

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Andrew MacDonald 02.04 *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (29th March – 3rd April)

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

Holy Monday Morar, 10am

Ian Dempster RIP

Holy Tuesday Arisaig, 10am

Juliet Parks RIP

Holy Wednesday Morar, 10am

Ian MacDonald (the Land) RIP

Maudy Thursday Morar, 6pm

For all OUR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

Good Friday The Celebration of the Passion, Arisaig, 3pm

Holy Saturday no Mass until Easter Vigil

Sunday Masses 3rd April / 4th April (Easter Sunday - B)

Holy Saturday **Morar: 6pm Easter Vigil, Booking Required**

Easter Blessings for friends and family

Easter Sunday **Arisaig: 10am, Booking Required**

Ian MacDonald (the Land) RIP

Easter Sunday **Morar: 12noon, Sign in at the door**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Tuesday, after morning Mass in Arisaig; Morar by prior arrangement)

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 McNeil 03.04; Winifred MacPherson 31.03.2015; Ian Dempster; Juliet Parks; Ian MacDonald (the Land); John MacKay; Joan Young; Peter Chisholm 06.04.2002; Elizabeth Hanratty 04.04.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING:

In memory of Margaret MacNeil from Stuart, Dana and Fraser



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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

Palm Sunday (B)

28th March 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!



HOLY WEEK 2021

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church Liturgy. It concentrates on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. It is a liturgy full of symbolism and spiritual depth.

"Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on

either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

At the very epicentre of our Liturgical Calendar is the great Three days we celebrate, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of the Lord, the Sacred Triduum. Good Friday Liturgy is not simply a re-enactment of something that happened over 2000 years ago but an actual participation in the events themselves through living faith. These events are outside of time and made present in our Liturgical celebrations and in our reception of the Sacraments. Just as every Mass/Divine Liturgy is an invitation to enter into the sacrifice of Calvary which occurred once and for all.

We will soon attend the Last Supper and receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Body, Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We will enter into the deep meaning of the Holy Priesthood. We will be invited to pour ourselves out like the water in the basins used to wash feet on Holy Thursday. We will be asked with the disciples in the Gospel accounts we will hear proclaimed to watch with the Lord. We will be invited to enter with Him into his anguish by imitating His Holy surrender in his Sacred Humanity in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Through the stark and solemn Liturgy of the Friday we call "Good", we will stand at the Altar of the Cross where heaven is re-joined to earth and earth to heaven, along with the Mother of the Lord. We will enter into the moment that forever changed - and still changes - all human History, the great self-gift of the Son of God who did for us what we could never do for ourselves by in the words of the ancient Exultet, "trampling on death by death". We will wait at the tomb and witness the Glory of the Resurrection and the beginning of the New Creation.

Every blessing in the week that lies ahead, rightly called Holy Week. We join with our Saviour in his suffering and death. He, the Risen Lord, comes to us on Easter Night and Easter Morning with a love and a peace and a joy that he alone can give.



WEE BOX, BIG THANKS. Thank you to everyone in the parish for supporting SCIAF's Lenten appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can directly to SCIAF. Thank you once again for your great generosity. Wishing you all a joyful Easter.

EASTER SERVICES

HOLY WEEK - PUBLIC SERVICES



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

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (SUNDAY, 04.04.2021)—12NOON, MORAR, SIGN IN AT THE DOOR

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MASS BOOKINGS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE):

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CONTACT MAE MACDONALD (01687462069) or LILIAN MACDONALD (01687450289)
CONTACT FATHER STAN (01687462201 or 01687450223)

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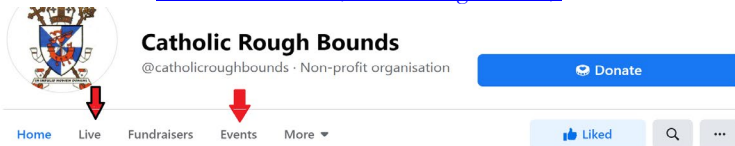
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HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE MASS: This Pandemic has forced many of us to learn more and more about computer and internet usage. A lot of forms, bookings etc. are done over the internet without any paper. If you would like to benefit from our online presence,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

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to all those who helped and continue to help to keep our Churches clean. Perhaps you would like to join in? Speak to Ann MacMillan in Arisaig or Mae MacDonald in Morar. Maybe they need some help with Easter cleaning? Rota for cleaning resumes. Please, let me know if you are unable or do not feel safe to clean. Note that Churches are Sanitised after each service so there is no change in regular cleaning arrangements.

Catechesis on prayer - 27. To pray in communion with Mary

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today the catechesis is dedicated to prayer in communion with Mary. It occurs precisely on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. We know that the main pathway of Christian prayer is the humanity of Jesus. In fact, the confidence typical of Christian prayer would be meaningless if the Word had not become incarnate, giving us in the Spirit His filial relationship with the Father. We heard in the Scripture of the gathering of the disciples, the pious women and Mary, praying after Jesus's Ascension. The first Christian community was awaiting Jesus's gift, Jesus's promise.

Christ is the Mediator, Christ is the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2674). He is the only Redeemer: there are no co-redeemers with Christ. He is the only one. He is the Mediator *par excellence*. He is *the Mediator*. Each prayer we raise to God is *through Christ, with Christ and in Christ* and it is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation through every time and every place: there is no other name by which we can be saved: Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity (see *Acts* 4:12).

Due to Christ's one mediation, other references Christians find for their prayer and devotion take on meaning, first among them being the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

She occupies a privileged place in the lives of Christians, and therefore, in their prayer as well, because she is the Mother of Jesus. The Eastern Churches have often depicted her as the *Odigitria*, the one who "shows the way"; and the way is her Son, Jesus Christ. The beautiful, ancient painting of the *Odigitria* in the Cathedral of Bari comes to my mind. It is simple. The Madonna who shows Jesus, naked; then they put a shirt on him to cover his nakedness, but the truth is that Jesus is naked, he himself, man, born of Mary, is the Mediator. And she indicates the Mediator: she is the *Odigitria*. Her presence is everywhere in Christian iconography, sometimes very prominently, but always in relation to her Son and in connection with Him. Her hands, her eyes, her behavior are a living "catechism", always indicating the hinge, she always points out the center: Jesus. Mary is completely directed toward Him (see *CCC*, 2674) to such an extent that we can say she is more disciple than Mother. The directions she gave at the wedding at Cana: "He: do whatever he will tell you". She always refers to Christ. She is the first disciple.

This is the role Mary fulfilled throughout her entire earthly life and which she forever retains: to be the humble handmaid of the Lord, nothing more. At a certain point in the Gospels she almost seems to disappear; but then she reappears in the more crucial moments, such as at Cana, when her Son, thanks to her caring intervention, performs his first "sign" (see *Jn* 2:1-12), and then on Golgotha at the foot of the cross.

Jesus extended Mary's maternity to the entire Church when He entrusted her to his beloved disciple shortly before dying on the cross. From that moment on, we have all been gathered under her mantle, as depicted in certain medieval frescoes or paintings. Even the first Latin antiphon – *sub tuum praesidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix*: the Madonna who 'covers', like a Mother, to whom Jesus entrusted us, all of us; but as a Mother, not as a goddess, not as co-redeemer: as Mother. It is true that Christian piety has always given her beautiful titles, as a child gives his or her mamma: how many beautiful things children say about their mamma whom they love so much! How many beautiful things, but we need to be careful: the things the Church, the Saints, say about her, beautiful things, about Mary, subtract nothing from Christ's sole Redemption. He is the only Redeemer. They are expressions of love like a child for his or her mamma – some are exaggerated. But love, as we know, always makes us exaggerate things, but out of love.

And so, we began to pray to her using several expressions present in the Gospels directed to her: "full of grace", "blessed are you among women" (see CCC, 2676 f.). Sanctioned by the Council of Ephesus, the title "*Theotokos*", "Mother of God", was soon added to the Hail Mary. And, analogously as with the Our Father, after the praise we add the supplication: we ask that Mary pray for us sinners, that she might intercede with her tenderness, "now and at the hour of our death". Now, in the concrete situations of life, and in the final moment, so that she might accompany us – as Mother, as the first disciple – in our passage to eternal life.

Mary is always present at the bedside of her children when they depart this world. If someone is alone and abandoned, she is Mother, she is there, near, as she was next to her Son when everyone else abandoned him. Mary was and is present in these days of the pandemic, near to the people who, unfortunately, have concluded their earthly journey all alone, without the comfort of or the closeness of their loved ones. Mary is always there next to us, with her maternal tenderness.

Prayers said to her are not in vain. The Woman who said "yes", who promptly welcomed the Angel's invitation, also responds to our supplications, she hears our voices, even those that remain closed in our hearts that haven't the strength to be uttered but which God knows better than we ourselves do. She listens as Mother. Just like, and more than, every good mother, Mary defends us from danger, she is concerned about us even when we are concentrated on our own things and lose a sense of the way, and when we put not only our health in danger, but also our salvation. Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. To pray with us. Why? Because she is our Mother.

Pope Francis

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 Lochgilblhead. 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.'*

READERS ROTA FOR EASTER: Our Rota for Easter Services is almost ready and hopefully we will have all the readers and, music and texts ready for Palm Sunday and the Holy Week by next weekend.

EASTER CARDS: Please, consider sending a religious Easter Card to your friends and family. I recently had a discussion with someone asking me if I would consider it appropriate to send an Easter Mass Card to a non-Catholic or non-believer. My response is that I do not think of it as something disrespectful or offensive. On the contrary, consider it your 'Missionary' duty as a Catholic and Christian. You are conveying your best wishes for someone and you are offering them the most precious thing you believe in – Eucharist! In the world when people are afraid to express their faith openly, this might be 'a spark' of Resurrection in someone's soul. If I received a similar form of expression from someone who is not a Catholic, I would consider it a great honour and sign of respect rather than being upset. Grace of God is something wonderful and really changes the world for better.

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.

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.*

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 are a Gift Aid donor, please, consider making your donation before or on Easter Sunday so that we could include it in our claim this Tax Year.

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!