

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (22nd March – 27th March)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook.

Public Masses resume on 26th March!

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

Ewa Wrzosek RIP

Tuesday Morar, 10am

For Barbara and Tadeusz Michalik and their family

Wednesday Morar, 10am

Margaret MacNeil RIP

Thursday *The Annunciation of the Lord* Morar, 10am

Margaret MacNeil RIP

Friday Morar, 10am, **PUBLIC MASS**

Ina Aitchinson RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am, **PUBLIC MASS**

Joan Young RIP

Sunday Masses 27th March / 28th March (Palm Sunday – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm, PUBLIC MASS**

John MacKay RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am, PUBLIC MASS**

James Kennedy 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: Jackie MacKellaig 22.03 (Birthday); Dougie MacDougall; John Dempster 21/03/1993; Anne Laura MacNeil 21.03.2005; Winifred MacLellan 26.03.2012; Louis Kennedy 22.03; Donald Kennedy 27.03; Hugh Rodden 14.03.1975; Charlie MacDonald 08.03; Rose MacDonald 13.03 Brigit McGee (Bishop’s Mother, died 16.03); Ewa Wrzosek; Margaret MacNeil; Ina Aitchinson; Joan Young 28.03; John MacKay 27.03.2020; James Kennedy; George MacRae 26.03.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

In memory of Dougie MacDougall



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

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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

5th Sunday of Lent (B)

21st March 2021

R) A pure heart create for me, O God.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!



PUBLIC SERVICES RESUME THIS FRIDAY



REFLECT, GIVE, ACT WITH SCIAF. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference to families in South Sudan. You can learn more about SCIAF's work by visiting www.sciaf.org.uk

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TO BOOK FOR MASS:
www.catholicroughbounds.eventbrite.com
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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.

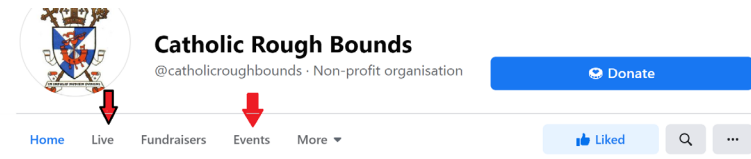
Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



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:

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 past Services.

PALMS: Next week's Parish Newsletter will be available on a Sunday and will contain Palms that will be blessed during the Vigil-Mass in Morar on Saturday. Please do not be concerned if the Newsletter is available later than usual, we will try to deliver it to the shops as soon as possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL: On 6th May this year, Scotland will be electing new Members of the Scottish Parliament. Because of Covid restrictions, political campaigning this year will be limited. Most of our elderly parishioners will have limited access to the candidates. It was pointed out, that as a Parish, we could send a letter to each candidate in our constituency to ask about their views on certain important issues for us as Catholics and inhabitants of the Rough Bounds. We plan to send the letter out by the end of March, to give them enough time to respond. If you have any queries which you think should be included in the letter, please contact Lilian MacDonald (01687450289, lilian.macdonald@btinternet.com) or Deirdre Roberts (01687462539, deirdrebracara@hotmail.com) by the end of March 2021. We will include the candidate's responses (if they reply) as an insert to the Parish Newsletter on the 18th of April. Christians in politics are not perfect and mistakes have been and will be made. We should not hold up Christians in politics as our saviours but look to them to serve with integrity and uphold principles and values of faith.

ARISAIG COUNCIL TAX REFUND AND BINS: My thanks to Cllr Allan Henderson for his help in dealing with Highland Council. Next week we should receive '1 green wheely bin' for each Church. Recent usage of PPE has made it a challenge to dispose of all of the materials.

AIRBNB: on 26th April we will be able to rent out Chapel House again. Please remember that due to Insurance arrangements we have decided to advertise and control bookings only via this service. It allows us to respect our House Policy. So far, we have received only 5-star reviews. It takes a lot of time and effort to maintain this score and I am grateful to all the Parishioners who help us. I also want to inform you that so far, we were not eligible for any help or grants that would normally apply to Self-Catering etc.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE: 'Fr Henry Nkop MSP is now in Lochgilphead. Fr Henry is the Missionary Society of St Paul priest sent to replace Fr Noel who left Skye to take up new duties in London. Also, Fr Frank McAleese OCarm will be coming to Argyll & the Isles and will be in Mingarry for the Easter Triduum and then he will go to Rothesay where he will help as Administrator until June. I know that you will make them as welcome as can be managed under the current restricted conditions.'

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:
FACEBOOK.COM/CATHOLICROUGHBOUNDS

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)



Pope's message for World Vocations Day: 'St. Joseph a model of fidelity'

Pope Francis releases a message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and urges all religious and clergy to look to St. Joseph as a model of unreserved fidelity to God's invitation to service.

By Devin Watkins

As the Church marks the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis released his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on 25 April.

The Pope held up the husband of the Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus as a model for all members of the clergy and religious men and women. He drew heavily on his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, released on 8 December 2020, which seeks to "increase our love for this great saint."

Heart of a father

St. Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life. "God looks on the heart," he said, "and in Saint Joseph He recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines."

Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others.

The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are “capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.”

Chasing a dream

Pope Francis went on to focus on three key words which St. Joseph suggests for each individual’s vocation: *dream*, *service*, and *fidelity*.

The Gospel of Matthew recounts four dreams with which God inspired St. Joseph, each of which represented a difficult call from God.

“After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely.”

Though it seems strange to us that he would put so much trust in dreams, the Saint let himself be guided without hesitation.

“Why?” mused the Pope. “Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards Him. A small indication was enough for his watchful “inner ear” to recognize God’s voice.”

God’s call to each of us, said Pope Francis, happens in the same way, without putting pressure on our freedom. “He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings.”

Yet, as St. Joseph demonstrates, our acceptance of God’s call cannot be passive, but requires us to press forward and take risks by abandoning ourselves to grace.

Serving and protecting

Pope Francis then considered St. Joseph’s vocation to *service*.

“The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself,” he said. “By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service.”

His limitless, selfless love led the Saint allowed him to sustain daily sacrifices, as a rule for daily life.

“He adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished,” said the Pope. “He showed the *willingness* typical of those who *live to serve*.”

Pope Francis added that he likes to think of St. Joseph as the “protector of vocations”, since his willingness to serve fills him with a “concern to protect”.

“Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation,” he said, “the testimony of a life touched by the love of God.”

In simple, daily fidelity

Fidelity, said the Pope, is the third aspect of St. Joseph’s example for all consecrated persons.

He always patiently pondered his actions, and knew that “success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions.”

Pope Francis said God teaches each of us how to nurture fidelity “in the light of God’s own faithfulness.”

“This fidelity is the secret of joy,” he noted. “It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour.”

Example of joy

The Pope concluded his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations by urging the Church’s ministers to fill their homes with this same “simple and radiant, sober and hopeful” joy.

“I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servng him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy.”

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.

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. Some Arisaig envelopes might take a bit longer to arrive. Many thanks to Lilian MacDonald, Isa Henderson and Mae MacDonald for their help. *Please note that you can only start to use your new envelopes on or after 6th 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 last 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 and Rita MacDonald. They have 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!