

**Parish Services**

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** Cindy MacIntyre 05.03; ..... *Ad multos annos!*  
*Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. Facebook reinstated its 3<sup>rd</sup> party access and for the time being, depending on stability of mobile connection, I am able to stream again from Mallaig. Please note that Mass Intentions are scheduled to the best of my ability and there could be some last-minute changes (if ex. Someone has an urgent prayer intention. I always try to inform the donor).*

**Weekday Services (6<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Monday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Bishop John Cunningham RIP*

**Tuesday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Jessica MacKinnon RIP*

**Wednesday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Mallaig, 10am  
*Bishop John Cunningham RIP*

**Thursday, Mass with Stations of the Cross** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Margaret Lennon RIP*

**Friday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Phelim Rice RIP*

**Saturday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Sylvia McKeown RIP*

**SUNDAY MASSES 11<sup>th</sup> March/ 12<sup>th</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – A)**

**Saturday-Vigil** ..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*John Buchan RIP*

**Sunday**..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Blessings for Sister Maria Edith*

**Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone)** ..... **Mallaig: 11.30am**  
*Dougie MacKellaig RIP*



SCAN ME TO DONATE

**HOUSEBOUND VISITS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week (Arisaig); 2<sup>nd</sup> Week (Morar); 3<sup>rd</sup> Week (Mallaig);  
 Mackintosh Centre – every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement)**

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 and Mallaig:**  
 26.02 ..... £288.00 (incl. Gift Aid £149.00)

**Arisaig:**  
 26.02 ..... £291 (incl. Gift Aid £126.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Catherine Muir (died recently); Jessica MacKinnon (died 16.02.2023); Ian (the Land) MacDonald 05.03; Bishop John Cunningham; Margaret Lennon 06.02; Phelim Rice (died recently); Sylvia McKeown; John Buchan 30.01; Dougie MacKellaig 08.02; Sarah MacEachen 11.03.1984; Donald MacEachen 18.03.1981; Donnie MacKenzie 28.02.1984; Donnie MacInness 29.02; Bella MacDonald (Hazelgrove) 06.03.

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



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of Sarah and Donald MacEachen RIP



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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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

*Mass Intentions:*

**Saturday-Vigil Mass:** Ian (the Land) MacDonald RIP  
**Sunday 10am:** Catherine Muir RIP **Sunday 11.30am:** Ian (the Land) MacDonald RIP



**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. There are so many people that occupy my thoughts and prayers at the moment. Please. Do not lose your faith in prayer! It works miracles. I am always ready to administer the

Sacrament of the Sick whenever you ask. It is not an imposition; I am happy to carry out this ministry. I will always respect your privacy and confidentiality.

*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:

- This weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March for Parish Maintenance. **Use** Parish GA Envelopes and Tick the right box.
- 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> March for SCIAF. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes and Tick the right box.

**SOUP KITCHEN:** Thank you again for a successful event 😊

**JESSICA MACKINNON RIP:** Jessica's Funeral will be taking place in her Parish on 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will be offering Mass for her in Arisaig on the same day.

**CONSULTATION FORMS:** Please fill in and return to the Chapel House. I know that some of these questions are challenging. If you are finding it difficult, please also put it down as the people preparing the materials should make sure that we reach out to as many as possible, using an appropriate language. Yes, I found it difficult to follow as well and a bit repetitive to what we have already done in the past but perhaps it is good to be reminded?

**DEAD TREE:** Many thanks to Lilian, who has been coordinating the efforts to remove the dead tree next to Kilmory. Duncan Currie will be working to remove the tree.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will begin this traditional Lenten devotion next week before morning Mass on specific days. I will include the schedule in the next week's newsletter.

**CHRISM MASS:** Will take place in Oban on the 29<sup>th</sup> March in Oban Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday at 6pm in Mallaig; Good Friday at 3pm in Arisaig; Easter Vigil in Morar at 6pm; Easter Sunday in Arisaig at 10am and in Mallaig at 11.30am.

**GA ENVELOPES:** Soon, at the back of the Churches, you will find your new Gift Aid Envelopes. Please remember that after 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, you will have to discard all the old envelopes. Thank you so much for your generosity. Gift aid is extremely important source of Parish income.

**SCHOOL VISIT:** It is important to look after the connection with the school. Foremost, I encourage parents to make sure it continues.

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the Christian proclamation of God's nearness, and urges us to draw strength from our relationship with Jesus in order to preach the Gospel together in meekness.

**By Devin Watkins**

Pope Francis continued his catechesis series on the passion of evangelizing—apostolic zeal—at the Wednesday General Audience.

He reflected on the “missionary discourse” which Jesus gave to His disciples in the Gospel of Matthew (10:7-16) soon after He called them.

### Coming or going?

The Pope noted that Jesus called the 12 Apostles “so that they might be with Him and He might send them out to preach.”

He pointed to the dual action of “being with” and “going out” in Jesus' call, saying Christian missionary activity begins with the encounter with Christ and moves outward.

*“Bearing witness to Him means radiating Him. But, if we do not receive His light, we will be extinguished. If we do not attend Him, we will bear ourselves instead of Him, and it will all be in vain.”*

He added that Jesus sends His disciples out soon after calling them, which shows that missionary experience is an integral part of Christian formation.

### God's freely-given love

Pope Francis went on to reflect on three aspects of the Christian proclamation: why, what, and how to proclaim.

Jesus, he said, lays out the “why” in a few succinct words: “Freely you have received, freely give.”

God's freely given love fills us and we are naturally impelled to share that love with others, said the Pope.

### Nearness of God

He noted that the “what” of our proclamation has to do with the nearness of the kingdom of heaven.

The most important aspect of preaching, said Pope Francis, is that “God is near”.

*“It is easier to exhort people to love God than to allow ourselves to be loved by Him.”*

The Pope said the Christian proclamation must give God the first place, while we allow ourselves to be molded by His love and action.

### Meekness in preaching

Pope Francis then spoke at length about “how” to proclaim, which he noted formed the lengthier part of Jesus' own missionary discourse.

*“He tells us that the manner, the style is essential to bearing witness. Let's listen to how He wants us to be: ‘I send you out as sheep among wolves.’”*

Jesus, added the Pope, never asks us to face the wolves with counter arguments or well-prepared defenses of the faith.

Rather, Jesus tells His disciples to be “meek and innocent, willing to sacrifice”.

And He will in turn protect His lambs from the wolves, but only if they remain meek as lambs.

### Missionary unity

In conclusion, Pope Francis noted that Jesus says to go out on mission together without any material provisions or worldliness, trusting only in God's Providence.

“The apostolic Church is completely missionary, and it finds its unity in the mission,” he said. “So: go forth, meek and good as lambs, without worldliness, together.”

**Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!**