

CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR THE DEAD: Elaine MacKay; Helen & Laurence McGeough; Claire McGeough; Duncan McDonnell; Ian MacDonald.

CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR THE LIVING (FOR GOD'S BLESSING): Mae MacDonald.

Please note this is for guidance only and may change at the last minute.

Apologies for any inconvenience

Weekday Services (23rd December – 28th December)

Monday Morar: 10.15am

Christmas Services: Tue 24th / Wed 25th December 2019

TUESDAY Christmas Night Mass (*Carols begin 8.40pm!*) 9:00 pm Arisaig

WEDNESDAY Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am Arisaig

WEDNESDAY Christmas Day Mass 11:30 am Mallaig

Thursday *St Stephen* Mallaig: 10.15 am

Friday *St John the Evangelist* Morar: 10.15 am

Saturday *The Holy Innocents* Arisaig: 10.15 am

Sunday Masses 28th December/29th December (The Holy Family - A)

Saturday (Vigil-Mass) 6:00 pm Morar

Sunday 10:00 am Arisaig

Sunday 11:30 am Mallaig

Sacrament of Reconciliation (unless announced otherwise):

1st Saturday of the month 10:30 am Arisaig

3rd Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Mallaig

2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month 5:00 pm Morar

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mary and Susan MacLellan; Jessie Ann MacDonald 20.12; Angus MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 27.12; Thomas Cryan (Canada) 05.09.2019; Donald MacNeil 27.07; Anne Laura MacNeil 27.07.2005.

Eternal rest...



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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**

4th Sunday of Advent (A)

22nd December 2019

R) Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2019



VISITORS: We welcome all the Visitors to our area. Hope you have a nice and pleasant stay. If you like our Parishes, please follow our page on Facebook! We pray for good weather for all our visitors.



Thursday – St. Stephen: He was one of the deacons appointed by the Apostles to organize the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul.



Friday – St. John: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus “the sons of thunder.” John is involved in many of the central events of Jesus’ life, including the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the discovery of the Resurrection. He is “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and the one to whom

he confided the care of his mother Mary. He is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles; later he was exiled to the island of Patmos. He is said to have died at Ephesus. He wrote a Gospel, three Epistles, and the Apocalypse. As tradition goes, on the Feast of St. John the Church would **bleed the wine** to drink. I would like to continue with that tradition so if you would like to have your wine blessed, **please bring your wine bottle/s to Mass in Mallaig on Thursday.**

BISHOP MCGEE: Our Bishop is with us this weekend to renew the bonds of episcopal friendship with you. He will celebrate all the weekend Masses. As the old Latin phrase says... *Ubi episcopus, tibi ecclesiae* (*Where is a Bishop, there is a Church*). Bishop McGee will take the opportunity to Bless the New Vestry and the Confessional in Morar and also Bless the Graveyard Extension in Arisaig.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: This year, Arisaig is hosting the Shepherd's Mass. I am sure that we will all try to make an effort to come to this special liturgy. There was a gremlin in the last week's edition so remember that Mass begins at 9pm with Carol singing at 8.40pm. Apologies for the confusion.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS: Many thanks to all who attend Music Rehearsals. Lilian MacDonald will notify the Choir members of any rehearsals.

CRIB ASSEMBLY TEAMS: Thank you so much for helping to set up the Cribbs.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Our next Special Collection will be at the Crib for Missionary Children.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS: Will be arriving to the Chapel House on 23rd of December and delivered shortly after to winners of our free draw.

END OF TERM CHRISTMAS SERVICE: My thanks to Deacon Thomas Wynne for delivering a talk to the Youth.

ORGANIST: Our thanks once again to Joe McHenry, who will travel all the way from Glasgow to play at our Masses this Christmas! He has always been a wonderful friend to me and our Parishes.

SCHOOL BREAK: We wish our children a good Christmas Break! Sadly, I was not able to attend the end of school services and pantomimes.

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS: My thanks to Morar and Mallaig Community Council for a lovely invitation to the Steam Inn during the week. Sadly, due to my recovery, I was not able to attend this year.

SAFEGUARDING: There are new leaflets provided by the Diocese. Please, feel free to take a copy.

FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP: Winter is upon us and the demand for assistance of this form is growing. A lot of people during the summer months depend on seasonal jobs to provide for themselves and their families, however, when winter comes, these jobs are unavailable, and houses need to be heated children and vulnerable people fed. Therefore, I would like to ask you to help Fort William Food Bank. Sheila, working in the Coop, has been excellent in organising help. Please, ask her how you can help.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There are a lot of people not well at the moment and require our constant prayers and support.

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.

ARISAIG PARISH:

MULTI FUEL FIREPLACE: Still free to take...

FLOWERS: Many thanks for organising the Flowers for Christmas.

MORAR PARISH:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Please buy a Raffle Ticket at the back. As always, we have a lovely Hamper.

NEW VESTRY/CONFESSONAL: All the works are finished. Ready to be blessed!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Every year, at Christmas, our flowers were donated by Mairi MacLeod. They have always been selected and prepared with such great care, thanks also to our flower ladies. As you know, Mairi is no longer with us, and yet Alistair has decided to continue this custom. Christmas is such a special time for many of us, but it can be very difficult especially to those, who lost their other halves. We offer our prayers for Mairi and all those who passed away this year, and also the ones, who will spend their first Christmas without their loved ones.

WINTER IS HERE: If you would like to make a donation for Heating and Lighting in Memory of your loved ones, please feel free to do so. I will include the names in our newsletter and of course the Parish Community will pray for our faithful departed. I am very grateful for your generosity.

Housebound visits this weekMallaig, Morar and Arisaig after New Year



Christmas Wishes

This is my Christmas card to all the parishioners and all the friends of the parishes, near and far.

I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all!

Our sincere thanks to all who help make our Christmas Masses so special: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers, and the young servers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches and all who donated to the flower displays.