Collection, on 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> January, for Parish Maintenance (use Parish GA Envelopes). Following, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> February, Special Collection for Diocesan Pastoral Fund (use Parish GA Envelopes).

**FR PAUL ANNIS:** Many thanks to Fr Paul for his help in the Parish in my absence. I am sure many of you benefitted spiritually from his presence. Thanks to all those who helped make his stay so welcoming. He is really looking forward to his return to our Parishes and will keep fond memories of our place.

**COVID UPDATE:** While the number of cases continues to be high, the Bishops have delayed the Sunday Obligation. I will keep you updated if I hear about any changes. Please, be aware that in case of an outbreak in our area, Masses can be cancelled at short notice (even at the weekend). Follow Parish Facebook for any changes/alterations.

**ST. PATRICK'S WEEKDAY MASSES:** I would like to honour my promise of resuming Weekday Masses at St. Patrick's. My suggestion is to have it on Wednesday at 10am starting in February, but if you have any other ideas, do not hesitate to express your views. St. Patrick's is also available now for Funerals.

**WEST HIGHLAND HOTEL:** I was very upset to hear about the incident in Mallaig. Sine and Gavin have been working tirelessly to make the hotel such a wonderful place for visitors and locals. We pray that events like this will never take place again and offer our prayers and assistance to them.

**ELIZABETH MACDONALD RIP:** Allan's wife passed away last week. We offer our prayers and sympathies for a lovely member of our community in Arisaig.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
WORLD DAY OF PEACE, POPE FRANCIS:**

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!* Happy New Year!

Let us begin the new year entrusting it to Mary, the Mother of God. The Gospel of today's Liturgy speaks of her, taking us back once again to the wonder of the Nativity scene. The shepherds hasten toward the stable and what do they find? The text says they find, "Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger" (*Lk 2:16*). Let us pause on this scene and imagine Mary who, as a tender and caring mother, has just laid Jesus in the manger. In that act of laying him down we can see a gift given to us: Our Lady does not just keep her Son to herself, but presents him to us. She does not just hold him in her arms, but puts him down to invite us to look at him, to welcome him and to adore him. This is Mary's motherhood: she offers the Son who is born to all of us. Always by giving her Son, showing her Son, never treating her Son as something of her own, no. And so throughout Jesus' life. And in laying him before our eyes, without saying a word, she gives us a wonderful message: God is near, within our reach. He does not come with the power of one who wants to be feared, but with the frailness of someone who asks to be loved. He does not judge from his throne on high, but looks at us from below, like a brother, rather, like a son. He is born little and in need so that no one would ever again be ashamed of themselves. It is precisely when we experience our weakness and our frailness that we can feel God even nearer, because he appeared to us in this way — weak and frail. He is the God-child who is born so as not to exclude anyone, in order to make us all become brothers and sisters. And so, the new year begins with God who, in the arms of his mother and lying in a manger, encourages us with tenderness. We need this encouragement. We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic. Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by global economic imbalances. Looking at Mary with her Son in her arms, I think of young mothers and their children fleeing wars and famine, or waiting in refugee camps. They are many! And while contemplating Mary who lays Jesus in the manger, making him available to everyone, let us remember that the world can change and everyone's life can improve only if we make ourselves available to others, without expecting them to begin to do so. If we become artisans of fraternity, we will be able to mend the threads of a world torn apart by war and violence. Today we celebrate the World Day of Peace. Peace "is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment" (*Message for the 55th World Day of Peace*, 1). *Gift* from on high: we need to implore it from Jesus because we are not capable of preserving it on our own. We can truly build peace only if we have it in our hearts, only if we receive it from the Prince of peace. But peace is also our *commitment*: it asks us to take the first step, it demands concrete actions. It is built by being attentive to the least, by promoting justice, with the courage of forgiveness which extinguishes the fire of hatred. And it needs a positive outlook as well: may we always look — in the Church and in society — not at the evil that divides us, but the good that unites us! Getting depressed or complaining is useless. We have to roll up our sleeves to build peace. At the beginning of this year, may the Mother of God, Queen of Peace, obtain harmony in our hearts and in the entire world.