

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (25th January – 30th 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 *The Conversion of Saint Paul*..... Morar, 10am

For Horewicz Family

Tuesday *Sts Timothy and Titus*..... Arisaig, 10am

For Johnalda MacLeod

Wednesday Morar, 10am

For Kate Maxwell

Thursday *St Thomas Aquinas* Arisaig, 10am

For Iain MacQueen

Friday Morar, 10am

Hugh MacPherson RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am

For Henderson Family

Sunday Masses 30th January / 31st January (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)

Saturday..... **Morar: 6pm**

Mandy and Tom Swanney RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**

Fr Wilhelm Kursawa RIP

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

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig: TOTAL £0

Average income from Standing Orders per month - £400
Average monthly income for Morar and Arisaig from Online Donations (Facebook, PayPal) - £300

Arisaig: TOTAL £0

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Kathy Proudfoot (died 18.01.2021); *Hugh MacPherson; Mandy and Tom Swanney; Fr Wilhelm Kursawa; +Vincent Logan; Canon Brendan Healy; Chrissie MacPherson (died recently); Stephen McAuley (Paisley, died recently).*

Eternal rest...

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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**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

24th January 2021

R) Lord, make me know your ways.

Alleluia, alleluia! Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Alleluia!



O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Caravaggio - The Conversion of Saint Paul



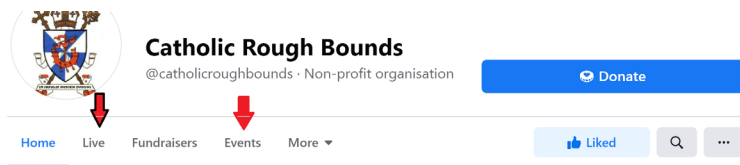
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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // **Facebook Page:** www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds

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.

NEWSLETTER: Good news. Now printed version of the Catholic Rough Bounds Parish Newsletter will be available in our local shops in Mallaig and Arisaig. I will do my best to deliver myself or via our volunteers each Saturday afternoon. Our thanks to both the Harbour Shop and SPAR for supporting our local Community.

WINTER IS HERE: 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 and kindness. I keep our Churches Heated on minimum during winter months to prevent dampness and frost related damage. It also prevents me getting sick from cold when I stream masses.

CHRISSIE MACPHERSON RIP: Chrissie passed away peacefully last Friday in the Macintosh, where she was receiving excellent care. She will be buried from Morar Church on 1st February at 10am. Service will be live-streamed.

FR DANNY CONVERY: We pray for Fr Danny as he experienced some health issues. May he soon recover to full health.

SOUND PROBLEMS: I am working hard to fix the sound issues.

BOILER IN MORAR: Despite the fact that it is relatively new (2016), being serviced every year, Boiler in the Chapel House is causing significant disruptions. It is out of warranty and more and more often breakdowns mean that it might need replacing shortly. This is to add to my worries I am afraid. Thank you to Jamie and Henry Young, who provided recent repairs.

UPDATE: Despite repairs, boiler continues to cause problems.

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. **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.

1. In 2018, our income from Parish Offertory was £22841.00. The Parish paid that year £4512 (19.75% of Offertory income that year).

2. In 2019, our income from Parish Offertory was £22467.00. The Parish paid that year £8616 (38.35% of Offertory income that year).
3. a) In Morar and Mallaig 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).
b) In Arisaig in 2020 (COVID-19), our income from Parish Offertory was £14391.04. The Parish paid £4591 (32% of Offertory income that year, during the Pandemic and increased expenses).
IN 2020, DURING THE PANDEMIC CRISIS, THE PARISHES SENT TOGETHER **£11054.00**. THIS HAS LEFT ME WITH £17449.04 TO HEAT, UPKEEP AND INSURE 5 CHURCHES, 2 CHAPEL HOUSES, 1 PRIEST, 1 DOG, 1 CAT, 1 LEASED CAR.
4. In 2021, Morar will have to pay to the Diocese £7992, Arisaig £5100. Strangely this reminds me of the famous Movie by Akira Kurosawa.
5. UPDATE: We received a 25% levy reduction in January due to lockdown. I believe I must take some classes in fundraising from the Diocese. Apparently, our income from 'the Sunday basket' should only make 25% of our Sunday Collection.

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 WILL BE EVEN FURTHER DIMINISHED.



DONATION FOR SISTERS: Despite our dire financial situation, I decided to send some money in support of Brigidine Sisters in Gdansk. Sisters run a guest house which is their sole source of income. During the Pandemic, they suffered greatly from loss of income. Majority of Sisters are from India, well before retirement age, which means that they do not receive any pensions. Sisters looked after me before, during and after my medical treatment and to be honest, I would be lost without them. They also keep an eye on my parents which makes me feel much calmer during this crisis. If you are able and would like to Contribute, please make a donation to the Parish. Sisters are also continuously praying for our Parishes.

UPDATE: Sister has sent us a lovely thank you note to thank for our donation.

BREXIT RED TAPE: It seems that I have experienced problems with the new customs rules. My Mother has purchased tons! Of sweets she wanted to send to me and is unable because delivery companies are not able to process parcels through customs. I feel as if my Birthday, Easter

and Christmas Parcels are going to become history! I am worried as my parents and family absolutely adore Scottish Smoked Salmon. Every Easter and Christmas I would send them a big box with locally smoked fish. My mother would then scrupulously divide it among my siblings, aunts and uncles.

Urgent - Act now to stop 'DIY' abortion services being made permanent in Scotland

The Scottish Government is currently deciding on whether to make the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in Scotland permanent. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger.

It is vital that as many people as possible contact their MSPs to ask them to write to the First Minister and other relevant ministers laying out the serious dangers with 'DIY' home abortions, and ask them to ensure that the temporary order allowing 'DIY' home abortion is revoked as soon as possible and not made permanent.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MSPs in less than one minute. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/notodiyabortion



HEATING&LIGHTING: No donation this week