

Parish Services

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 (27th November – 2nd December)

Table with 2 columns: Day and Location/Time. Rows include Monday (Morar, 10am), Tuesday (Arisaig, 10am), Wednesday (Mallaig, 10am), Thursday (Arisaig, 10am), Friday (Morar, 10am), Saturday (Arisaig, 10am).

SUNDAY MASSES 2nd December / 3rd December (1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – B)

Table with 2 columns: Day and Location/Time. Rows include Saturday-Vigil (Morar: 6pm), Sunday (Arisaig: 10am), Sunday Children's Mass (Mallaig: 11.30am).

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: 19.11 £204.00 (incl. Gift Aid £88.00)

Arisaig: 19.11 n/a
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Donald MacLellan 26.11.2022; Mary Teresa MacDonald 18.11.2021; Sandy MacDonald 28.11; Fr John Dewar 23.11; Peter Gillies 02.12 (BDay Ann); Angie MacDonald (Arisaig) 21.11; Jack and Mona MacLellan 03.12. Eternal rest...

HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Elizabeth MacDonald

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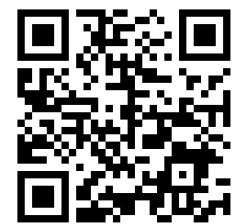
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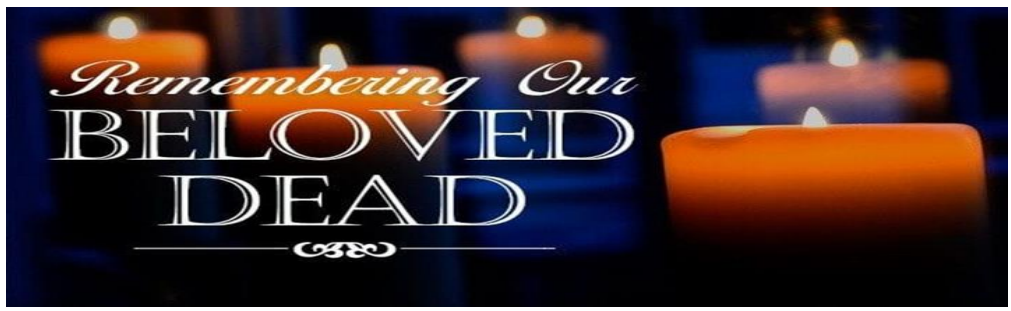
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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna



Christ the King (A) 26th November 2023
Mass Intentions: Saturday-Vigil Mass: Donald MacLellan RIP
Sunday 10am: November List Sunday 11.30am: Donald MacLellan 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:

25th November / 26th November for Scottish Catholic Education Service. **DO NOT** use Gift Aid Envelopes.

Christmastide Crib Collection – Holy Childhood. **DO NOT** use Gift Aid Envelopes. Taken at the Crib Baskets only.

6th January / 7th January for Justice and Peace. **DO NOT** use Gift Aid Envelopes.

BINGO: Thank you so much for your participation and involvement. It is a wonderful Parish Event and I am immensely grateful to be a part of it. I know how much preparation and involvement it takes for our volunteers.

ADVENT RETREAT PROGRAMME: 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. Retreat will consist of Morning Mass with Guidance and an evening meeting in the Club Room in Arisaig. There will also be a penitential service scheduled for Confessions. Our Retreat will have one of the most renowned preachers in Britain among Christian Communities! Mark the dates 😊

Tuesday, 12th December:

- 10am Mass in Arisaig with Reflection
- 5pm Reflection in the Club Room in Arisaig

Wednesday, 13th December:

- 10am Mass in Mallaig with Penance Service and Spiritual Talk (opportunity for Confession afterwards)
- 5pm Reflection in the Club Room in Arisaig

Thursday, 14th December:

- 10am Mass in Arisaig with Reflection

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

MASS CARDS / STALL / CHRISTMAS CARDS: My thanks to Rita MacDonald for taking on an extra responsibility of looking after our Stalls in Morar, Mallaig and Arisaig. Cathy used to look after the stall for years, quietly making sure we are always well stocked, using mostly her own resources. We have plenty of Christmas Cards this year (too

many due to last minute discovery in the cupboard). Cards are very well priced £5 for a box of 18 Christmas cards. Individual Mass cards are priced at £1.50 each. Our stall is not designed to make a huge income, we rather want us to continue with the traditions of the past.

NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS: I renewed 3 contracts (St. Mary's, Club Room, Morar Church) last week for another year. Previous contracts were signed for a 5-year term and I must admit they were the best deal of my life (15.88p/kWh). Unfortunately, new contracts will be more than double, including significant increase of Standing Charges. It means that our heating bills in 2024 will likely double. Thank you for all your contributions and donations that you make in your weekly offertory. As I always maintained, we have extremely generous parishioners, but their numbers are small.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (23rd / 24th December):

23rd December - 6 pm, Saturday-Vigil – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin's, Morar

24th December - 10 am, Sunday – St. Mary's, Arisaig

24th December - 11.30am, Sunday – St. Patrick's, Mallaig

CHRISTMAS 2023*

24th December - CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS:

6 pm, Sunday – St. Mary's, Arisaig

25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

11 am, Monday - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin's, Morar

* Participation at Christmas Services does not release Catholics from obligation to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent

DUBIA: I have been asked about latest media reports about changes in the Church teaching as a result to a response given to the letter with questions submitted by some cardinals. I would suggest that you read the questions and responses given to avoid any media distortion and confusion (attached to this newsletter or https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_risposta-dubia-2023_en.pdf). The Church Doctrine has not been changed as some have claimed. I think that the responses are most appropriate and pastorally sensitive. The questions were very important and are a sign of openness and present variety of views in the Church.

On personal note, I think that maybe the reasons behind such an approach adopted by these cardinals comes out of their backgrounds and history. Most of these men, shortly after being ordained, have been sitting behind desks, carrying out necessary, yet sometimes resulting in detachment from reality tasks. That is a risk of spending too much time behind the walls of the Vatican or Curial Offices or too much time in front of computer screens. Of course, they do engage with people, but mostly that would happen in their official capacity, perhaps not giving the wider spectrum of issues and pastoral challenges of Parish life, where you are ministering to all your parishioners, no matter of their background or connection with religion. The world is constantly changing, and we constantly have to find new ways to deliver the message of the Gospels. I suppose it is also not easy, having dedicated their entire lives to the church, to witness the Churches' decline in numbers. Once strong and significant, now our churches are becoming empty, especially in highly developed countries. It certainly is not easy for me as a priest to see it. But we cannot hide in the past and the comfort of our good memories. We are not changing the Doctrine but interpret it with the active guidance of the Holy Spirit to peoples of our time. I remember when I was ordained, my assumptions and expectations about my ministry were faced with the reality of pastoral life. I find a lot of joy and fulfilment engaging with people 'on the ground' so to speak. We do need theologians, scholars and people who carry out task necessary for the church and its administration. I admire their dedication to God and Mother Church, so that I could follow the path of my own vocation.



SPECIAL SHOWING FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS.

The film The Great Escaper, followed by a hot drink, scones and cakes. Tuesday 28th November, the film starts at 2pm. A charming film. In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines when he staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary. Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (Glenda Jackson, in her last film role). The Great Escaper celebrates their enduring love, with an eye to the lessons we might learn from the Greatest Generation.

Tickets for the film and tea at £12.50: <https://tickets.highlandcinema.co.uk/movie/the-great-escaper-2>

Buy online, visit the cinema kiosk or by phone 01397 609696

ARISAIG MASSES RESUME:

TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER!

Painting of St. Mary's is almost over and we will be delighted to see the results. Many thanks to the painters for their hard work, as well as John Lynch and Angus MacDonald for coordinating and funding this part of the project. Perhaps in the next stage would be to explore the possibility of improving the lighting.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!