

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Marion Morrison 07.09; Scott Greenlees 19.09; Colin Buchanan 29.09 *Ad multos annos!*

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. 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 (11th September – 16th September)

- Monday, _____ Morar, 10am
Teresa MacKenzie RIP
- Tuesday, _____ Arisaig, 10am
Mary Francis MacKinnon RIP
- Wednesday, St John Chrysostom _____ Mallaig, 10am
Leon Krasucki RIP
- Thursday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross _____ Arisaig, 10am
Janina RIP
- Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows _____ Morar, 10am
John Paul Houston RIP
- Saturday, St Ninian _____ Arisaig, 10am
Blessings for Frank MacKenzie on 80th Birthday

SUNDAY MASSES 16th September / 17th September (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)

- Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**
Kirsty MacDonald RIP
- Sunday..... **Arisaig: 10am**
Blessings for Helen Kennedy
- Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone) **Mallaig: 11.30am**
Dougie MacDougall RIP

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:	
03.09	£225.00 (incl. Gift Aid £153.00)
Arisaig:	
03.09	£388.50 (incl. Gift Aid £125.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT



ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Dougie MacDougall (Birth Ann) 15.09; John Paul Houston 15.09; Teresa MacKenzie (Birth Ann) 30.08; Kirsty MacDonald; Joe and Cathy Duffy 28.08.2006; Margaret Chisholm 15.09.1997; John MacDonald (Gorten) 10.09; Susan MacDonald (Roy Bridge, died recently); Anne O’Donoghue 14.09; Christina MacEachen 23.08; Moira Benzie; Mairi Benzie; Barbara MacKay; Katie MacKay; Madge MacKay; Jessie MacKay.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:



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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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10th September 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Maria Pamula RIP
 Sunday 10am: Blessings for Pat MacDonald Sunday 11.30am: Blessings for Helen Kennedy



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:

9th / 10th September for Ecclesiastical Students Fund. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.

Next weekend should be our annual Collection for Ecclesiastical Students, who are seminarians. Unfortunately, our diocese presently has no one studying for the priesthood. However, the diocese has recently ordained or brought on loan several priests. Over 12 months the diocese will spend about £20,000 settling these new priests, but this has been well worth it, as their presence has been supportive to both our clergy and the eight parishes that will be served. Therefore, since we have no students, this year's Second Collection, instead of going to the ESP, will help with the costs incurred in ensuring every parish in the diocese is served by a priest. Thank you for your generosity. The ESF envelope can still be used. Bishop Brain

30th September / 1st October for Parish Maintenance. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.

21st October / 22nd October for Missio Scotland. DO NOT use Gift Aid Envelopes.

OLD ARISAIG GRAVEYARD APPEAL: For quite some time now, I have been truly saddened by the condition of the old chapel as well as the graveyard and hoping that in my time here I will have an opportunity to do something about it. Last weekend, I had a surveyor having a proper look at what and how it can be tidied up. I hope that together we found a good solution and would be able to soon begin this big restoration of the grounds project, estimated at a cost of £5000.00. I was able to put some money aside from the income we have from properties, but I would like to also make this special appeal to you. I know that many of you have families buried in the Old Graveyard and would like to see it again well looked after. If you would like to make a contribution toward the project, I would like to invite you to do so. I hope to finalise the works, involving, cutting trees, disposing of old materials and tidying the area. Works will be carried by a licensed workers and I hope will be finalised by November – month of Holy Souls. Please, share this information among friends and relations who might also wish to contribute toward the project. There are donation envelopes available at the back of Arisaig Church.

BIRDS AND OTHER MATTERS: Suffice to say that when Jesus walked into the temple and saw pigeons (and people selling them), he was not happy. Neither was I last Thursday celebrating Mass with a big bird dropping stain on the missal. Yes, we did develop a bit of a problem with birds in Arisaig. We used to have some predatory birds on the tower which I was really pleased with. Unfortunately, ever since the repairs on the roof, they seem to have moved somewhere else and, in their absence, new, less favourable residents moved in. One of them has found its way into the Church and now circles from one side to the next. We've tried brushes, sounds, Rentokil, so far, no success. Imagine however my anger when I discovered all the shafts leading into the tower wide open! Yes, from top to bottom, open invitation. I must say that unless I have to fix the bells, I do not make it a regular habit climbing up these ladders. But I always make sure that the hatches on each level remain shut! I do not plan any investigations, but I am pleading with you – if you have workmen up, going there for one reason or the other, make sure that when they leave the place is secure, at least till John helps with the netting to stop them getting in. If you see the lights on all night in the church, turn them off as probably someone forgot about it. If you see some tourists dumping rubbish behind the church, do not wait until next Sunday to tell the priest, if you see the gate open, close it. Please, try to be a bit more proactive! Between all the churches and houses, gardens etc. it is not easy for one person to manage and be responsible for all. I am very grateful to all our volunteers who quietly help out where they can, but there is always room for more such people as I am absolutely exhausted after the summer, and it never stops – drains, leaks, and I can go on and on. And most importantly the joys and burdens of pastoral responsibility, with every prayer and worry for you all, this is really a lot. Please, help with your deeds as well as words and prayers!

GRASS CUTTING: Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with cutting grass and maintaining the garden.

READERS ROTA: New Rota is available for Morar/Mallaig. Thank you to our new readers and all the volunteers. Just a wee reminder to our readers that we try to avoid any unnecessary commentaries to the readings in the likes of 'please stand', 'response to the psalm', 'gospel acclamation', 'first reading', etc. All we do is begin with 'A reading from...' and finish with 'the Word of the Lord'; we simply progress to the response without any instructions, similar with the Gospel Acclamation. Our actions should come naturally as Catholics rather than steered too much, we are all participants of the Liturgy, not spectators. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEVOTIONS: We will continue with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Litany to the Sacred Heart every Friday after morning Mass.

OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Beginning 29th September, I will be away on my annual leave, visiting my parents in Poland and taking some time off by myself. Fr Jaroslaw Kwiecien will be providing cover, arriving with his cat to Kilmory on 21st September. Fr Jarek is the latest priest joining our diocese and has kindly agreed to provide this vital supply. In my absence, he will celebrate daily masses (without streaming) as per our usual rota. He will be using my car, so make sure you do not confuse him with me in case he gets caught speeding! If you would like Fr Jarek to celebrate Masses in your intentions, you can ask him in person but if you want them to be included on the schedule in the last Parish Newsletter before my departure, please make sure you deliver them to me no later than Thursday, 21st September. I will pass on all your intentions and offerings to Fr Jarek. I am sure we will provide him with a warm welcome and I am planning to return around 20th October. All calls from Morar will be diverted to Kilmory but you will also be able to reach Fr Jarek under 01687450629.

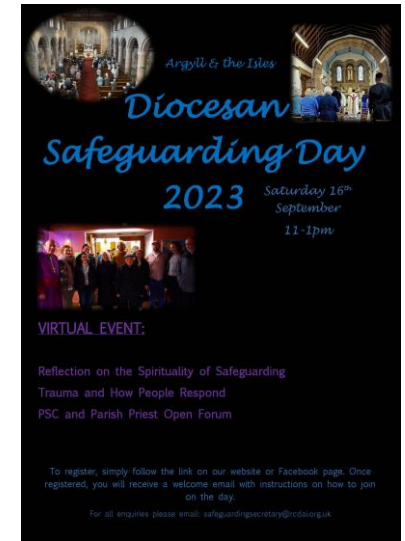
ADVENT RETREAT: I know we are still a long way from Advent, but I wanted to inform you that beginning this year, we will be holding Parish Retreats in preparation for Christmas. This is part of our Spiritual Renewal efforts in the Parish, to follow the guidance from Led by the Spirit. I was able to invite Fr Bernard Fox, a Mill Hill Father and Sister Sally Hyland to lead us in prayer. Our Retreat will take 3 days 12-14 December and will be filled with Spiritual Talks and Guidance for Parishioners. Our Retreat will have one of the most renowned preachers in Britain among Christian Communities! Mark the dates in your calendar



LED BY THE Spirit Phase 2 – Consultation on our Diocesan Resources

By visiting ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk or through the diocesan website rcdai.org.uk you can learn much about our diocesan resources. For example, in sections 5,6 and 7 you can discover statistics regarding worship in every parish and therefore right across the diocese over the past five years. Likewise, the financial position of every parish and the diocese is presented, also over a five-year period.

SOUP AND SANDWICHES: A big thank you to all the volunteers for the successful event last Sunday. It was so good to gather together and raise £577 for Church Funds. I am so grateful to be among such wonderful people, including Lindsay Murray who coordinated the event.



Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!