

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Lillian Young 17.07; Holly Mae Sinclair 21.07*Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (19th July – 24th 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 Morar, 10am
Liam Brown RIP

Requiem Mass of Peter Gillies RIP Morar, 12noon

Tuesday Arisaig, 10am
Effie MacDonald RIP

Wednesday Morar, 10am
Mary MacDonald RIP

Thursday St Mary Magdalen Arisaig, 10am
Mary Anne MacDonald RIP

Friday St Bridget of Sweden Morar, 10am
For the Lunny Family

Saturday Arisaig, 10am
Keith Eddie RIP

Sunday Masses 24th July / 25th July (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
Donald Buchanan RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
Thomas Stanly Proudfoot RIP

Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone) **Morar: 12noon**
Angus MacDougall 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:
14.07 £215 (inc. Gift Aid £120)

Arisaig:
14.07 £213 (inc. Gift Aid £87)

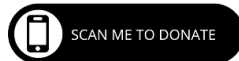
ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Donald Buchanan 24.07.1986; Peter Gillies (died recently); Angus MacDougall 02.07.95; Thomas Stanly Proudfoot; Liam Brown; Effie MacDonald; Mary MacDonald; Mary Anne MacDonald; Keith Eddie 24.07; Allan MacDonald 17.07; Alistair (Jumbo) MacLean; Malcolm Morrison.

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



HEATING&LIGHTING:

No donation



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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**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

18th July 2021

R) The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Pope Francis released from hospital returns to Vatican



VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors, especially our regular visitors whom we missed greatly because of Covid!

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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**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BOOK FOR MASS
SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AT THE DOOR**

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: As you may already know, the First Minister has announced that all parts of the country will move to level zero on Monday 19th July.

- From this date the 2m physical distancing rule for places of worship, and other indoor spaces, will be reduced to 1m.
- Congregational singing is permitted in levels 0 and 1 so parishes that aren't already in either of these levels can 'enjoy' congregational singing once more from 19th July.
- Up to 200 people are permitted to attend weddings and funerals. (Only if church capacity permits)
- Please note that face coverings must still be worn in churches.

I do not plan any changes to the current set up in place as even with the strictest of measures, we never had to turn anyone away. Bishops in England have re-instated Sunday Obligation starting on 1st Sunday of Advent. No news from Scottish Bishops, so still no Obligation to go to Mass on a Sunday. Personally, I can also add that there is no Obligation to go to heaven either! We must make decisions ourselves as regards our Spiritual Wellbeing.

IMPORTANT! HOUSEBOUND VISITS: I resumed regular visits with Communion to our Housebound. As we are still under restrictions, it would be difficult to point to the exact day/time as I have to and want to follow some Covid safety, including regular lateral flow testing. I am aiming to pay a visit once a month, with each week being dedicated to Mallaig (1st week of the month), Arisaig (2nd week of the month) and Morar (3rd week of the month). I have been double vaccinated now thanks to our wonderful team working at the Health Centre and feel to underline the importance remind you once again of the importance of the importance of receiving Sacraments of the Church. Taking all this into consideration, this is an opt-in service which means that you have to either phone or ask a friend to contact me (email) to add you to the new regular housebound list. Please, do not hesitate to speak about this and share this information with as many parishioners as possible.

ST. PATRICK'S / PARISH COUNCIL: After long and honest discussion, it was decided that Parish Consultations are to take place on the future of St. Patrick's. Please note that no decisions took place, and it will be up to the Parish Council, Parish Priest, the Bishop and the Diocese to make any decisions. This is a lengthy process. Consultation is to take place entirely on the local level and was in no way started or influenced by the Bishop or the Diocese. Starting this Sunday, Parishioners can submit their suggestions via emails or letters addressed to:

FAO Morar and Mallaig Parish Council, Chapel House, Morar, MALLAIG, PH40 4PB.

Unsigned/anonymous letters will not be taken into consideration. Deadline for submission will be 31st July. On 1st August at 3pm in Morar, we will hold a Parish Council meeting and discuss our options. Afterwards we will submit our proposal to the Diocese. It is not easy to discuss any of such matters and I know that a lot of people have emotional connection with St. Patrick's. At the same time, we cannot pretend that the difficult situation of the Parish does not exist. We certainly need to look toward the future and how we can best provide Services with ageing population and diminishing numbers.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 1st AUGUST 2021, 3pm

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Today, 17th/18th July we are holding a Collection for Bishop's Fund.

I know we got out of habit of uplifting these Collections and the rules we have to follow. I just wanted to remind you that unless the Special Collection is listed on your envelopes (Bishop's Fund, Sick and Retired Priests, Diocesan Pastoral Fund, Ecclesiastical Student's Fund), you cannot Gift Aid it. We had several people using their envelopes in both Morar and Arisaig for Peter's Pence which was not on the list. Our next Special Collection will be on **31st July/1st August for Parish Maintenance (Please use Gift Aid Envelopes).**

PETER GILLIES RIP: It was very sad to learn of Peter's passing. I was quite fond of my visits with him. His funeral will take place on Monday, 19th July at 12 noon.

GRASS CUTTING: My continuous thanks to all who volunteer both in Morar (Michael Currie), Mallaig (Duncan MacKellaig) and Arisaig (Donald MacEachen, Tommy MacEachen, Duncan Lee, Hugh MacDonald). I also want to thank all who look after the garden in Arisaig. It is a real pleasure to walk the grounds. Please, do not hesitate to ask me if there is anything I can do to make your volunteer job easier, including any tools or materials.

TRIP HOME: After the recent change in quarantine rules, I am finally able to visit my parents and make some important appointments long overdue. I will leave on Monday, 26th July and return on Thursday, 29th July. It is getting more and more difficult to organise supply in my absence hence a very short visit. Cost of PCR tests has also added to the burden and the fact that because of Brexit, Priests that would normally come from Europe to supply are unable to do so without a visa. Cost of obtaining such is also quite significant. I will be taking my annual leave between 8th September and – 30th September this year, rules and regulations permitting.

UK FOREIGN AID: I think we need to pray really hard to soften the hearts of some people. We see what impact Covid has on the most impoverished countries around the world and how much they need help and support. It is extremely upsetting that rather than increase the funding and share with what we have, we are going to spend less on foreign aid.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN: Mary of Magdala was healed of "seven devils" by Jesus. She ministered to him in Galilee and was present at his crucifixion. She was in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that the risen Jesus first appeared.

The Western tradition is that Mary Magdalene is also "the woman who was a sinner" and the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany. There is no evidence either way, and the tradition is tenuous enough for even such authorities as St Ambrose to hold, with the East, that they are three different people. It seems, therefore, that although the Western tradition is to be respected and is a real inspiration, it may not necessarily be historical. (Indeed, in 2021 Mary of Bethany was formally recognised as separate, being included in the same feast as Martha and Lazarus, a week after Mary of Magdala).

This kind of ambiguity is inevitable in a religion such as Christianity, which is founded on definite historical events rather than myths which can be adjusted into logicity. We need not worry about it too much: if it had been harmful to us to celebrate the tradition of heroic penitence, the Holy Spirit would not have allowed it.

Even without the extra tradition, Mary Magdalene is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world.

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN: She was married to a nobleman and had eight children. At the age of 30 she was summoned to the court of the King of Sweden, where she served as lady-in-waiting to the queen. She tried without much success to moderate the riotous and indecent life of the royal court.

After a pilgrimage to the shrine of St James at Compostela in Spain, Bridget and her husband Ulf decided to spend the rest of their lives in monasteries. Ulf died in 1344, but Bridget went on to found a double monastery (for men and women in separate but adjacent institutions) as the start of a new monastic order.

In 1350 she travelled to Rome for the Holy Year, and spent the rest of her life there caring for the poor and the sick, denouncing the excesses of the aristocracy, and robustly telling the Pope to return to Rome from Avignon.