

**BIRTHDAY:**

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (30<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Video Streamed Mass usually at 3pm on Parish Facebook**

Monday ..... Mass in Private

*Mary Chisholm RIP*

Tuesday ..... Mass in Private

*Bella MacKellaig RIP*

Wednesday ..... Mass in Private

*Donor's Private Intention*

Thursday ..... Mass in Private

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Friday ..... Mass in Private

*Pro populo*

Saturday ..... Mass in Private

*Lizzie Hanratty RIP*

**Sunday Masses 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday - A)**

Sunday 12 noon on Facebook ..... Mass in Private

*Hugh Rodden RIP*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement, in Morar)**

*Housebound visits this week.....no visits*

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** John Dempster 22.03; Jackie MacKellaig (Birthday Anniversary) 22.03; Anne Laura MacNeil (Mallaig) 21.03.2005; Winifred MacLellan (Mallaig) 29.03.2012; Lizzie Hanratty; Juliet Parks; Ian Dempster; Joe MacInness; Winifred MacPherson 31.03.2015; John MacKay (died recently).

*Eternal rest...*



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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

*R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## IMPORTANT NOTICES!

As the statement from the Bishop's Conference confirms, Bishop McGee has agreed to suspend the public celebration of Mass in our diocese: "Although I have decided this with great reluctance, on balance, I believe that it is the correct decision. The final public Mass will be celebrated on the Solemnity of St Joseph, 10th March 2020, until further notice. I ask that you continue to offer daily mass in private. Please also open the Church each day so that the faithful can enter and pray."

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This Sunday, 22nd March, has been dedicated as a National Day of Prayer by many Christian Churches, asking for God's protection against the virus, for healing for the sick, for carers and for all who are working for a cure. We encourage people to pray the Rosary at 12 noon as we appeal to God for his protection.

## THE MASS OF CHRISM

The Mass of Chrism will not be celebrated publicly this year.

## EASTER TRIDUUM

The Triduum will also be celebrated in private.

## FIRST COMMUNION

The celebration of forthcoming First Communions is to be suspended until further notice

## FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

All funerals should be attended only by immediate family. Baptisms, except in danger of death, would be suspended. Weddings would be suspended too.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On request but ensure that there is a grill between the priest and penitent and a safe distance. New Confessional in Morar will facilitate this.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE HOUSEBOUND

It is important that the sick are not left without the Sacraments. However, it is also crucial that both clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist follow the appropriate hygiene regulations, which includes thorough washing of hands before and after Communion. I appreciate that Extraordinary Ministers may wish not to bring Communion at this time. If it is not feasible to visit certain Housebound, then please keep in contact by phone.

## MEETINGS

All non-essential meetings at parish, deanery and diocesan level is to cease.

**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.*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of Niamh Henderson RIP

### **PARISH MASS ON FACEBOOK:**

Dear Friends of the Parish,

We are up and running! Thank you so much for the words of encouragement and support. I must admit that it is no easy to Celebrate Masses in Private, knowing that so many of my Parishioners are longing for the chance to participate at the Eucharist. But have to endure this time of trial and Trust in God. He will lead our path.

Please, note that other Parishes in the Diocese and beyond are also streaming services. I will be sharing these on our Facebook Page.

Fr Stan

### **MONEY APPEAL**

Dear Friends,

I understand that the situation is becoming quite difficult with Coronavirus outbreak. A lot of people are going to be affected economically. We offer our prayers for those in need.

As you are aware, since there are no Masses Celebrated in Public, there are also no Collections, but the bills will continue. Please, consider setting up a standing order for the Parish or use the money boxes in the Churches.

Attempts are being made to allow for online donations on our Parish Facebook Page using PayPal Just Giving Tool.

Thank you so much to those who have been in touch asking about the ways of helping the Parish. Special thanks to Angus MacDonald and an anonymous donor for their contributions and continuous support.

Thank you for your help,

Fr Stan

### **Update from the Diocese:**

#### **Parish Income**

Since there are no public Masses there are obviously no collections which is the main source of parish income. Those parishes with a healthy number of Standing Orders well be better placed.

Asking for donations is a delicate matter and discretion will be crucial. However, it is also worth pointing out that some priests have asked the Office for assistance because parishioners have contacted them asking how to continue donating. Some parishioners have also contacted the diocese directly. So, although the matter is sensitive at least some parishioners want to contribute but don't know how to.

We thought that the best person to judge how to deal with this situation is yourself, as you are on the ground. You will be able to best gauge the local circumstances and decide if you wish to broach the subject with your parishioners or not, and if so, in what way. It may be useful to chat with your Parish Finance Committee.

Some possibilities are:

- Suggest that parishioners could set up a Direct Debit through On-line banking
- Parishes make available Standing Order forms on-line
- Parishes make available Gift Aid forms on-line
- Suggest that parishioners still put their weekly donation in their envelope but to hold on to them until public Mass is restored and put them in the basket together.

#### **Diocesan Levy**

The March Levy will be reduced by 75% and the April Levy will be reduced by 50% after which there will be a review. The diocese is also offering a 'Levy Holiday' which is to be repaid once normality is resumed. Parishes can take advantage of the 'Levy Holiday' by application to the Treasurer.