

## Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY:** Anne Bernadette MacMillan 14.03; Alistair Neil MacKay 15.03; Malgorzata Pamula 15.03; Joseph McHenry 16.03; Catriona MacDonald 13.03 ..... *Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (15<sup>th</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> 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
	Mary MacDonald RIP
Tuesday .....	Arisaig, 10am
	Willie MacDonald RIP
Wednesday .....	Morar, 10am
	Margaret MacNeil RIP
Thursday .....	Arisaig, 10am
	Margaret MacNeil RIP
Friday St Joseph.....	Morar, 10am
	Sophie MacLeod RIP
Saturday .....	Arisaig, 10am
	Bentley David Kyte RIP
<b>Sunday Masses 20<sup>th</sup> March / 21<sup>st</sup> March (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – B)</b>	
Saturday.....	<b>Morar: 6pm</b>
	Margaret MacNeil RIP
Sunday .....	<b>Arisaig: 10am</b>
	John Dempster 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 MacEachen 18.03.1981; Mary MacDonald; Willie MacDonald; Sophie MacLeod; Bentley David Kyte; John Dempster (Mallaig) 21.03.1993; Winnie MacDonald (Arisaig and Oban) 15.03.2018; James MacLean (Mallaig) 15.03; Hugh Rodden 14.03.1975.

*Eternal rest...*



### HEATING&LIGHTING:

In memory of Sarah MacEachen and Donald MacEachen



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**Parish website:** [www.catholicroughbounds.org](http://www.catholicroughbounds.org) // **Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds](https://www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds)

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## 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**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

*R) O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!



You are amazing, Mom.  
My prayer is for you to know God's  
deep love and delight in you!  
Thank you for being you.

*Dear Jesus, We thank you for Mothers everywhere. For all who care for us day by day, Let us not forget that you were a child and your mother was Mary. We say thank you for Mums across the world and in our country too. Although we may not say it, we think you are the best. So let us give grateful thanks and let our voices be heard for all the Mums and Grans On this very special day. Amen*



**SCIAF SUNDAY.** On this SCIAF Sunday please pray for women and girls around the world. Today, we especially think of Vaida and her mother Angelina who feature on this year's SCIAF WEE BOX. Without your help these children and their families will struggle to survive at all. Please give what you can to the SCIAF collection today (as we are still under lockdown, you have to send your donations directly to SCIAF. You can find details in your WeeBox envelope pack or on <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>. You can also send a cheque made payable to 'SCIAF' and post it to: SCIAF, 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2PR, tel. 0141 354 5555).

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

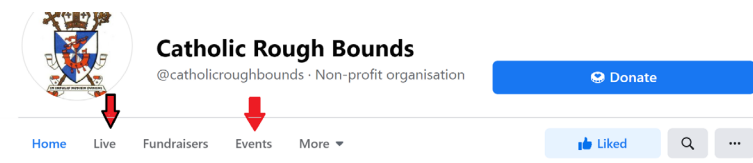
*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.*



**REOPENING:** Following the recent announcement from the Scottish Government, starting on 26th March we are resuming Public Worship with social distancing restrictions in place. Just like before, you will have to book your Sunday Mass attendance on Eventbrite with your contact details. There is no need to book your attendance at the weekday Mass. Instead, you will have to sign in at the door like before.

**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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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 past Services.

**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM SCOTLAND:** Last Thursday and Friday, a judicial review took place on the Scottish Government's ban on Public Worship during lockdowns. 28 faith leaders from variety of churches have questioned the validity of a decision made by the First Minister to restrict Public Worship in Scotland and make it a criminal offence to break these restrictions. As I have outlined in one of my previous Newsletters, I have great concerns over Scottish Government's actions on Religious Freedoms. Legal consequences of such actions could bring great repercussions in the future (and possibly discrimination). Christianity in Scotland is very much a minority. One might argue that the decision was made to protect from Coronavirus, which I do not question. My question is however whether it was Government's decision to be made in the first place? I believe it was not. Principals, especially in the moment of a national crisis, are extremely important to be upheld. As you well know, I come from a country that was ruled by a system which called Religion *an Opium of the people*. It was called Communism. We should learn from history. I think that with the coming elections we should make sure that people we choose to represent us will respect our Religious Freedoms and decisions they make will allow you, your children, and your children's children to Worship in Public. I would like to encourage you to read more about the arguments presented by the QC during proceedings. We have worshipped in catacombs before, and I hope that these days will never return. It should also encourage us to pray more for persecuted Christians around the world.

# EASTER SERVICES

## HOLY WEEK - PUBLIC SERVICES



### **PALM SUNDAY:**

MORAR, 6 PM (27.03.2021, SATURDAY-VIGIL), **BOOKING REQUIRED**  
ARISAIG, 10 AM (28.03.2021), **BOOKING REQUIRED**

HOLY MONDAY (29.03.2021) 10AM , MORAR, SIGN-IN AT THE DOOR

HOLY TUESDAY (30.03.2021) 10AM, ARISAIG, SIGN-IN AT THE DOOR

HOLY WEDNESDAY (31.03.2021) 10AM, MORAR, SIGN-IN AT THE DOOR

### **HOLY PASCHAL TRIDUUM:**

MAUNDY THURSDAY (01.04.2021) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—6 PM, MORAR, SIGN-IN AT THE DOOR

GOOD FRIDAY (02.04.2021) THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION—3PM, ARISAIG, SIGN-IN AT THE DOOR

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT (SATURDAY, 03.04.2021), MORAR, 6PM **BOOKING REQUIRED**

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (SUNDAY, 04.04.2021)—10AM, ARISAIG, **BOOKING REQUIRED**

**TO ACCESS VIDEO-STREAM, PLEASE USE THE BROWSER IN YOUR COMPUTER AND TYPE IN:**  
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### **MASS BOOKINGS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE):**

**WWW.CATHOLICROUGHBOUNDS.EVENTBRITE.COM** or PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE  
CONTACT MAE MACDONALD (01687462069) or LILIAN MACDONALD (01687450289)  
CONTACT FATHER STAN (01687462201 or 01687450223)

### **Catechesis on the [Apostolic Journey to Iraq](#)**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

In the past few days, the Lord allowed me to [visit Iraq](#), carrying out a project of [Saint John Paul II](#). Never before has a Pope been in the land of Abraham. Providence willed that this should happen now, as a sign of hope, after years of war and terrorism, and during a severe pandemic.

After this Visit, my soul is filled with gratitude — gratitude to God and to all those who made it possible: to the President of the Republic and the Government of Iraq; to the country's Patriarchs and Bishops, together with all the ministers and the faithful of the respective Churches; to the religious Authorities, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom I had an unforgettable meeting in his residence in Najaf.

I deeply felt the penitential sense of this pilgrimage: I could not draw near to that tortured people, to that martyr-Church, without taking upon myself, in the name of the Catholic Church, the cross they have been carrying for years; an enormous cross, like the one placed at the entrance of Qaraqosh. I felt it particularly seeing the still-open wounds of the destruction, and even more so when meeting and hearing the testimony of those who survived the violence, persecution, exile.... And at the same time, I saw around me the joy of welcoming Christ's messenger; I saw the hope of being open to a horizon of peace and fraternity, summed up in Jesus' words that were the motto of the Visit: "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8). I found this hope in the discourse of the President of the Republic. I discovered it again in the many greetings and testimonies, in the songs and gestures of the people. I read it on the luminous faces of the young people and in the vivacious eyes of the elderly. People stood waiting for the Pope for 5 hours, even women with children in their arms. They waited and in their eyes there was hope.

The Iraqi people have the right to live in peace; they have the right to rediscover the dignity that belongs to them. Their religious and cultural roots go back thousands of years: Mesopotamia is the cradle of civilization. Historically, Baghdad is a city of primary importance, which for centuries housed the richest library in the world. And what destroyed it? War. War is always that monster that transforms itself with the change of epochs and continues to devour humanity. But the response to war is not another war; the response to weapons is not other weapons. And I asked myself: who was selling the weapons to the terrorists? Who sells weapons today to the terrorists, who are carrying out massacres in other areas, let us think of Africa, for example? It is a question that I would like someone to answer. The response is not war, but the response is fraternity. This is the challenge not only for Iraq: it is the challenge for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, it is the challenge for the entire world: fraternity. Will we be capable of creating fraternity among us, of building a culture of brothers and sisters? Or will we continue with the logic Cain began, war? Brotherhood, fraternity.

For this reason, we met and [we prayed, Christians and Muslims, along with representatives of other religions, in Ur](#), where Abraham received God's call some four thousand years ago. Abraham is our father in faith because he listened to the voice of God who promised him descendants; he left everything and departed. God is faithful to His promises and still today guides our steps toward peace; He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with

their gaze turned toward Heaven. And in Ur, standing together under those luminous heavens — the same heavens in which our father Abraham saw us, his descendants — that phrase seemed to resound once again in our hearts: You are all brothers and sisters.

A message of fraternity came from the [ecclesial encounter in the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of Baghdad](#), where in 2010 forty-eight people were killed, including two priests, during the celebration of Mass. The Church in Iraq is a martyr Church. And in that temple — which bears, inscribed in the stone, the memory of those martyrs — the joy of the encounter resounded: my amazement at being in their midst mingled with their joy at having the Pope among them.

We launched a message of fraternity [from Mosul](#) and [from Qaraqosh](#), along the Tigris River, near the ruins of ancient Nineveh. The ISIS occupation caused thousands and thousands of inhabitants to flee, including many Christians of different confessions and other persecuted minorities, especially the Yazidi. The ancient identity of these cities has been ruined. Now they are trying hard to rebuild; Muslims are inviting Christians to return, and together they are restoring churches and mosques. Fraternity is there. And, please, let us continue to pray for them, our sorely tried brothers and sisters, so they might have the strength to start over. And thinking of the many Iraqis who have emigrated, I would like to say to them: you have left everything, like Abraham; like him, safeguard faith and hope, and be weavers of friendship and of fraternity wherever you are. And, if you can, return.

A message of fraternity came from the two Eucharistic Celebrations: [the one in Baghdad](#), in the Chaldean Rite, and [the one in Erbil](#), the city in which I was welcomed by the President of the region and its Prime Minister, by the Authorities — whom I thank so much for having come to welcome me — and I was also welcomed by the people. Abraham's hope, and that of his descendants, were realized in the mystery we celebrated, in Jesus, the Son that God the Father did not spare, but gave for everyone's salvation: through His death and resurrection, He opened the way to the promised land, to that new life where tears are dried, wounds healed, brothers and sisters reconciled.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise God for this historic Visit and let us continue to pray for that Land and for the Middle East. In Iraq, despite the roar of destruction and weapons, the palm trees, a symbol of the country and of its hope, have continued to grow and bear fruit. So it is for fraternity: like the fruit of the palm trees, it does not make noise, but is fruitful and grows. May God, who is peace, grant a future of fraternity to Iraq, to the Middle East and to the entire world!

### Special Greetings

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. May our Lenten journey bring us to the joy of Easter with hearts purified and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you! Lastly, my thoughts, as always, go to *the elderly*, to *young people*, to *the sick* and to *newlyweds*. I invoke divine grace upon each one, so that whether in youth, in suffering, or in mutual conjugal love, you may receive the joy of Easter, revitalized by the journey of conversion and penance that we are now experiencing. My blessing to all.

**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.

**CHAPEL HOUSE IN ARISAIG:** We did some checks in the Chapel House and we still cannot locate the source of the leak. There have also been some problems with rodents which we are now working on.

**PREPARATIONS FOR REOPENING:** Many thanks to Hughie for his help and to all who help to maintain the Parish grounds in Arisaig, Mallaig and Morar. I am very much counting days to when our Churches will be able to reopen for public.

**MARGARET and GEOFFREY ANDOW:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret for everything she has done in the Parish over the years. Geoffrey and Margaret are moving away from Mallaig to be closer to their family. They have done a lot for our Community and I believe I speak for all of us, have enriched us by their presence. They will be greatly missed but we will remember them in our prayers.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Due to lockdown restrictions, unlike in previous years, your Parish Gift Aid envelopes will be posted/delivered to you directly. Thank you for your support to the Parish. *Please note that you can only start to use your new envelopes on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Please dispose of any old envelopes after that date. Remember that you need to notify us if you stop paying income tax or no longer wish to contribute using the scheme.*

**ORGANIST AND MUSIC FOR EASTER:** Restrictions are certainly not making it easy to prepare music for Easter. I am glad that Joe McHenry was able to come for the weekend to discuss, prepare and practise for Holy Week. The fact that I can focus on Mass celebration without worrying about Sacred Music during it is something that helps me deal with the tensions over this important Liturgical time. Thank you for your support of music and being so kind to Joe. The Pandemic has greatly affected his work as without Public Worship and singing people no longer feel they need qualified musicians anymore. I think his work is extremely important and appreciated in the Rough Bounds.

**HAMPER:** Many thanks to Maureen MacNeil. She has prepared a hamper basket to fundraise for Morar Parish. Tickets are available in the Harbour Shop in Mallaig. Please, consider buying a ticket to win the hamper.

**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 to the Diocese and pay our regular maintenance bills. **At the moment, our Parishes are running a deficit, which means there is more money going out as coming in.** 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!**