

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Norah MacKinnon (Isle of Canna) 02.07

Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (13th July – 18th July)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. If you would like to attend Mass, this can happen by booking only. Please visit Parish Facebook Page or call to make a booking at the latest one day in advance

Monday	Mass in Private, 10am
	<i>Joanne Bremner RIP</i>
Tuesday	Mass in Private, 10am
	<i>Elaine MacKay RIP</i>
Wednesday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Dougie MacDougall RIP</i>
Thursday	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Teresa Barrett RIP</i>
Friday	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Charlie Kerr RIP</i>
Saturday	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Katie MacLean RIP</i>

Sunday Mass 19th July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A)

Easter Sunday 12 noon Arisaig, 10am
For the lady's Soul

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement, in Morar)**
- **Housebound:** Please contact me to arrange a visit. You have to make the contact first, as I do not want to put any pressure on those, who are shielding from the virus or feel anxious or distressed.

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Stan Proudfoot 12.07; Joanne Bremner; Elaine MacKay; Dougie MacDougall; Teresa Barrett; Charlie Kerr; Katie MacLean; Effie MacDonald (Creag Mhor) 18.07; Elizabeth MacBeth (died recently); Leon Krasucki (Fr Stan's Grandfather) 13.07; Billy MacLeod 07.07.1994; Allan MacDonald 17.07.1945.

Eternal rest...



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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds

RC Diocese Argyll & Isles – Arisaig & Morar Missions:
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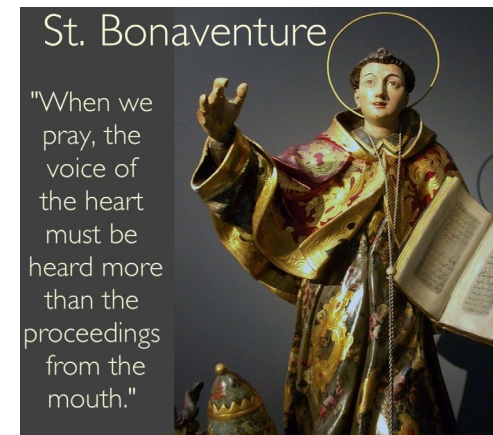
Parish of **St. Mary's, Arisaig** & **St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg**
Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** & **St Cumin's, Morar**
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & **St. Columba's, Isle of Canna**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5th July 2020

R) Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!



Bonaventure was born at Bagnoreggio in Etruria in about 1218. He became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris. He became a famous teacher and philosopher, part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas.

At this time the friars were still a new and revolutionary force in the Church, and their radical embracing of poverty and rejection of institutional structures raised suspicion and opposition from many quarters. Bonaventure defended

the Franciscan Order and, after he was elected general of the order in 1255, he ruled it with wisdom and prudence. He is regarded as the second founder of the Order.

He declined the archbishopric of York in 1265 but was made cardinal bishop of Albano in 1273, dying a year later in 1274 at the Council of Lyons, at which the Greek and Latin churches were (briefly) reconciled. Bonaventure wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V.

RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES: We are open from Monday till Saturday between **10am and 3pm** by **booking only**. You have to **call or email** in advance to receive your time slot. Here is some important information regarding re-opening for private prayer:

- Do not visit the Church if you feel sick or have developed any Symptoms of **COVID-19**.
- **Face coverings** should be worn by all those in the Church whether during private prayer or Mass. If no face coverings are available, the mouth and nose should be covered by a scarf or other cloth covering. In accordance with Scottish Government guidance, the following are not required to wear a face covering in the church: children under the age of five years; and those who have a health condition where a face covering would be inappropriate because it would cause difficulty, pain or severe distress or anxiety, or because you cannot apply a covering and wear it in the proper manner safely and consistently.
- **CCTV** is in operation and will be shared with authorities, if necessary, to allow for contact tracing.
- Please use the **Sign-in book** to log your entry. This will allow contact tracing. Please, sanitise the pen with available wipes after you use it. Please, contact us immediately if you become sick and have visited the Church recently.
- Use **Sanitiser** upon entry and exit. My thanks to #HighlandSoapCompany for donating us the Sanitiser.
- Please note that there is a **one-way system** in the Church. Do not cross the sealed off areas. Choose your seat and do not change it or wander around the church unnecessarily.
- **Funeral Masses** may take place in churches, with appropriate stewarding and sanitising procedures in place. The number of mourners should be agreed in consultation with the parish priest and limited according to government guidelines. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland suggests a maximum of 15 mourners. Funerals in our Parishes will only be taking place in St. Mary's, Arisaig. There will be an option to live-stream Funeral Masses.

Fr Stan

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES: Starting from 15th July, we are allowing people to participate at Daily Mass. You can only attend however, if you make a booking at the latest a day in advance. Please go to events section of our Parish Facebook to book your free ticket. You can also call the Chapel House, but you should use the online facility first.

There is a limited number of people allowed. If you do not have a booking, you cannot participate as we have to keep track of attendance and plan ahead. At the moment, only St. Mary's in Arisaig will be able to receive participants. **St. Cumin's, Morar; St. Patrick's, Mallaig; St. Donnan's, Eigg; St. Columba's, Canna; remain closed to the public.**

Please note that until the COVID-19 threat is over, Sunday Mass attendance is not obligatory. I would like to assure you that we are doing all we can to make our spaces safe to the public following the guidelines. I am sure that in time we will be accustomed to the new regulations.

For the time being, there will be a Daily Mass (including Sunday) at 10am only at St. Mary's, Arisaig. If I see that we have reached maximum capacity, I will look at the possibility of opening another Church or increasing the number of Services.

Please, I would like to encourage the most vulnerable, who would like to attend Mass, to come on the Weekday as these Masses would be less attended.

Make note of any changes on Parish Facebook Page or notices. For safety, Parish will only be distributing the Newsletter in electronic version.

Update on numbers permitted to attend Funerals Weddings and Baptisms - 10 July 2020

Today the Scottish Government announced that the maximum number of attendees at a funeral, wedding or baptism has been set to 20.

Churches can re-open for Mass from 15th July 2020 - 09 July 2020

On 9th July 2020, the Scottish Government announced that Churches MAY re-open to worshippers for services with effect from 15th July 2020. Before a church can re-open, it must observe the following requirements:

- social distancing must be observed
- face-coverings must be worn by those attending (except under-5s)
- a maximum attendance of 50 people at Mass is being required for now - to be reviewed on 30th July (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE LIMITED THE CAPACITY TO 30 PEOPLE IN ST. MARY'S)

for each service, the parish must retain details of names and contact details of all attendees.

Health protocol for distribution of Holy Communion - 09 July 2020

Clergy distributing Holy Communion should:

- sanitise their hands immediately prior to distributing Holy Communion

- wear a face covering while distributing Holy Communion
- direct congregants to receive Holy Communion in their hand by stretching out their arms with one hand on top of the other, then taking steps to the side to place the host on the tongue.

[advice on using Eventbrite booking system](#)

Booking system for Mass - 01 July 2020

Now available in the *Resources* section below, a guide to using **Eventbrite**, a free online system which a parish can use to manage 'bookings' for Mass where capacity is restricted.

iPADS FOR THE PARISH: I have submitted an application for devices and internet connection for our elderly Parishioners. Providing our application is successful, some of our elderly and vulnerable will receive an iPad for 1 year, along with 20GB data allowance. This will allow them to live-stream services and have access to information. Please, contact me if you think you could benefit from the program.

APPEAL FOR HELP: I am grateful for all your financial support. Fundraising has been done entirely on Parish level and we continue to pay our monthly levies, which an update on I received in the letter below. This lockdown is a real financial struggle on the Parish.

Sadly, to my knowledge, as we have not received any information on this, unlike some Dioceses in England, the Bishops of Scotland have made no attempts to apply to the Government for financial help.

We are grateful however for their continued Spiritual Support and Prayer. We are praying for our own Bishop Brian, who has been undergoing quarantine as he was recently exposed to the virus.

Dear Fr Stan

Levies and Cash Flow

As you will no doubt be aware, the monthly levy has been modified over the last four months in response to the closure of Churches due to COVID-19, with a 25% reduction in March followed by a 50% reduction in April, May and June. Since Churches have now reopened for private prayer the reduction for July will be 25%.

Considering that even with a full levy, the Diocese is budgeted to break even and no more, therefore the strain on Diocesan finances is obvious. Nevertheless, the Trustees have

made the decision that in the present circumstances, the parishes must be given support to help them survive. Hence the levy reductions.

Rather like the Government salary furlough scheme, this reduction in levies cannot be sustained indefinitely. Therefore, what I am proposing is this:

- Those parishes who feel they can afford it would volunteer to forgo the 25% reduction for July.
- That since the public celebration of Mass is due to restart in July the levy reduction will cease this August.
- We are continuously monitoring parish bank balances and one-off assistance has been given and still can be given to those parishes who need it. Please give as much notice as possible of any essential payments which will require funding.
- As long as the Diocese reaches break even, any additional Diocesan income will be used to assist parishes either in levy reductions or one-off payments.
- The overall situation, including next year's levies, will be reviewed. New levy rates will be implemented from the start of the next financial year, 1st December 2020.

My second point concerns Standing Orders. Most parishes have already endeavoured to increase their Standing Orders to compensate for loss of cash offertory collections. But we can always do more. As a percentage of total offertory for the last financial year, the Standing Orders in your Parish of Morar amounted to 8% and Parish of Arisaig to 16%.

I strongly encourage all parishes to take action to increase their number of Standing Orders as there is no doubt that the pandemic has highlighted that so many parishes have been dependent on cash donations. Although lockdown is gradually being lifted the Health experts constantly remind us that the virus remains in Scotland. Therefore, encouragement of Standing Orders will help protect your parish in the future.

Some parishes have also taken the initiative to introduce the facility for online donations via their parish website. This is to be commended.

Please contact me if you feel I could assist you with:

- Encouraging parishioners to set up a Standing Order through online banking.
- Making Standing Order forms available online.
- Making Gift Aid declaration forms available online.

We still have a long way to go before we can recover from this difficult financial situation that we are in. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we act now to help secure the finances of our parishes and diocese. Standing Orders are the ideal method of securing funds. When appropriate, Gift Aid declarations will increase those funds. I am happy to chat with you individually or through an online meeting with your Parish Finance Committee, to support you through this time.

Yours sincerely

Duncan MacLeod, Diocesan Treasurer, 6 July 2020

AMAZON SMILE: Are you a shopper on Amazon? You can now support your Parish by using smile.amazon.co.uk. Please, remember to use the link below. Half-Percentage of each transaction will be returned to our Parish in each quarter as a Charitable Donation. There is no price increase for you! Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.co.uk (not amazon.co.uk) support charity. You can find it under SC002876 or RC Diocese of Argyll...

You can also use the link below:

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VOLUNTEERS: A slight change in the previous guidance. We previously understood volunteers had to be twixt 18-70 years. We now understand that healthy >70 year olds are fine, so no restrictions there.

Please contact Anne (Craighmor) MacDonald (crofters.bovines@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. You will need to fill in an application form available at: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

Please note that there is a different form for current Safeguarding Volunteers and New Stewards.

Pope at Mass: Seek God's face in the poor, sick, abandoned and foreigners

Pope Francis celebrates the 7th anniversary of his visit to the migrants in the Italian island of Lampedusa with a Mass in the Casa Santa Marta chapel.

By Vatican News

Pope Francis on Wednesday urged Christians to discover the face of Jesus in the migrants, refugees and the displaced who are forced to flee because of the many injustices that still afflict our world today.

Celebrating a Mass in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta chapel, to commemorate the 7th anniversary of his visit to the migrants in the Italian island of Lampedusa, the Pope recalled the words of Jesus - "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me". He said this warning, for better or for worse, is a burning issue today.

The July 8, 2013 visit of the Pope to the Mediterranean island was the first of his pontificate after his election on 13 March of the same year. During the visit, he threw a floral wreath in the sea in memory of some 20,000 migrants who died while trying to cross the Mediterranean. He briefly met and spoke to some young African migrants before celebrating an open-air Mass.

The visit is highly symbolic of the pontificate of the Argentine Pope, who wants the Church to be an inclusive one that goes forth to the peripheries, to include all, leaving no one out.

Seeking God's face in others

Noting that the day's psalm speaks about seeking the face of God, the Pope said that this fundamental attitude is the ultimate goal of all the faithful.

In this regard, the Prophet Hosea in the first reading, speaks about how the people of Israel had drifted away from the Lord because of abundance, prosperity and riches which filled their heart with falsehood and injustice, "a sin, from which even we, modern Christians, are not immune."

Globalization of indifference

Recalling his homily of 7 years ago in Lampedusa, the Pope said that the "culture of comfort, makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people." It creates a fleeting and empty illusion, leading to indifference to others, even to the globalization of indifference. "We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!" the Pope said.

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Where is your brother? From Lampedusa to Covid: the challenge of fraternity

"Sow for yourselves justice, reap the fruit of piety," the Pope said echoing the call of Hosea to conversion.

Personal encounter entails mission

Seeking the face of the Lord, the Holy Father said, entails the desire for a personal encounter with the Lord, just as it happened with the twelve apostles, as narrated in the day's Gospel. This personal encounter with the Lord, which is a time of grace and salvation, he explained, "immediately entails a mission" – to proclaim that "the

kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Encounter and mission," he stressed, "cannot be separated."

"Whatever you did... you did for me"

This mission, the Pope said, is also for the disciples of the third millennium. "As we undertake to seek the face of the Lord, we may recognize Him in the face of the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the foreigners whom God places on our way."

Recalling the words of Jesus, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me", the Pope said, "the encounter with the other is also an encounter with Christ."

"It is He who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, seeking an encounter with us and requesting our assistance."

Pope Francis urged Christians to use the words of Jesus as a fundamental element to examine our conscience on a daily basis. In this regard, he thought of the detention camps in Libya, "the abuses and violence that migrants are victims of, journeys of hope, rescue operations, and push-backs."

"Distilled" version

The Holy Father remembered meeting a migrant during his visit to Lampedusa, who narrated at length the "terrible things" they suffered to get there, but the interpreter was very brief. When the Pope got back home that afternoon, the lady receptionist, a daughter of Ethiopian

parents who followed the conversation on television, said the Ethiopian interpreter didn't even convey a fourth of the torture and suffering the migrants went through. What was interpreted, the Pope remarked, was a "distilled" version of the real story.

This is what is happening with Libya today, the Holy Father said. "They give us a 'distilled' version. "We know the war is bad but you can't imagine the hell that one goes through there, in those detention camps." The Pope said, "these people were only coming with the hope and crossing the sea."

The Pope concluded, urging the Virgin Mary, under the title, "Solace or Comfort of Migrants", to help Christians to "discover the face of Her Son in all our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee from their homeland because of the many injustices that still afflict our world today".