

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Kate Effie (South Uist) 09.08..... *Ad multos annos!*

Weekday Services (9th August – 14th August)

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 Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Morar, 10am
Peter Gillies RIP

Tuesday St Laurence Arisaig, 10am
David MacDonald RIP

Wednesday St Clare Morar, 10am
Mary MacDonald RIP

Thursday St Blaen Arisaig, 10am
Helen Kennedy – Birthday Mass

Friday Morar, 10am
Margaret MacPherson RIP

Saturday St Maximilian Kolbe Arisaig, 10am
Margaret Catherine MacDonald RIP

Sunday Masses 14th August / 15th August (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – B)
Saturday **Morar: 6pm**
Alasdair Roberts RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
For the Parishes and their benefactors

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

HOUSEBOUND VISIT THIS WEEK: Please note that due to Covid, I am only doing regular visits on a specific day after morning Lateral Flow Test. I am still available for urgent visits. 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig).

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:
01.08 £361 (inc. Gift Aid £154)
Peter Gillies RIP £304

Arisaig:
01.08 £274.90 (inc. Gift Aid £130.90)

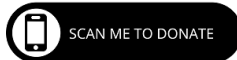
ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Alasdair Roberts (passed away recently); Margaret MacPherson RIP 03.08.1981; Margaret Catherine MacDonald RIP 04.08.1991; Mary MacDonald; David MacDonald.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:

no intention this week



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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

8th August 2021

R) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!



Is St. Patrick's Church in Mallaig up for sale?

Last Sunday we held a Parish Council Meeting in Morar. With 22 people present, after a long and difficult discussion we voted in favour of selling the Church Building and using the proceeds from the sale to generate more income for the Parish.

This was not an easy choice to make but with current level of income, we need a long-term solution to the problem of diminishing numbers. Falling income is just a result of falling numbers of Mass attendants. At the moment, at 2 Masses in Morar we have on average 45 people.

At the same time a committee was formed to Save St. Patrick's, led by Lindsay Murray and Melanie Podushnik. This isn't a one-off attempt to fundraise, but rather an acting committee to find solution to stable source of income. Until such is found, the process of surveying and contacting the Diocese will continue. If solution is secured and proved effective, it will be basis to call for another meeting and vote.

Bishop McGee received the copies of the letter with Parish Council's decision and Minutes from the meeting which will also be available at the back of the Church.

Diminishing finance is not solely problem of Mallaig, but the whole Morar and Mallaig Parish. In fact, it is part of a wider problem in the whole Diocese and Scotland in General. Rural communities are under extreme pressure, and we must realise what must be done to preserve Catholicism before preserving the buildings.

We hope to reopen St. Patrick's for **Sunday Masses on 22nd August at 12noon**. Weekday Masses will remain in Morar and Arisaig for the foreseeable future. With loosening of restrictions, we might also look at the possibility of re-opening the Church for visitors during the week for private prayer. This is only if we will be able to provide volunteers.

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.

ALASDAIR ROBERTS RIP: Thank you for your prayers and participation at the funeral.

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 (3rd week of the month), Arisaig (1st week of the month) and Morar (2nd 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.

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

TRIP HOME: I had a good break. It was so refreshing to see my parents again. All my family are doing well. My aunties seemed to be in good form and they were extremely grateful for all your prayers when they were not well. I was also able to visit the nuns in the Covent. They are all keeping us in their prayers and send best wishes. I will be going away for a visit 23-26 August 2021. It is my mother's 70th Birthday (29th August) and we agreed on the date to have a small family gathering. My annual leave along with a retreat will hopefully take place 8-30 September 2021 (Due to lack of Supply Priest availability, there will be no weekday services. I am truly saddened by this and if possibility presents itself, I will take it. The cost of Supply Priests due to distance involved is also significant. In case of Funerals or urgent calls, Fr MacKinnon will be on call).

By Christopher Wells from *VaticanNews*

"When it comes to the Gospel and to the mission to evangelize, Paul is enthusiastic," said Pope Francis at **Wednesday's General Audience**. "Everything in him is dedicated to this proclamation, and has no interest other than the Gospel."

Headed down a wrong path

The Holy Father is continuing his catechesis on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Resuming his Audiences after the summer break, Pope Francis noted the sadness and disappointment Paul felt at seeing the Galatians taking a "wrong path, which would lead them to a point of no return."

For Paul, he said, the Gospel came down to four points: Christ died for our sins... was buried... rose from the dead... and appeared to the disciple. "This Gospel is the fulfilment of the promises and the salvation offered to all men."

But the Galatians were in danger of turning away from the Gospel, following new preachers who threatened to "distort the true Gospel" by "preventing them from attaining the freedom gained by coming to faith." These preachers of novelty wanted to impose on them the obligation to follow the Mosaic law.

No other Gospel

For St Paul, however, there can be no other Gospel than that which he received from Christ, the Pope said. So "we can understand why Paul uses very harsh terms," insisting on the need to keep far from the community that which threatens its foundations.

Although the preachers of novelty seemed to be animated by good intentions, "seem to be inspired by fidelity to the tradition received from the fathers," they did not hesitate to cast suspicions even on St Paul, who they "considered unorthodox with regard to tradition."

A salutary warning

Paul, however, knows that the Gospel he preached "is the only authentic one, because it is that of Jesus Christ." He "sees the great risk facing the young Christians."

Pope Francis made it clear that, "in this labyrinth of good intentions, it is necessary to extricate oneself in order to grasp the supreme truth that is most consistent with the Person and preaching of Jesus and His revelation of the Father's love." St Paul's "clear and decisive word," the Pope said, "was salutary for the Galatians, and is salutary for us, too."

Role and Function of the Parish Pastoral Councils

Canon Law provides for the formation of Parish Pastoral Councils in Canon 536 #1.

"In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established, if the diocesan Bishop, after consulting with the Council of Presbyters, so decides. The pastor presides over the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation together with those of the parish staff who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish."

What constitutes parish staff will vary from parish to parish. Pastoral Team members are those who are involved in the day-to-day ministry of the parish. They may be full time, part time, or volunteers. The Pastoral Team generally has its own unique relationship with the pastor as it endeavours to carry out its responsibilities and ministry within the parish.

Pastoral Team members may be invited to attend some pastoral council meetings when their expertise or training may be of assistance to the council. It is recommended that where applicable an assistant pastor, by virtue of office, be a member of the council. Other ex officio members may be included at the discretion of the pastor. However, their presence should not dominate council meetings or stifle the voice of the general membership.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. It is essential that Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will prevail.

Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council's purpose is to enhance the process of:

- pastoral planning
- developing pastoral programs
- improving pastoral services
- evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services

Although the Council is not a body which makes binding decisions, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council are to be taken seriously when grounded in prayer, discernment and communal wisdom.

The pastor presides over the Parish Pastoral Council. The pastor is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning pastoral planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation. While the pastor is not obliged to follow the recommendations of the Parish Pastoral Council, it is understood that he ought to do so unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise. If there is such a reason, the pastor should share this with the Council.

The process used for identifying new council members will vary from parish to parish, but ought to include some opportunity for parishioners to participate. The entire process needs to be permeated with private and public prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Taken into account the size of our Parishes, if you are an **actively practising member** of the Parish, **you are a member of the Parish Council** by default both in Arisaig and Morar and Mallaig.

Save St Patrick's

Currently the Parish of Morar and Mallaig is not earning enough money to sustain two churches.

At the meeting on Sunday it was agreed that one solution might be to sell St Patrick's in Mallaigas there is no option to sell Morar church. We have set up a small committee to attempt to increase the parish income. Initially we approached the majority of Mallaig church community to look for pledges, now we are looking further afield to the whole parish, other parishes and friends, relations, former parish members and just anyone who wishes to donate.

Regular small donations are what would be best suited to this situation paid by standing order. Think of a NETFLIX prescription or the value of a couple of coffees in a cafe a month.

The money you pledge will go directly into Parish funds to help secure the future of the two churches.

If you want to ensure that your children or grandchildren are able to be baptised in Mallaig then this is time to act.

If you want the opportunity to have Mass in Mallaig then this is the time to act.

If you want to come together to celebrate someone's life at a funeral in Mallaig then this is the time to act.

The decision to sell the church or not will be dependent on whether an alternative way of going forward can be found.

Pledge forms are available from the Harbour Shop .

Meantime if anyone has any ideas , questions or wants to join us in trying to increase the parish income, please contact us.

The Fundraising Committee To

Save St Patrick's e-mail:

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Date of next meeting
Tuesday 17th August 7pm at Heatherlea