

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Czeslawa Szpila.

..... *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (4th January – 9th January)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.

Public Masses: You need to book your attendance on Sunday in advance!

Weekday: you have to leave your contact details at the door

Monday Morar, 10am, no Public Mass

Allan MacDonald RIP

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am

Jackie Milligan RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am

Duncan McDonnell RIP

Thursday Arisaig, 10am

Fr John Dewar RIP

Friday Morar, 10am, no Public Mass

Polly Pringle RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am, no Public Mass

Special Intention

Sunday Masses 9th / 10th January (The Baptism of the Lord - B)

Saturday Morar: 6pm (no Public Mass)

Elizabeth Blakeway RIP

Sunday Arisaig: 10am (no Public Mass)

Irene MacKellaig RIP

Sunday

Kate MacInnes RIP – intention rescheduled to another day
Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement, in Morar)

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:	TOTAL £80 (Gift Aid £61)
20.12	TOTAL £340 (Gift Aid £205)
25.12	TOTAL £190 (Gift Aid £110)
27.12	

Average income from Standing Orders per month - £400

Arisaig:	TOTAL £336.90 (GIR Aid £212.50)
13.12	TOTAL £458.20 (GIR Aid £361.20)
20.12	TOTAL £404 (GIR Aid £98)
25.12	TOTAL £130.17 (GIR Aid £16)
27.12	

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Angus MacDonald (Gorten) 06.01; Allan MacDonald; Jackie Milligan; Duncan McDonnell; Fr John Dewar; Polly Pringle; Elizabeth Blakeway 31.12; Irene MacKellaig 28.12.

..... *Eternal rest...*

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Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

3rd January 2021

R) *The Word was made flesh and lived among us.*
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!



Happy New Year!

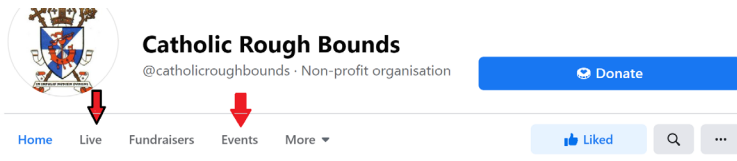
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace. Amen



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Account No. 65628087, The Co-operative Bank plc)
Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds
Liturgical Calendar texts taken from Universalis® unless stipulated otherwise

HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE MASS: This Pandemic has forced many of us to learn more and more about computer and internet usage. A lot of forms, bookings etc. are done over the internet without any paper. If you would like to benefit from our online presence, watch Masses, have instant news from the Parish and the area, you can go to:

www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds/



In the menu bar, when you click 'Live', it will take you to our livestreaming Masses. If you click on 'Events', it will help you to Book your places. You can also access 'Videos' where you will find all Services. If you do not have a Computer or Tablet, consider asking your family member to buy it and set up for you. It is very simple to use and will allow you to join in with others.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: We raised £110. Thank you for your support!

WINTER IS COMING: 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.

TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS: As you know, from 26th December we have been placed in Tier 4. This means that Public Mass capacity has been limited to 20 people. In response to this limitation, I have decided to add an additional 12 noon Mass in Morar on a Sunday. I understand that there have been many questions like why other Churches decided to go into lockdown and we are increasing the number of services? Are we not placing ourselves in bigger risk? As much as I would not like to comment on the decisions of other Congregations, I can only say that Catholic Faith is based on the Eucharist. The **real presence of Christ** is part of our core-belief and we continue to believe in it during the pandemic or not. We do so with trust, knowing that our combined efforts and Government advice allow us to continue. Please remember that if you are concerned about your safety, you can stay at home and/or participate Online. All are welcome in our Churches, so if your friends want to join us for worship, they can simply book like everyone else. Please tell your friends that they should not feel as if they are taking up our spaces. If need be, I can add another Eucharist over the weekend.

VACCINATION ROLLOUT: We are happy that the vaccination rollout has started and are looking forward to the vaccinations taking place in our Community. To answer some of the questions that have been passed on to me, I can assure you that even though Priests have wider contact with the elderly and vulnerable, they have not been prioritised as social workers and carers. Therefore, despite some comments, **we are not receiving any special treatment.** To my knowledge, the Bishops of Scotland have made no efforts to include us on the list of risk-workers or economically needing assistance. There has been no advice given as regards voluntary/private COVID testing like other groups of employment have done in this country. I suggest you refer your satisfaction/dissatisfaction from this directly to them. I decided to take 3 tests so far, to make sure that after my various activities I would limit the risk of those around me. Judging from my experience, parishioners take much better care of their priests than Bishops do, despite their obligations to do so. I understand your concerns for safety and your suggestions as if we were vaccinated, we would not become spreaders in the community. However, to the best of my knowledge there has been no evidence given that people who have been vaccinated, would not pass on the virus to others.

PUBLIC MASSES: Please note the change in the schedule this week. Provisionally means that you have to be prepared for last minute changes. Please observe the notices on Parish Facebook or call the Chapel House.

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 **100%** of pre-covid state. Despite our Masses being available to the Public, our income has actually fallen even further. **At the moment, our Parishes are running a deficit, which means there is more money going out as coming in.** What

more, this year the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, under Bishop Brian McGee, has sent the following message through the Treasurer of the Diocese:

"I am acutely aware that in the present circumstances offertory income is under great strain which affects a parish's ability to meet costs, including levy payments to the Diocese. For the financial year 2020/2021 (01/12/20 to 30/11/21) we are estimating a total levy of £206,004. This is taking into account estimated Diocesan costs of £250,294 less other Diocesan income of £44,290 and represents a 7% decrease on last year's normal monthly payment. So if your levy was £1,000 per month last year, it'll be £930 this.

As last year, the Diocesan office will process monthly transactions, so you need do nothing regarding setting up payments."

Allow me to explain how I understand it on the example of Morar Parish only. Arisaig Parish pays its own levy.

- In 2018, our income from Parish Offertory was £22841.00. The Parish paid that year £4512 (19.75% of Offertory income that year).
- In 2019, our income from Parish Offertory was £22467.00. The Parish paid that year £8616 (38.35% of Offertory income that year).
- In 2020 (COVID-19), our income from Parish Offertory was £14112. The Parish paid £6463 (45.80% of Offertory income that year, during the Pandemic and increased expenses).
- According to the email, in 2021, Morar will have to pay to the Diocese £8013. Strangely this email reminded me of the famous Movie by Akira Kurosawa.

IF YOU STOP CONTRIBUTING TO THE PARISH, IT WILL NOT HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE DIOCESE. THE LEVY IS SET, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CONTRIBUTE. IF YOU CONTRIBUTE LESS, THE PARISH RESOURCES WOULD BE EVEN FURTHER DIMINISHED.

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, despite all the difficulties and restrictions: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches.



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Niamh Henderson

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In line with 'In God's Image' manual, all parish volunteers are required to attend
Induction Part 1

Safeguarding Training prior to commencing their role, followed by Induction Part 2.
Diocesan Trainers have kindly provided dates when they can deliver online training,
as follows:

COURSE	DATES	TRAINER CONTACT DETAILS
Induction Part 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2021 at 7pm	Margaret Andow: 01687 462254 margaret_andow@outlook.com
	Thursday 7 th January 2021 & Tuesday 12 th January 2021 (both sessions at 6pm)	Rev. Dr Tony Livesey: 07938235133 safeguardingadvisor@rcdai.org.uk
	Tuesday 19 th January 2021 at 7.00pm	Kenny Black: 01838 200216 / 07455893256 training@rcdai.org.uk
Induction Part 2	Saturday 9 th January 2021 at 11am Thursday 14 th January 2021 at 6pm	Rev. Dr Tony Livesey: 07938235133 safeguardingadvisor@rcdai.org.uk
	Monday 11 th January 2021 at 7pm Wednesday 13 th January 2021 at 7pm Saturday 16 th January 2021 at 10.30am	Margaret Andow: 01687 462254 margaret_andow@outlook.com
	Tuesday 12 th January 2021 and Tuesday 26 th January 2021 at 7.00pm	Kenny Black: 01838 200216 / 07455893256 training@rcdai.org.uk

Please check with your Parish Priest / PSC to confirm your training needs,
and liaise directly with a Diocesan Trainer to book a place on one of the courses.

Justice & Peace Scotland–2020

Refugees, Asylum and Migrants

- Organised a Zoom webinar ‘Conversation on Migration’ in October with speakers sharing their experiences in Calais nearly four years after the demolition of ‘the jungle’
- Campaigned to ‘Lift the Ban’ to allow people to work whilst navigating the asylum system in the UK, calling for an end to ‘no recourse to public funds’, and for an end to detention.
- Arranged for Catholic chaplaincy at Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre, Scotland’s only Immigration Detention Centre
- Attended a peace witness event at Dungavel with Mother’s Day gifts
- Organised the sending of Christmas cards to detainees held at Dungavel
- Continued to work as a member of SFAR (Scottish Faiths Actions for Refugees) to raise awareness and coordinate actions related to asylum, integration and resettlement with other faith groups. This year they produced “Sanctuary in Scotland” resource. Secured funding from the Bishops’ Conference to help ensure SFAR’s future
- Secured funding from the Bishops’ Conference to help pay for bus passes for vulnerable pregnant asylum seekers and refugees in the Bumps to Babies scheme

CareForCreation

- Worked in collaboration with SCIAF and Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) to deliver training for teachers across Scotland to participate in Laudato Si Schools
- Continued to work with partner agencies such as SCIAF and Eco-congregations to plan for the UN Climate Conference (COP26) in Glasgow 2021
- Provided Care for Creation resource sheets to help parishes, schools and families with ideas for practical suggestions to become more environmentally friendly

Working towards Peace

- Produced podcasts exploring a faith perspective on peace building and the arms trade
- Marked the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima with a Peace Statement signed jointly by Bishop Nolan and Bishops of England and Wales
- Developed resources with Campaign Against the Arms Trade highlighting Scottish companies breaching international law in the arms trade
- Hosted a Zoom webinar ‘Reflection on Bethlehem’ in December highlighting the current situation in Palestine as experienced by Christian families

Alleviating Poverty

- Produced a short video in support of Challenge Poverty Week in October
- Campaigned to Cancel the Debt of the poorest nations
- Called on our Government to make changes in the social security system to stem the rising tide of poverty

Website and Social Media

- Improved our presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube to reach more people
- Produced weekly blogs reflecting a wide range of issues across the country and beyond
- Shared weekly Catholic Social Teaching quotes
- Improved the Justice and Peace Scotland website with resources and links to related articles and events
- Produced resource sheets on Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis’ latest encyclical

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There is a basket at the back of the church for Justice and Peace.

