

Parish Services

PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THE DATES, MASS INTENTIONS BELOW THE DAY

Weekday Services (4th May – 9th May 2026)

Monday, 4th May, ..... Morar, 10am

Tuesday, 5th May, ..... Arisaig, 10am

Birthday Blessings for Alistair Angus

Wednesday, 6th May, ..... Mallaig, 10am

Thursday, 7th May, ..... Arisaig, 10am

Bella MacNeil RIP

Friday, 8th May, ..... Morar, 10am

Saturday, 9th May, ..... Arisaig, 10am

Margaret MacDonald RIP

SUNDAY 9th /10th May ..... 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday-Vigil, 9th May ..... Morar: 6pm

Maimi Trybis RIP

Sunday, 10th May ..... Arisaig: 10am

Margaret MacDonald RIP

Sunday, 10th May ..... Mallaig: 11.30am

Duncan McDonell RIP

HOUSEBOUND USUALLY: (1st Week – Arisaig; 2nd Week Morar; 3rd Week – Mallaig)

COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:

26.04 ..... £283.00 (incl. £141.00 Gift Aid)

Morar/Mallaig:

26.04 ..... £218.00 (incl. £135.00 Gift Aid)



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HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Jimmy Connolly RIP

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Neil Gillies 25.05; Frank O' Donoghue 16.05; Maimie Trybis 12.05.2009; Jean Louis Bremond (died recently); Frank MacKenzie (died recently); Margaret MacDonald 10.05.1964; Duncan McDonell 12.05; Anne Cameron ..... Eternal rest...

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MORAR), Sort Code 83-91-25 Account No. 65628087, The Co-operative Bank plc)

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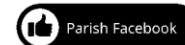
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Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

3rd MAY 2026

Mass Intentions:

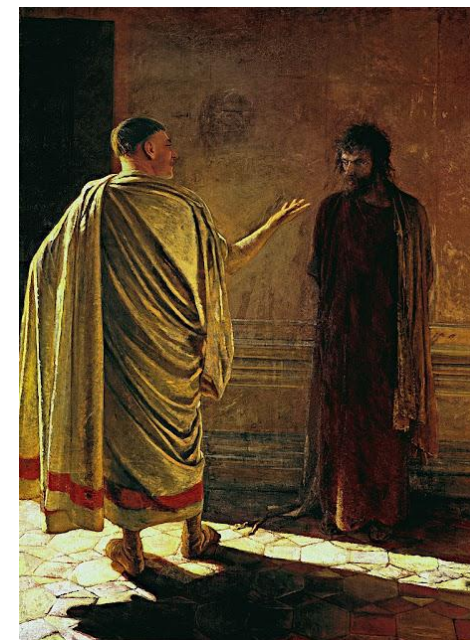
Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday 10am (Arisaig): Birthday Blessings for Tomasz

Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig):

VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors!

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. We pray for Andrew MacDonald.



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> MAY – PARISH MAINTENANCE. PLEASE USE PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND MARK THE CORRECT BOX.

16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> MAY – COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY. **DO NOT** USE PARISH ENVELOPES

**GRASS CUTTING:** Soon, we will begin cutting in Morar and just like every year, I am looking for volunteers for Morar and Arisaig. We are lucky with Duncan in Mallaig but if you want to give a hand as well, you can coordinate with him directly. If we decided to use a regular paid service, it would significantly affect our annual budgets. Season requires on average at least 25 cuttings and I am sure you know how expensive it can be for a small garden, whereas we have a much bigger area to cover. Thank you for your help!

**CHILDREN'S CONFESSIONS:** In preparation for the Sacraments will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in Mallaig.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Bishop McGee confirmed that he will be coming on the 17<sup>th</sup> May for Confirmations, which will take place in Mallaig during Sunday Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS:** Will be taking place on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that it will take place in Arisaig this year during Sunday Mass.

**MORAR PARISH COUNCIL:** Meeting will take place in Morar at 3pm on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Finance Committee Members will meet 30mins earlier. This is an annual meeting. If you would like to discuss something specific, please do get in touch beforehand

### **Bishops' Conference of Scotland welcomes dismissal of 'buffer zone' charges against Rose Docherty in Glasgow**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland welcomes Sheriff Stuart Reid's dismissal of two criminal charges alleging "influencing" within a "buffer zone" against Rose Docherty, brought under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Act 2024.

Mrs Docherty was arrested last September near the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow after offering a consensual conversation and holding a sign reading: "Coercion is a crime, here to talk, only if you want".

On Monday, Sheriff Reid dismissed the case against Rose, finding that the Procurator Fiscal had "failed to disclose an offence known to the law of Scotland".

Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, said: "The Bishops' Conference of Scotland welcomes the court's decision to dismiss the charges brought against Rose Docherty. The ruling is an important reminder that peaceful, consensual conversation in a public place is protected, and that criminal offences must be clearly and properly made out on the evidence. This case should prompt a careful and thorough review of how "safe access zone" powers are applied so that they do not infringe fundamental rights."

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The poster for the Festival of Synodality 2026 features a central illustration of a stylized orange bird with its wings spread, holding a sun in its beak. Below the bird are silhouettes of diverse people in various colors. The text on the poster includes: 'Trust in God Still... Celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland', 'A Festival of Synodality', '2026', 'SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9AM - 4PM', 'Glasgow Caledonian University', and 'Cost £65 Scan the QR Code to book a place:'. Three circular portraits of speakers are shown on the right: Bishop Alan McGuckian, Sandra Chaoul, and Fr. David McCallum SJ.

### **Festival of Synodality**

Responding to the call by both Pope Francis and Pope Leo the Scottish bishops intend that, when appropriate, Conversation in the Spirit will be used at every level of the Scottish Church. Catriona Fletcher (Director of Glasgow Ignatian Spirituality Centre) and myself have been asked to encourage the practice. Conversation in the Spirit helps discern complex, important or controversial issues. A Festival of Synodality will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in Caledonian University, Glasgow. The keynote speakers are Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Bishop of Down and Connor, and Fr David McCallum SJ with Sandra Chaoul who are directors

of the Discerning Leadership programme. Bishop Alan was a participant in the Synod Assemblies while Fr David and Sandra were facilitators. I know them personally and they will provide stimulating sessions.

The Festival will be a gathering of Catholics from across our country and will be a positive experience which celebrates existing examples of vitality within the Scottish Church as well as exploring how communal discernment can increase that life. Please encourage your parishioners to attend and perhaps also consider sponsoring a parishioner. The cost is £45 which includes a hot lunch. A bursary for parishes with limited income is available for which I am confident most of our parishes would qualify. In any case having parishioners familiar with Conversation in the Spirit and even becoming facilitators is an investment for the future.