

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Chrissie O'Neill 25.07; Ellen Kennedy 31.07 *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (26th July – 31st 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 Joachim and St Anne Morar, 10am
Peter Gillies RIP

Tuesdayno Mass

Wednesdayno Mass

Thursday Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarusno Mass

Friday Morar, 10am
Maggie Jane MacDonald RIP

Saturday St Ignatius Loyola Arisaig, 10am

Malcolm Morrison RIP

Sunday Masses 31st July / 1st August (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)

Saturday **Morar: 6pm**

Ellen Kennedy – Birthday Mass

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**

Canon Ian Gillies RIP

Sunday, Children's Mass (open to everyone) **Morar: 12noon**

Peter Gillies 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:
20.07 £277 (inc. Gift Aid £158)

Bishop's Fund £144 (inc. Gift Aid £50)

Arisaig:
20.07 £278.55 (inc. Gift Aid £126)

Bishop's Fund £113.90 (inc. Gift Aid £30)

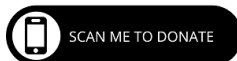
ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Lisha MacKellaig (Birthday Anniversary) 27.07; Alistair (Jumbo) MacLean; Cathie Duffy (Bracara) 28.07.1986 and Joe Duffy; Derek MacMillan 02.08.2002; Beatrice Wilkinson 23.07.2016; 23.07.1972; Jessie Wilkinson 26.07; Patrick MacPherson (died recently in Australia); George Wilkinson 23.07.1972; Peter and Chrissie MacLellan; David MacDonald; Mary MacDonald (Fort William) 19.07.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

Niamh Henderson (Birthday Anniversary) 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

25th July 2021

R) You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
#iamwithyoualways



St Anna and St Joachim

An ancient tradition, already known in the 2nd century, gives these names to the parents of the Virgin Mary. The cult of St Anna became popular in the 6th century in the East, and in the 10th century in the West, where she is the patron saint of Brittany; Joachim was added a long time later – too often the fate of fathers.

Although the information about Mary's parents is found in an early apocryphal writing that gives many miraculous and highly-coloured stories about the early life of the Virgin Mary, there is no reason to suppose that such a straightforward fact as her parents' names should be wrong, since there is nothing to be gained from falsifying it. It does not occur in the Gospels simply because the most reliable evangelists (the only ones whom we have allowed into the Bible) felt they had more important things to talk about.

But what, after all, could be more important than the parents who brought up the Virgin Mary to be the woman she was? At the moment of consenting to the Incarnation she took the most important decision ever taken by any human being, and the fact that she took it is, to a great extent, the work of her parents. The Holy Spirit gave her the strength to take the decision; but her parents' training gave her the wisdom to choose.

Those of us who have children must seek to bring them up to the best of our ability, to meet challenges that, like Anna and Joachim, we have no way of even imagining.

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. I am asking you to pray especially for someone who is undergoing radiotherapy and an 8yo boy who is undergoing chemo in Glasgow.

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.

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. If there is one comment however I might make is that most people are asking me how much it would cost to keep the Church open. I am a bit saddened that we do not seem to look at it in a different way: How many Mass attendants do we need? What is the size of the Congregation? Last weekend we had 40 adults between the Vigil at 6pm and 12 noon Mass in Morar. People pass away, no one takes their places... Please remember that my primary concern was and always will be for Pastoral Reasons first.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 1st AUGUST 2021, 3pm

Meeting itself is restricted to Morar and Mallaig Parishioners only, however if you wish to express your views before the meeting, you can take part in the Public Consultation and submit your opinion in writing.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Today, 24th/25th July we are holding Special Collection for Parish Maintenance (USE GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND TICK THE CORRECT BOX).

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. Our next Special Collection will be on **21st July/22nd August for Retired Priests (Please use Gift Aid Envelopes).**

PETER GILLIES RIP: Thank you for your prayers and support during the funeral.

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. I really, really need this break and recovery. I will also attend a Retreat to recharge my spiritual batteries as my spirit with all these problems piling up has been definitely shaken up.

St Ignatius Loyola (1491 - 1556)

Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin. Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks. Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first Superior General until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hard words or contempt for people's errors". Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

On 13 May, the Apostolic Penitentiary promulgated a Decree granting a Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The elderly can obtain an Indulgence by participating in one of the Masses celebrated on the occasion of this World Day.

In view of the continuing health emergency and the fact that some elderly people are unable to attend Mass in person for health reasons, the Indulgence is extended to those who participate via television, radio or the internet.

The Indulgence is also granted to all those who perform a 'work of mercy' on this World Day by visiting an elderly person who is alone.