

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY: Donnie Steele (South Uist) 23.05*Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (17th May – 22nd May)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. *Public Masses: You need to book your attendance on Sunday in advance! Weekday: Leave your contact details at the door*

Monday Sts Philip and James Morar, 10am
Vera McGuire RIP

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am
Mairi Louise Buchanan RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Ian MacDonald RIP

Thursday St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
Joe Duffy RIP and Catherine Duffy RIP

Friday Morar, 10am
Angela Wright RIP

Saturday Arisaig, 10am
Catherine MacDonald RIP

Sunday Masses 22nd May / 23rd May (Pentecost – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
William Gerard Buchanan RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
Anthony MacDonald RIP

Sunday Children's Mass **Morar: 12noon**
Margaret MacDonald 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.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

25.04 £220 (Gift Aid £158)

Arisaig:

25.04 n/a

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Frank O'Donoghue 16.05; Neil Gillies 25.05; Bella Patton (died recently); Fr Tony Duffy (died recently); Fr Joseph Boyd (died recently); Vera McGuire 20.04; Mairi Louise Buchanan 06.04; Ian MacDonald (Gortan) 17.04; Joe Duffy 23.04.1995 and Catherine Duffy; Angela Wright; Catherine MacDonald 18.4; William Gerard Buchanan;

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



HEATING&LIGHTING:

Neil Gillies RIP



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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**

7th Sunday of Easter (B)

9th May 2021

55th World Day of Social Communications

R) The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!



Pope establishes ministry of catechist

With a new Apostolic Letter issued “*motu proprio*,” Pope Francis establishes the lay ministry of catechist, intended to respond to an urgent need for the evangelisation of the modern world, and undertaken in a “secular” manner, avoiding clericalization. We have been using the help of lay catechists for a long time now and are looking forward to formally appointing them.

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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www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds/live/

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www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds/videos/

STARTING IN MAY, YOU WILL NOT NEED TO BOOK BUT SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AT THE DOOR

Please note that the change of system is to simplify the process and is on trial basis. This means that if we are at capacity, you might be turned away at the door. I am open to your comments regarding the system during the trial period.



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.

UPDATE! MALLAIG CHURCH: Following the loosening of the restrictions, I am open to the possibility of opening Mallaig Church again. However, to make it happen, the space would have to be prepared and regular maintenance to take place. If you would like to volunteer and become a coordinator, please feel free to speak to me. You would have to measure out the space, prepare signage, organise and coordinate volunteers etc. I have undertaken that responsibility with a lot of help in Morar and Arisaig but having to actively maintain yet another building during social distancing etc. is simply too much for me alone. On the other note, Teresa MacKellaig has kindly offered to sponsor the paint providing there will be enough volunteers to re-paint St. Patrick's. Please, speak to Teresa in the Harbour Shop if you would like to help/volunteer. So far no-one approached me to help therefore we are maintaining status quo.

CONGRATULATIONS: 4 Parishioners have received Papal Awards! Mae MacDonald, Isa Henderson and Lilian MacDonald have received Papal Benemerenti Medals in recognition of their work for the Church. Angus MacDonald has been Awarded Papal Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory. All these awards are extremely rare, and it is indeed a wonderful recognition and shows that the Universal Church remembers about such remote locations as the Rough Bounds. Mae's and Isa's award ceremony will take place in Morar on 31st May at 3pm/ Bishop McGee will preside. We are still finalising arrangements for Lilian's and Angus's ceremony in Arisaig.

FIRST COMMUNIONS/CONFESSIONS: Thank you to all the parents present at the meeting last week. It was decided that providing all goes well with the preparation classes, we could Celebrate First Communions on 27th June at 12 noon in Morar.

WIRING IN ARISAIG: We have passed our inspection! Wiring has been done a long time ago during Fr Gillies' times and is still in relatively good condition. Barrie Benzie was the apprentice at the time. We probably need to spend some money on the new fuse board but otherwise the house is safe to be rented out on commercial basis. Thank you to our electricians, Alistair Neil MacKay and David Smith for maintaining it in such a good condition.

MASS ON EIGG: Weather permitting, I will be travelling to Eigg on Thursday. I hope to record Mass there and make it available on Facebook upon my return.

MAJOR REPAIRS AT ST. MARY'S: At the noticeboard you can find a proposed repair work which will take place next Spring/Summer. We were able to secure some funding from a Donor to carry out an extensive roof work repair. That extend of repair work (and expense!) has not been done to St. Mary's for a long time. There will be some disruptions for the duration of the repair, but I hope that once the exterior is fixed, we will be able to progress to internal problems like painting the walls inside.

PLUMBING: My thanks to Jamie Young for his help with fixing the heating in the house. Problems with valves were caused by the late boiler. Hopefully now everything will be fully operational. It clearly demonstrates how important it is to have a good, reliable tradesmen. Both Henry and Jamie have been always very supportive of the Church Repairs.

ARISAIG PARISH GROUNDS: My thanks for continuous help with maintenance.

INTERNET IN THE CLUB ROOM: Last week, with some help I was able to dig up the road to connect internet cable to the Club Room. Wireless connection proved to be quite unstable.

HEATING IN MORAR: One of the units (10yo, commissioned by Fr Joe) broke down in Morar. There are limited options for repair, but I contacted KS Refrigeration from Ballachulish to take a look. Judging from the fault code, it might require a new unit. Cost with labour can be in the range of £2000.

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.

EV CHARGING POINT: Both Arisaig and Morar Parishes have been awarded grants from Energy Saving Trust to cover 50% of the installation of the EV Charging Points. These will be available to our Parishioners with special key card. Installation will begin shortly. I am glad we are following guidance from Pope Francis looking for sustainable ways and caring for the Environment. My thanks to Iain MacQueen for making a special weather protection box for the charging point. Installation will take place on 27th May.

ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE IN MORAR: My thanks to Michael Currie for a lovely restoration of the statue. Weather has not been merciful to St. Joseph but now he looks much better!