

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Teresa MacKenzie (90th) 28.08; Jessica MacKinnon 21.08; Carol Milligan 21.08; Barbara Pamula 29.08..... *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (24th August – 29th August)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.

Public Masses: You need to book your attendance!

Monday St Bartholomew Morar, 10am
Angus MacLeod RIP

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am
Carol Milligan – Birthday Mass

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Donald Iain Morrison RIP

Thursday St. Monica Arisaig, 10am
Isobel Willener RIP

Friday St Augustine Morar, 10am
Jackie Milligan RIP

Requiem Mass of Flora MacLellan RIP (private)..... Morar, 1pm

Saturday The Beheading of St John the Baptist Mass in Private, 10am
Barbara Pamula - Birthday

Sunday Masses 29th/30th August (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A)

Vigil Mass (Saturday) St. Cumin's, Morar: 6pm
Teresa MacKenzie - Birthday

Sunday St. Mary's, Arisaig: 10am
Iain MacDonald RIP

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (after 19th 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.

- COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:
16.08 £143 (Gift Aid £110)
Average income from Standing Orders per month - £400

Arisaig:
16.08 £125.10 (Gift Aid £)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Angus MacLeod, Donald Iain Morrison, Isobel Willener, Jackie Milligan, Iain MacDonald; Jimmy Gillies.

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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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

23rd August 2020

R) For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Monday - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

He was born at Cana and brought by the Apostle Philip to meet Jesus. Nothing further is known for certain. Eusebius speaks of him in India, but the Roman Martyrology has him martyred in Armenia, skinned alive according to the Persian custom. Because his relics were enshrined on the island in the Tiber that is principally used as a hospital, he has become a patron saint of the sick.



Thursday - Saint Monica (331 - 387)

She was born at Thagaste in Africa of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children was Augustine. He had a brilliant intellect and



uncertain morals and his wayward spiritual career saw him at one time a Manichee and then a Neoplatonist. With many tears she prayed unceasingly to God for his conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before she died. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother.



Friday - St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)

Augustine was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichean heresy, which he abandoned on seeing how nonsensical it was, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death.

Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature. The Second Readings in the Office of Readings contain extracts from many of his works.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

Saturday - Beheading of St John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as

it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men.

The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it*: with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven.

We envy the great and the talented, and sometimes we think that they themselves are beyond envy. But when they come across someone with greater gifts, as one day most of them will, they will see for the first time what it means to feel like us. Let us pray that they, like John the Baptist, may pass that test.



SCIAF COLLECTION: Special Collection for Sciaf will take place on 6th September. I have attached a letter from the Charity to this Newsletter.

MORAR RE-OPENING: I am pleased to announce that starting on Wednesday, 19th 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: I hope those travelling around the village in the evening have noticed the new Church lighting by now. I must say that personally I feel as if at least visible the Church has again become an important place in the village.

TONY LIVESAY: We congratulate Tony on his Ordination.

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. 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. 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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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".