

Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** ..... *Ad multos annos!*

**Weekday Services (29<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December)**

**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, 5pm
	<i>Sadie Slone RIP</i>
Tuesday <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> .....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Philip Hughs RIP</i>
Wednesday .....	Morar, 10am
	<i>Christine MacDonald RIP</i>
Thursday .....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Isa MacPherson RIP</i>
Friday <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> .....	Morar, 10am
	<i>Jack and Mona MacLellan RIP</i>
Saturday .....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Joan Blair RIP</i>

**Sunday Masses 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> December (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – C)**

Saturday.....	Morar: 6pm
	<i>Angie MacDonald RIP</i>
Sunday.....	Arisaig: 10am
	<i>Sandy MacDonald RIP</i>
Sunday, <i>Children’s Mass (open to everyone)</i> .....	Mallaig: 12noon

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Week (Arisaig); 2<sup>nd</sup> Week (Morar); 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
31.10 .....	£324 (inc. Gift Aid £186)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
31.10 .....	£238.50 (inc. Gift Aid £81)

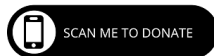
**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Sandy Macdonald 27.11.2021; Fr John Dewar 23.11.2021; Christine MacDonalld 01.12.1985; Sadie Slone; Philip Hughs; Isa MacPherson; Jack and Mona MacLellan 03.12; John Gillies (Mallaig) 02.12.1977; Peter Gillies (Mallaig) 12.07.2021; Richard Watters (died recently); Mary Calaghan; Mary Theresa MacDonald (died recently); Angie MacDonalld 21.11.2015.

*Eternal rest...*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:**

*Sandy MacDonald RIP*



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**Parish website:** [www.catholicroughbounds.org](http://www.catholicroughbounds.org) // **Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds](https://www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds)  
*Liturgical Calendar texts taken from Universalis® or New Advent Encyclopaedia unless stipulated otherwise*

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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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

*R) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

*Weekend Mass Intentions – November List*

**Vespers for the Dead on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 5pm in Arisaig**



*First Sunday of Advent*

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is

coming: 'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.' The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who

comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This ‘vigilance’ means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait’. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today’s reading to the Romans: ‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed’ (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the ‘armor of light’ and so seek only to do God’s work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian lifestyle that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord’s coming because we don’t know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

**VISITORS:** Welcome to all our Visitors!

**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.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Next Special Collection at the Crib / Holy Childhood. Following, on 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> January for Justice and Peace (do not use GA Envelopes).



**MARY TERESA MACDONALD RIP:** Thank you for your prayers and participation at the Funeral, as well as your contributions to the Parish and Abbeyfield.

**NOVEMBER:** I finished reading through our list last Sunday, however Masses are still celebrated for our Faithful Departed. Thank you so much for your prayers and memories of your loved ones. It is a real privilege for a priest to carry them in his prayers.

**SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE DEAD:** Last opportunity to join us for Vespers this weekend in Arisaig (Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm). Many thanks to all those who already participated.

**STANDING ORDERS:** It was brought up to my attention that some people had difficulties setting up Standing Orders at their Bank. The problem is related to the length of the name on the Parish Account. Quite often there are not enough fields to put it in, so it prompts a message, which informs you about a problem with the name. You have to disregard the message and ask to proceed anyway. The full name of the Account is **RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Morar Mission**. You have to make sure that the Sort Code **83-91-25** and Account Number are correct **65628087**. As long as these numbers are correctly set up, your money will land in the Parish Account. Pledges were made as an additional promise to your regular contributions. I would like to encourage you to make your regular contributions via Standing Order as well. If you wish to make a Standing Order to Arisaig, the full

name on the account is **RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Arisaig Mission. Sort Code: 83-91-25 Account Number: 65626995.**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** A Pastoral Letter will be read out over the weekend.

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** We are still looking for 2 volunteers...

**ST. MARY’S LEAKY ROOF:** We are still waiting on Ronnie Campbell to help with the loose slates. Thanks to Iain MacQueen for coordinating the repair.

**ELECTRICAL WORKS:** Many thanks to Chris Smail, Henry and Jamie Young, Duncan MacDonald and Alistair Neil MacKay for their help in the Chapel House. Chris Rice is coming on the 30<sup>th</sup> November to hopefully be ready to issue Electrical Certificate for the House. Following Health and Safety is not only advisable when any works are done but is a requirement for our insurance policies to be fully effective. It also ensures that Mass-goers can feel safe and secure in our spaces.

**BACKGROUND TO THE PARKING STORY:** I am not sure if you are aware, but part of my ongoing priestly formation is to ensure that I have a Spiritual Director (Advisor). It is someone who listens and discerns. Someone to make an honest opinion and tell me regardless of if I like the answer or not about my formation and relationship with God and People. For some time now I have been talking about the administrative burden and responsibilities in the Parish (nothing to do with my Parishioners directly). Some of you might be even familiar with my usual moans about Health and Safety etc. I think I must have been complaining a lot because my SD told me a story. When he was younger, someone in the Parish had a heart attack. An ambulance was called but because the cars were blocking the driveway it could not pass to the entrance. Those were not the days of neat and small defibrillators and equipment. In those days, they were really heavy and big. Luckily the person survived but not without long-life effects. In such situations, minutes matter. ‘Do not think of it as your burden. Think of it as an opportunity to protect your Parishioners! And stop complaining about it!’ – this is what he told me. In our Parishes, we do not have fire suppression system, we do not have defibrillators, we do not have pass-keepers who would help us in the time of evacuation. I know that many of you will say that it was not a problem before, no other priest made a fuss about it etc. I know. But I assure you that it is not to boost my ego that I undergo Health and Safety training, First Aid courses etc. When I ask you not to block access, I do so for a reason, not because I want to act ‘like a Bishop’. I know that some of you will say that funeral is not a right time to educate. When is the right time? I hope we never have an emergency situation, especially during a Service. I pray to God we won’t. But it is for your safety and security that I do it. I worry about it. I would not like to see anyone suffer on my watch. So, I do it so that the oil tank would be accessible for a fire brigade (hence access to the garage), I do it so that in case of an emergency an Ambulance can park as close to the entrance as possible, fire engine could turn. At the same time, I do not want to complain. I want to thank the vast majority of you that follow this guidance. Thank you for your continuous support, especially during large gatherings at the Church.

**SAVE ST. PATRICK’S COMMITTEE MEETING:** Nick Murray has done an amazing job. I wish to thank him on behalf of the whole Parish for his hard work, time and dedication.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** We are lucky to have 3 Hamper Baskets year. Many thanks to Ann MacMillan in Arisaig and Maureen MacNeil in Morar/Mallaig. We mustn’t forget that for years Marina and Mairi have also prepared hampers and they will do so again this year. This is indeed a magnificent chance and opportunity to win a hamper! Tickets will be available at the back of the Churches through the Advent Season. I am sure that the winners will not be disappointed. Wide selection of items available in the An Cala Café in Mallaig with proceeds going toward the Parish. We are still looking for volunteers to service the stall (Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm). Please speak to Maureen if you would like to help. My gratitude to all who prepared the stall as well as those who donated the items. It is a much-needed help especially in the winter months.

