

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Summer Sophie Anderson (born 23.06.2021)Ad multos annos!

Weekday Services (28th June – 3rd July)

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. Public Masses: No need to book your attendance, remember to leave your contact details at the door. Arrive early to allow yourself enough time and avoid queuing.

Monday St. Irenaeus Morar, 10am
Jackie Milligan RIP

Tuesday Sts Peter and Paul Arisaig, 10am
Joan and Charlie Bremner RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Iain MacDonald RIP

Thursday Arisaig, 10am
Malcolm Morrison RIP

Friday Morar, 10am
Angus and Violet MacKenzie RIP

Saturday St Thomas, Apostle Arisaig, 10am
Helen McGeough RIP

Sunday Masses 3rd July / 4th July (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)
Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
Cristine Pern RIP

Sunday Arisaig: 10am
Elizabeth MacBeth RIP

Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone) Morar: 12noon
Birthday Mass of Mae MacDonald

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:
20.06 £220 (inc. Gift Aid £130)

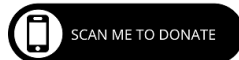
Arisaig:
20.06 £299.27 (inc. Gift Aid £179.27)

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ewen Angus MacDonald 29.06.2018; Angus 03.01.1966 and Violet 21.04.2013 MacKenzie; Jackie Milligan; Joan and Charlie Bremner; Iain MacDonald; Malcolm Morrison; Helen and Lawrence McGeough; Cristine Pern; Elaine MacKay; Angus John MacDonald (Morar) 10.07; James MacDonald (Birthday Ann) 25.06; Elizabeth MacBeth; Lachlan Robertson (died tragically at sea) 25.06.2020; Rafael Flores (Mexico).

.....Eternal rest..



HEATING&LIGHTING:
*In Memory of Jimmy (the Painter) MacDonald
Birthday Anniversary 25.06*



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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: 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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

26th June 2021

R) I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Congratulations!



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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OR

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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: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We had a lovely Celebration with Bishop McGee in Arisaig last Tuesday. Thank you to all who helped make this celebration so special, including our esteemed guests. Special Acknowledgments to Michael Lunny for being the Master of Ceremony. Congratulations of course to Angus MacDonald K.S.G and Lilian MacDonald.

ST. PATRICK'S: In the near future, we will begin consultation on the Parish level in regard to long term sustainability of St. Patrick's Church. First, we will approach the matter with the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Council. We will keep you informed on the proceedings.

MORAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Will take place in Morar Church after morning Mass on Monday, 28th June.

FIRST COMMUNIONS/CONFESSIONS: This Sunday we are celebrating First Communion in Morar. It took a lot of preparation and participation from our youngsters and their parents. Special thanks to Lindsay for leading preparation. Starting next year, Lilian Young will be taking over the role of catechist in the Parishes. We thank Lindsay for all the help we received from her and hope that this will only be 'a partial retirement' and we will still be able to count on her support, but no longer in full capacity. I wish to thank Lilian Young for undertaking her new role and wish her all the best in new position.

VISITORS: Seasonal pressures are certainly upon us. Nevertheless, we must not forget the happiness we bring to all the visitors who enjoy the beauty of our area. There always has to be a balance.

PARKING: Thank you for your positive feedback in regard to the parking in Morar and Arisaig.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please note that final submissions for the Newsletter are by 12noon on Friday.

St Irenaeus (130 - 202)

Irenaeus was born in Smyrna, in Asia Minor (now Izmir in Turkey) and emigrated to Lyons, in France, where he eventually became the bishop. It is not known for certain whether he was martyred or died a natural death. Whenever we take up a Bible we touch Irenaeus's work, for he played a decisive role in fixing the canon of the New Testament. It is easy for people nowadays to think of Scripture – and the New Testament in particular – as the basis of the Church, but harder to remember that it was the

Church itself that had to agree, early on, about what was scriptural and what was not. Before Irenaeus, there was vague general agreement on what scripture was, but a system based on this kind of common consent was too weak. As people meditated on the intolerable event of the Redemption, dissensions and heresies inevitably arose, and reference to scripture was the obvious way of trying to settle what the truth really was. But in the absence of an agreed canon of scripture it was all too easy to attack one's opponent's arguments by saying that his texts were corrupt or unscriptural; and easy, too, to do a little fine-tuning of texts on one's own behalf. So Irenaeus went through all the books of the New Testament, and all the candidates (such as the magical pseudo-Gospels, and the entertaining and uplifting novel The Shepherd of Hermas). He did not simply accept or reject each book, because his enemies could have said that he was doing it to bolster his own arguments: he gave reasons for and against the canonicity of each. Irenaeus's canon of scripture is very nearly the modern one (he does not quote from three of the short universal epistles), but more important is the fact that he started the tradition of biblical scholarship. Irenaeus had to fight against the Gnostics, who believed that the world was irredeemably wicked, and against the Valentinians, who claimed to be possessors of a secret tradition that had never been written down but passed from master to disciple through the ages. This pessimism and this arcane elitism remain with us even today, and each generation must renew the fight against them. Let us pray for the inspiration of St Irenaeus in our battle.

Sts Peter and Paul

As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb. St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

St Thomas the Apostle

The apostle Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God. Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence (it was written to provide evidence for certain heretical Gnostic teachings), it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. If you are writing something that you intend to use to convince people of a controversial doctrine, you do not invent completely new facts: instead, you weave the existing facts and traditions into something that suits your purpose. Thus the very fact that the heretics used a journey of St Thomas to support their case shows us that, in the third century at least, there would have seemed nothing implausible about such a journey. The journey would have been easy enough – important trade routes lay that way – and if some of the apostles went west, to Rome, the centre of the world, there is no reason why some others should not have chosen to go east, to the edge of the known world. We will probably never know for certain; but the Christians of Kerala have called themselves for centuries "St Thomas Christians", and they may very well be right.