

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:*Ad multos annos!*

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. Facebook reinstated its 3rd 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 (20th March – 25th March)

Monday, St Joseph, husband of the BVM Morar, 10am
James MacLean RIP

Tuesday, Arisaig, 10am
Louis Kennedy RIP

Wednesday, Mallaig, 10am
Hugh MacKelvie RIP

Thursday, Arisaig, 10am
Chrissie McKelvie RIP

Friday, Mass with Stations of the Cross Morar, 10am
Molly Buchanan RIP

Saturday, The Annunciation of the Lord Arisaig, 10am
Jessica MacKinnon RIP

SUNDAY MASSES 25th March/ 26th March (5th Sunday of Lent – A)
Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**
Isabelle and John Doyle RIP

Sunday..... **Arisaig: 10am**
Lawrence McGeough RIP

Sunday, *Children’s Mass (open to everyone)* **Mallaig: 11.30am**
James MacDonald RIP



SCAN ME TO DONATE

HOUSEBOUND VISITS: 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig); Mackintosh Centre – every 1st 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.

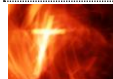
COLLECTIONS:

Morar and Mallaig:	
12.03	£227.00 (incl. Gift Aid £121.00)
Arisaig:	
05.03	£371 (incl. Gift Aid £215.00)
05.03 Parish Maintenance	£163.55 (incl. Gift Aid £56.00)
12.03	£228.50 (incl. Gift Aid £76.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ian Dempster 12/03/1965; John Dempster 21/03/1993; Elizabeth MacDonald 13.01.2022; Jackie MacKellaig 22.03 (Birthday Anniversary); Margaret MacLaren 14.03.2022; Tommy MacKenzie; Jessica MacKinnon; Willy MacLaughlin (died recently); Lawrence McGeough 27.03; Hugh McKelvie 11.02.2002; Chrissie McKelvie 02.02; Molly Buchanan; Jessica MacKinnon; Angus MacKellaig; Isabelle and John Doyle; Sister Mary Inglis; James MacLean 15.03.2019; Louis Kennedy 22.03.1973; Donald Kennedy 27.03; Hugh Rodden 14.03.1975; Anne Laura McNeil 21.03.2005.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Jackie MacKellaig RIP



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Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

4th Sunday of Lent (A)

19th March 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Molly Buchanan RIP
Sunday 10am: Molly Buchanan RIP Sunday 11.30am: Angus MacKellaig RIP

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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:

- Today, 18th / 19th March for SCIAF. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.

On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all mothers around the world – that they may realise how special they are to us, their children. We thank you Lord for giving us this precious gift and we thank mothers for the love, care and understanding they have given to us. We especially give thanks for mothers in Zambia, who despite suffering from devastating hunger are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive. Please give what you can in today's collection for SCIAF. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting sciaf.org.uk/donate or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

- 7th April Good Friday Collection for Holy Places. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.
- 19th / 20th May for Communications. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.

SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you again for a successful event 🍷 Soup kitchen will be coming to an end on the 25th March in its current form. We will discuss with the Church of Scotland how we will proceed further.

CONSULTATION FORMS: Please return asap.

ARISAIG PHONE NUMBER: Soon, our current contract runs out. For the past few years, calls from 450223 were diverted to Morar, but since having a phone line might become more expensive due to the transition into digital phone lines, we might only keep broadband on for the guests. This means that soon, the line will not be active.

MALLAIG CHURCH ECO GRANT: I am considering applying for an Eco Congregation Grant for Mallaig Church (up to £80,000 funding) to install new energy/heating. This might mean some structural changes to the outside of the church to potentially install solar panels etc. Before I apply for any funding, I am open to hearing your suggestions to these potential changes to the Church Building. Any upgrades intend to minimise the running costs and increase energy efficiency.

POWER BOOST IN MORAR: SSEN have now carried essential upgrades to our supply in Morar Church. Many thanks to all the parties involved in helping to secure funding (around £11000) for this project. With slow withdrawal from fossil fuels, demand on electricity grid is going to increase. Having a new, safe connection with increased load allows us to look positively into the future.

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 29th 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: At the back of the Churches, you will find your new Gift Aid Envelopes. Please remember that after 5th 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.

NEWS FROM BOLIVIA: As you know, I am going on my Easter Break to Bolivia to visit Fr Wieslaw Mielewczyk, who is working there as a missionary priest. He has been designated as a Youth Chaplain in the Diocese and been involved with organising a Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon. He is looking for sponsors to allow youngsters from deprived areas to attend the meeting with the Pope. The cost of 1 Pilgrim is around £235 and with help from some donors, we were able to sponsor 3 Pilgrims. Fr Wieslaw sent a lovely acknowledgment below. Speak to me for details if you want to help.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your material support for the packages of the participant of the World Youth Day in Lisbon. Thanks to the funds donated by you, three people from Bolivia will be able to fulfill their life's dream and spiritually enrich themselves with this unique time of meeting with the Pope and with young Catholics from around the world. On their behalf, I express my great gratitude combined with remembrance in prayer and greetings coming straight from my heart.

We will be happy to share with you a report from our stay at World Youth Day in Lisbon.

Fr. Wieslaw Mielewczyk - a missionary serving in Aiquile

More current news from my missionary service at www.misjebolivia.pl

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!

Pope at audience: We are all called to be apostles

At his weekly general audience, Pope Francis says that all Christians - priests, religious, and laypeople - are called to mission.

By Joseph Tulloch

At his weekly general audience this Wednesday, Pope Francis continued with his series of catecheses on the "passion for evangelising", stressing that Christ calls everyone - priest, religious, lay - to be an apostle.

The Holy Father's catechesis took the form of a reflection on several passages from the New Testament and from the documents of the Second Vatican Council, which together offer a vision of the universal call to mission.

WHAT IS AN APOSTLE?

Pope Francis began his catechesis asking what it means to be an apostle.

The first characteristic, he said, is being *sent for a mission*, adding that this aspect of apostleship is exemplified by the event in which the Risen Christ sends his apostles into the world, "telling them that 'As the Father has sent me, even so I send you'" (John 20:21).

A second feature of being an apostle, Pope Francis continued, is *vocation* or calling. This, he said, has been a feature of Christian life since the very beginning, when Jesus "called to him those whom he desired; and they came to him" (Mk 3:13). It is also testified to in the letters of Saint Paul, who introduces himself as "Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus" (1 Cor 1:1), and "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle" (Rm 1:1).

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO APOSTLESHIP

Pope Francis then went on to urge that all Christians receive this calling.

He quoted from the Second Vatican Council's decree *Apostolicam actuositatem*, according to which "the Christian vocation by its very nature is also a vocation to the apostolate." The call to apostleship thus "concerns both those who have received the sacrament of Orders, consecrated persons, and all lay faithful, man or woman."

Importantly, moreover, the Pope added, there are not different callings for priests, consecrated persons, and the laity. Rather, all Christians – priests, religious, laity – have the *same* calling, a "calling that is in common".

While there is a legitimate "diversity of ministry", and it is true that "Christ conferred, on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power", it is important to remember that "the laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ."

COLLABORATION BETWEEN LAITY AND HIERARCHY

In the final section of his catechesis, the Holy Father turned to consider what the Council meant of when it spoke of "collaboration of the laity and the hierarchy."

Is this, he asked, "a mere strategic adaptation to the new emerging situations?" Not at all, the Pope insisted, going on to quote from *Ad gentes* 21: "The Church has not been really founded, and is not yet fully alive, nor is it a perfect sign of Christ among men, unless there is a laity worthy of the name working along with the hierarchy."

It is also very important, he added, to ensure that "the diversity of charisms and ministries must not give rise, within the ecclesial body, to privileged categories."

"Who has more dignity in the Church?", Pope Francis asked. "The bishop, the priest? No, we are all Christians in the service of others ... Everyone is equal, we are all equal."

REMARKS ON ARGENTINA AND UKRAINE

Following his catechesis, the Holy Father turned his attention to political matters.

He began, speaking in Spanish, by thanking Argentinian leaders for their wishes to him on the tenth anniversary of his election as Pope, and encouraging them to work together amid soaring inflation.

"I would like to thank in a special way all the people belonging to the political parties and social leaders of my country, who have come together to sign a letter of greeting on the occasion of the tenth year of my pontificate," he said. "How nice it is that you are coming together to talk, to discuss and to take the country forward."

The Holy Father's thoughts then turned, as ever, to Ukraine, a country that has been in his prayers at almost every General Audience since the outbreak of war. This week, his appeal contained a special request to the warring parties, asking them to "respect religious sites."