

## Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY:** Duncan MacDonald 22.08; Alex MacKay 15.08.

*Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (17<sup>th</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</sup> August)**

*Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.*

***Public Masses: You need to book your attendance!***

Monday ..... Mass in Private, 10am  
*Alistair MacLeod RIP*

Tuesday ..... Mass in Private, 10am  
*Allan MacDonald RIP*

Wednesday ..... Morar, 10am  
*Allan MacDonald RIP*

Thursday *St Bernard* ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Anne MacLeod RIP*

Friday *St Pius X* ..... Morar, 6pm  
*No intention*

Saturday *Our Lady, Mother and Queen* ..... Mass in Private, 10am  
*Duncan MacDonald – Birthday Mass*

**Sunday Masses 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> August (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -A)**

Vigil Mass (Saturday) ..... St. Cumin's, Morar: 6pm  
*No intention*

Sunday ..... St. Mary's, Arisaig: 10am  
*Pro populo*

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (after 19<sup>th</sup> August, 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:** Allan MacDonald; Anne MacLeod; Alistair MacLeod (Fort William, died recently).

*Eternal rest...*



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# CATHOLIC ROUGH BOUNDS PARISH NEWSLETTER

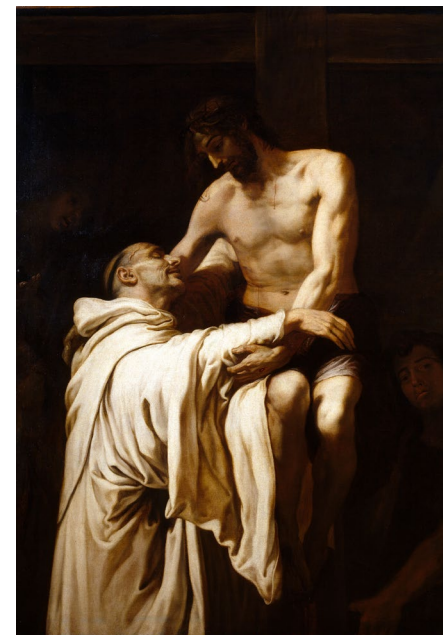
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Parish of **St. Mary's, Arisaig** & **St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg**  
Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** & **St Cumin's, Morar**  
**St. Patrick's, Mallaig** & **St. Columba's, Isle of Canna**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A) 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

*R) On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!



**Wednesday - St  
Bernard of Clairvaux  
(1090 - 1153)**

— "*Christ Embracing St Bernard*"  
(c.1625) by *Francisco Ribalta*  
(1565-1628), *Museo del Prado, Madrid.*

He was born near Dijon, in France, in 1090, of a noble family. In 1112 he joined the new monastery at Cîteaux. This had been founded fourteen years before, in a bid to reject the laxity and riches of the Benedictine Order (as exemplified by great monasteries such as Cluny) and to return to a

primitive poverty and austerity of life.

Bernard arrived at Cîteaux with four of his five brothers and two dozen friends. Within three years he had been sent out to found a new

monastery at Clairvaux, in Champagne, where he remained abbot for the rest of his life. By the time of his death, the Cistercian Order had grown from one house to 343, of which 68 were daughter houses of Clairvaux itself.

Bernard was a man of great holiness and wisdom, and although he was often in very poor health, he was active in many of the great public debates of the time. He strongly opposed the luxurious lives of some of the clergy, and fought against the persecution of the Jews. He was also a prolific writer, of an inspiring rather than a technical kind.

The Church is always suffering from corruption and always being renewed. If St Bernard, so often ill, could take a leading part in this renewal, what excuse do we have? *Universalis*



**Friday - Pope St Pius X (1835  
- 1914)**

He was born in the village of Riese, near Venice, one of ten children of a very poor family. He was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 23. He was successively bishop of Mantua and of Venice, and was elected Pope, against his wishes, in 1903.

In his time as Pope, he sought to “restore all things in Christ.” He insisted on the separation of Church and State, and banned the formation of political associations that claimed exclusive religious sanction for their political programme, whether of the Left or of the Right. He revised the code of Canon Law, founded an institute for scriptural studies, and initiated the revision of the Latin translation of the Bible (the Vulgate) and the reform of the liturgy.

He lived in great poverty even when he was Pope, and preached sermons every Sunday in the courtyards of the Vatican, to any who would listen. In his simplicity and goodness of heart, he performed miracles even when he was alive, and the clamour for his canonization started immediately after his death, on 20th August 1914, broken-hearted at the outbreak of the First World War. *Universalis*

**FR MACKINNON:** We welcome Fr Donald again!

**MORAR RE-OPENING:** I am pleased to announce that starting on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Cumin’s will be available for Public Masses and Private Prayer (by booking only). Please, consider becoming a volunteer/steward. Due to its weight, I am not able to lift the sanitising machine and carry it every time between Arisaig and Morar. This means that Morar will have to be sanitised manually.

**STREAMING:** More equipment has been bought/ordered to improve the sound and vision quality of video-streaming. That involved new amplifiers, computers, adapters, cables, cameras etc. To enable the place for streaming, other than improving internet strength, it requires on average an expense of over £4000. That is of course without labour. I have installed and programmed most of the equipment myself and got some help from the Electricians to cover wires behind the wall. I am grateful for their assistance. We got some donations and equipment donated for which I would like to thank the donor. I am waiting on new microphones from Poland (cheaper and excellent quality) from a company specialising in sound equipment for the churches.



**PLUMBING/LEAKS:** Further problems are developing in the Chapel Houses in Arisaig and Morar (picture attached). Old Pipes are causing leaks for the AirBnB guests. I hope this will not reflect on our 5-star rating. At the moment, there is no finance to do any proper repairs. I am grateful to Henry Young for his fast response and John MacKay for the roof work. There are also a lot of other improvements. Our rating is still high and that is because of the excellent cleaning staff we have and

following up on people’s requests and comments.

**TOWER AND EXTERNAL LIGHTS:** My thanks to Peter, an electrician from Fort William, who managed to resolve most of our electricity problems on the Arisaig Tower. He installed new external lights which will make the entrance and surrounding safe and secure. Health and Safety has been our top priority recently, especially during the Pandemic. Thank you to Anne MacDonald who was actually able to convince Peter to donate his time and labour for the Church. We only had to purchase the materials for repairs. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes I am doing my best with the resources I have to make our Buildings safe and secure. Peter will be back on Monday to finish the work.

**BACK WALL:** I have asked Duncan MacDonald (Painter) for an estimate to have the Sanctuary Painted. It was noted by our viewers that the condition of the wall is not great. The cost is only for painting and in excess of £3000 with VAT. Cost of scaffolding would be significant as well. I am afraid we do not have sufficient funds at the moment to cover this expense and will have to endure with the condition of the walls as they are.

**TONY LIVESAY:** Will be ordained as a permanent deacon on Monday in Portree. Mass will be available to view on the Portree Facebook Page.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Morar will become open for services starting from the Vigil-Mass at 6pm on 22nd August.**

**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.

**Booking system for Mass –** We are still required to use Eventbrite as a booking system for Mass. Please, do not be shy in securing your place. Do not think that because you attended last week, you cannot do it again. If I see that our Church is at full capacity, I will make allowances for another Mass.



**SANITISING MACHINE HAS ARRIVED:** I am delighted that after a bit of a delay, the sanitising machine has finally arrived. Because of the delay, we have been upgraded to a more professional and mobile equipment. The model we received was significantly more expensive than we could have afforded at the time.

**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 have been increased now to 75% of pre-covid state. At the moment, the Parishes are running a deficit which means there is more money

coming out as going in. This situation is a real financial struggle on the Parish.

**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.

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# The Pope extends Lauretan Jubilee, to December 2021



Archbishop Fabio dal Cin, Pontifical Delegate to the Shrine at Loreto announces that Pope Francis is extending the Lauretan Jubilee to December 2021. In his

words, he thanks the Pope for a gift that allows people to enjoy for another twelve months the benefits of this spiritual jubilee in this time of pandemic.

## By Vatican News

On Saturday evening, to the applause of the faithful, Archbishop Fabio Dal Cin, Pontifical Delegate to the Shrine at Loreto announced the Pope's decision to extend the Lauretan Jubilee until 10 December 2021. The Jubilee was granted on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Benedict XV of Our Lady of Loreto, Patroness of all airmen.

## December 2021 extension

Imparting the news from the Shrine of the Holy House, the Archbishop said, "In this difficult time for mankind, Holy Mother Church gives us another twelve months to start anew with Christ, letting us be accompanied by Mary, a sign of consolation and sure hope for all".

The Jubilee was officially inaugurated on 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the opening of the Holy Door presided over by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, but "unfortunately not celebrated in all its entirety because of the Covid-19 epidemic".

## Apostolic Decree

An Apostolic Decree issued on July 16 by the Apostolic Penitentiary states that there will be for another twelve months to experience grace and forgiveness for all the faithful who visit the Pontifical Shrine. Grace which also extends to the many chapels of the civil airports and air force bases around the world.

The decree co-signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, Major Penitentiary and Regent Father Krzysztof Józef Nykiel also states that "the faithful will draw from the generous extension good intentions and spiritual vigor to be implemented in life according to the law of the Gospel".