

## Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Donnie Steele (South Uist) 23.05; Jessica and Allan MacKinnon (Diamond Wedding Anniversary); Tommy and Rosie MacEachen (Diamond Anniversary) 20.05 ..... Ad multos annos!**

### Weekday Services (24<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> 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** Mary, Mother of the Church..... Morar, 10am  
*Angela MacLeod RIP*

**Tuesday** ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Hamish Mathieson RIP*

**Wednesday** *St Philip Neri*..... Morar, 10am  
*Jadwiga Piontek RIP*

**Thursday** ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*Angela MacLeod RIP*

**Friday** ..... Morar, 10am  
*Gerard MacDonald RIP*

**Saturday** ..... Arisaig, 10am  
*For Fr Stan on the occasion of his name's day*

**Sunday Masses 29<sup>th</sup> May / 30<sup>th</sup> May (The Most Holy Trinity – B)**

**Saturday**..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*Mary Ritchie RIP*

**Sunday** ..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Allan and Jessica MacKinnon's Wedding Anniversary*

**Sunday Children's Mass (open to everyone) ..... Morar: 12noon**  
*Frank O'Donoghue 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:**  
9.05 ..... £156 (inc. Gift Aid £77)

**Arisaig:**  
9.05 ..... £323 (inc. Gift Aid £156)  
16.05 ..... £306 (inc. Gift Aid £116)

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Angela MacLeod; Hamish Mathieson; Jadwiga Piontek; Gerard MacDonald 28.04; Mary Ritchie; Frank O'Donoghue; Donald Kirk 01.05; Charles and Ann MacKinnon; James and Mary Cooper; Angus and Charlotte MacKinnon. Anthony MacDonald; Margaret MacDonald.  
..... *Eternal rest..*



### HEATING&LIGHTING:

*no donation this week*



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or for Morar Parish [morar@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:morar@rcdai.org.uk) (RCDAI Morar Mission, Sort Code 83-91-25 Account No. 65628087, The Co-operative Bank plc)  
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# CATHOLIC ROUGH BOUNDS® 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**

## Pentecost (B)

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

*R) Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**



## PENTECOST

A feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Whitsunday is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptised during the vigil; Pentecost ("Pfingsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter).

Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century, although there is no evidence that it was observed, as there is in the case of Easter; the passage in 1 Corinthians 16:8 probably refers to the Jewish feast. This is not surprising, for the feast, originally of only one day's duration, fell on a Sunday; besides it was so closely bound up with Easter that it appears to be not much more than the termination of Paschal tide.

That Whitsunday belongs to the Apostolic times is stated in the seventh of the (interpolated) fragments attributed to St. Irenæus. In Tertullian (On Baptism 19) the festival appears as already well established. The Gallic pilgrim gives a detailed account of the solemn manner in which it was observed at Jerusalem ("Peregrin. Silvia", ed. Geyer, iv). The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V, Part 20) say that Pentecost lasts one week, but

in the West it was not kept with an octave until at quite a late date. It appears from Berno of Reichenau (d. 1048) that it was a debatable point in his time whether Whitsunday ought to have an octave. At present it is of equal rank with Easter Sunday. During the vigil formerly the catechumens who remained from Easter were baptized, consequently the ceremonies on Saturday are similar to those on Holy Saturday.

The office of Pentecost has only one Nocturn during the entire week. At Terce the "Veni Creator" is sung instead of the usual hymn, because at the third hour the Holy Ghost descended. The Mass has a Sequence, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" the authorship of which by some is ascribed to King Robert of France. The colour of the vestments is red, symbolic of the love of the Holy Ghost or of the tongues of fire. Formerly the law courts did not sit during the entire week, and servile work was forbidden. A Council of Constance (1094) limited this prohibition to the first three days of the week. The Sabbath rest of Tuesday was abolished in 1771, and in many missionary territories also that of Monday; the latter was abrogated for the entire Church by Pius X in 1911.

**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.*

*We remember about Mary and Malcolm Morrison, Rosaleen Campbell from Eigg, Morag MacLeod*

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**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:

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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.

**ST. PATRICK'S:** I have spoken to Teresa and we are still missing some volunteers to repaint the Church. There is scaffolding to be put up / if not already on the Parish grounds. This is to help our neighbours with some problems on their property.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon in Morar.

**AIRBNB IN ARISAIG:** We are welcoming our first visitors to the house this season. So far, the lets have been on short basis only but summer holidays will bring longer stays. There are still plenty of booking spaces left in June.

**MASS ON EIGG:** It was good to travel to the island last Thursday and see Parishioners there as well as the church. Mairi and Peggy take good care of the building and the grounds. Church is painted on annual basis and the grounds around are going to be used as a Community Garden to grow plants and vegetables. We wish them all the best in their endeavours. If you would like to contribute to their Community project, you could contact Mairi MacKinnon. I am sure they are going to need garden tools, wood etc. to make the project viable.

**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 extent 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.

**HEATING IN MORAR:** Sadly, the unit in Morar has been deemed beyond repair and requires a replacement. I am sure that you are following our Collections totals, especially in Morar. Until funds are raised, there is no money in our budget to accommodate this replacement.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

# **NEWS FROM THE BISHOP:**

## **1,500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of St Columba**

### **1 Novena to St Columba**

I have attached a flyer for a Novena to St Columba which was composed by Fr Ross Crichton in Gaelic, English and Irish. Copies of the Novena can be ordered directly from CTS and I ask that you encourage the praying of the Novena as we approach St Columba's Feast Day. You may wish to either order copies and distribute them or tell your parishioners where to order them from.

To order the Novena & Litany, the booklet code is D836. The booklet is priced at £3.95 (c. 40pp.) but for bulk orders, the CTS may be able to arrange a discount.

The information for contacting the CTS is as follows:

CTS

Tel: 020 7640 0042

Email: [orders@ctsbooks.org](mailto:orders@ctsbooks.org)

I congratulate and thank Fr Ross on this important initiative which I pray will bear much fruit not only for the anniversary but for many years to come.

### **2 Celebration on St Columba's Feast Day**

I know that many clergy expressed reservations, due to Covid-19 restrictions, about a communal celebration on the Feast of St Columba this year which not everyone could attend. However, since the March deanery meetings the virus' prevalence has greatly reduced throughout the country. Most of Scotland's bishops wanted to make a pilgrimage to Iona as did the Apostolic Nuncio who is coming to Scotland for one week in June. I consulted Sir Harry Burns whose advice was that the pilgrimage could safely take place. I indicated this in a recent meeting with the Deans, Trustees and Cathedral Administrator.

Therefore, I have decided that a small pilgrimage in honour of St Columba will take place this June to celebrate the anniversary of his birth but that in June 2022 we will have a full diocesan pilgrimage to

Iona in which people from around Scotland and beyond can also participate.

Mass for the Dedication of the Cathedral will be celebrated in St Columba's, Oban on the evening of Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. On the following day, Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey on Iona. It would be good if even some locally based clergy and lay faithful could come for the Mass in the Cathedral and thereby welcome the Pope's Representative for our country. However, at the same time, I would not want anyone to feel under any pressure to be present. Numbers will be restricted at both Masses in line with hygiene protocols and a booking system will be in operation, the details of which will follow shortly.

### **Review of Ministry within the Diocese**

Since I became bishop the number of priests in active ministry within the diocese has reduced by 3. We presently have 16 priests serving 25 parishes. Out of the 16 priests 15 are diocesan and 1 is a Religious. We should have one ordination, Philip Bua, in 2022.

In September, once the pandemic's effects have hopefully eased, I would like to begin a diocesan-wide conversation about how our clergy can be best deployed (including for their own good) and how the spiritual and pastoral needs of the lay faithful can be best met. I would envisage such conversations taking place among the clergy, among the lay faithful and with both clergy and laity together. This topic will be discussed during September's Council of Priests but I would appreciate any suggestions beforehand about how an inclusive consultation throughout the diocese could successfully take place.

### **Diocesan and Parish Finances**

#### **1 Clergy Working Group**

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on both parish and diocesan finances. I have established a Clergy Working Group to study how the diocese can fulfil its financial implications without a negative impact on the parishes. I have asked the Working Group to present proposals for September's Council of Priests. The Working Group members are

Fr Roddy Johnston, VG, Rev Danny Convery and Rev Ronald Campbell. I thank Roddy, Danny and Ronald for accepting this task.

## 2 Parish Finance Meetings

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 I informed the Diocesan Finance Board that from August 2020, when I was visiting parishes, I would like to meet with the Parish Priest and the Parish Finance Board to share information and listen to any ideas or concerns. Unfortunately, since lockdown was imposed the following week my intention could not be realised. However, with digital technology, a few meetings have been arranged between Jake, our Finance Manager, myself and Parish Finance Committees. Jake's presentation explains both the diocesan financial position as well as that of the particular parish. Participants found the encounter very informative and helpful as questions were welcome on any aspect of diocesan finances and they were encouraged to express their opinions. I would like to do this with every parish. Please have a think about suitable times for a meeting and Sandie will be in touch over the next few weeks to arrange a date. The meeting is primarily intended for Parish Finance Committees but if you would prefer to open it up to all parishioners then this is fine too (and has already happened).

## Parish Visits

Now that travel across the country is once again permissible I have recommenced parish visits. I am happy to cover your parish if you want to take a break. Please contact me if you would like this. In due course I will be arranging parish visits, beginning with those parishes that I haven't visited since the start of the pandemic.

## St Mary's, Kinnoull

The Redemptorist Centre at Kinnoull is reopening shortly and is offering reduced rates for clergy during June and July. Their programme of Retreats, including for clergy, will resume during July.

