

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (1st March – 6th March)

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

Margaret MacNeil RIP

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am

Ina Aitchinson RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am

Teresa MacKenzie RIP

Thursday Arisaig, 10am

James MacDonald RIP

Friday Morar, 10am

Ian MacDonald RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am

Ina Aitchinson RIP

Sunday Masses 6th March / 7th March (3rd Sunday of Lent – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**

Margaret MacNeil RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**

Ronnie MacPhee RIP

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. FOR ALL ONLINE DONATIONS, ENVELOPES POSTED TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE AND STANDING ORDERS INTO THE PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS.

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Donald R. (24.01.1997) and Katy Morrison (03.03.1993, South Uist); Mary Gibbens (Mallaig) 02.03.2007; Rachel Morrison (Mallaig) 01.03.1993; James MacDonald 04.03; Ian MacDonald (the Land) 05.03; Teresa MacKenzie; Ina Aitchinson; Margaret MacNeil; Ronnie MacPhee; Ian, Ewen, Angus and Gerard MacDonald; Heather MacLeod (died recently).

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

In memory of Ian (the Guard) MacDonald and Ewen, Angus and Gerard



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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

2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

28th February 2021

R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

OUR PARISH IS SUPPORTING THE #WEEBOX
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TOGETHER, WE CAN END POVERTY. By reflecting, giving and acting with SCIAF during Lent, your parish is helping to change the lives of some of the poorest children in the world. By supporting **SCIAF** this Lent you can ensure this vital work continues.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Pray the Stations!

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: There are a lot of people not well at the moment and require our constant prayers and support.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



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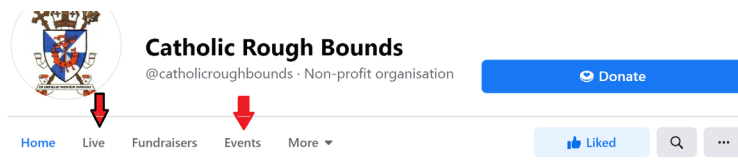
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HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE MASS: This Pandemic has forced many of us to learn more and more about computer and internet usage. A lot of forms, bookings etc. are done over the internet without any paper. If you would like to benefit from our online presence,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

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HEATING AND LIGHTING: Thank you so much for all the donations toward heating and lighting. This is really a huge help. The average weekly cost of heating in Morar Church (not the house!) is now **£40**. This is because the Church is used daily. As the temperatures increase, our bills should go down a bit.

BOILER IN MORAR: New boiler is up and running. My thanks to Henry and Jamie Young for fitting it and Alistair Neil for doing the electrical work around it.

CHAPEL HOUSE IN ARISAIG: Recent weather has caused some damage inside, including new leaks. House will be occupied till end of March. We have to look at replacing one of the bathrooms in the house. Unfortunately, there are serious leaks from the bath area which will require stripping down the floors to access the waste/pipes. I have asked Henry Young for a quote. It is disappointing but typical of the house with some areas which have not been possible to fix due to lack of funds in the past. I really hope that this season will bring some more income from AirBnB let but house requires continuous maintenance.

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. **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: In 2021, Morar will have to pay to the Bishop (Diocese) £7992, Arisaig £5100. What more, Gift Aid rebate will be much lower than in previous years due to lower contributions in tax year 2020/21 (Pandemic). I honestly lost faith that anyone in decision making circle will listen to any argumentation or that the Scottish Government will help the Church survive. The effects of the lack of proper maintenance to our building will be catastrophic.

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. PLEASE HELP!

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

Last Wednesday, with the penitential rite of the ashes, we began our Lenten journey. Today, the first Sunday of this liturgical season, the Word of God shows us the path to living fruitfully the forty days that lead to the annual celebration of Easter. It is the way Jesus trod, which the Gospel, with Mark's essential style, summarises by saying that before He began His preaching, He withdrew into the desert for forty days, where He was tempted by Satan (see 1:12-15). The Evangelist emphasises that "the Spirit - the Holy Spirit - immediately drove Him out into the wilderness" (v. 12). The Holy Spirit descended upon Him immediately after the baptism He received from John in the River Jordan; the same Spirit now impels Him to go into the desert, to face the Tempter, to combat the devil. Jesus' entire existence is placed under the sign of the Spirit, who animates, inspires and guides Him.

But let us think of the desert. Let us pause for a moment on this natural and symbolic environment, so important in the Bible. The desert is the place where God speaks to the heart of the human person, and where prayer is the answer, that is, the desert of solitude, the heart detached from other things, and which only in that solitude opens itself to the Word of God. But it is also the place of trial and temptation, where the Tempter, taking advantage of human frailty and needs, insinuates his lying voice, as an alternative to God's, an alternative voice that makes you see another road, another road of deception. The Tempter seduces. Indeed, during the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert, the "duel" between Jesus and the devil begins, which will end with the Passion and the Cross. Christ's entire ministry is a struggle against the Evil One in its many manifestations: healing from illnesses, exorcising the possessed, forgiving sins. It is a struggle. After the first phase in which Jesus demonstrates that He speaks and acts with the power of God, it seems that the devil has the upper hand, when the Son of God is rejected, abandoned and finally captured and condemned to death. He has conquered the devil, it seems. It seems that He is the winner. In reality, death was the last "desert" to cross in order to finally defeat Satan and free us all from his power. And in this way Jesus won in the desert of death, so as to win in the Resurrection.

Every year, at the beginning of Lent, this Gospel of the temptations of Jesus in the desert reminds us that the life of the Christian, in the footsteps of the Lord, is a battle against the spirit of evil. It shows us that Jesus willingly faced the Tempter, and defeated him; and at the same time it reminds us that the devil is granted the possibility of acting on us too, with his temptations. We must be aware of the presence of this astute enemy, who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and prepare to defend ourselves against him and to combat him. The grace of God assures us, with faith, prayer and penance, of our victory over the enemy. But I would like to underline one thing: in the temptations, Jesus never enters into dialogue with the devil, never. In his life Jesus never had a dialogue with the devil, never. Either He banishes them from the possessed or He condemns him, or He shows his malice, but never a dialogue. And in the desert, it seems that there is a dialogue because the devil makes three proposals and Jesus responds. But Jesus does not respond with his words. He answers with the Word of God, with three passages of Scripture. And this, for all of us. When the seducer approaches, he begins to seduce us: "But think of this, do that...", the temptation is to dialogue with him, as Eve did. Eve said: "But you can't, because we...", and entered into dialogue. And if we enter into dialogue with the devil we will be defeated. Keep this in your head and in your heart: you can never enter into dialogue with the devil, no dialogue is possible. Only the Word of God.

During the Season of Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert. It is not, as we have seen, a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, "so that a true conversion might be effected in us" (Collect, First Sunday of Lent, B, translated from the Italian). Do not be afraid of the desert, seek out moments of more prayer, of silence, to enter into us. Do not be afraid. We are called to walk in God's footsteps, renewing our baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works and all his empty promises. The enemy is crouching there, beware. But never dialogue with him. Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. Pope Francis at the Angelus