

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: *Ad multos annos!*

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook, except for Mallaig.

Weekday Services (16th January – 21st January)

Monday, Morar, 10am
Ronnie Smith RIP

Tuesday, St Antony (Abbot) Arisaig, 10am
Hugh MacPherson RIP

Wednesday, Mallaig, 10am
Ronnie Smith RIP

Thursday, Arisaig, 10am
Special Intention

Friday, Morar, 10am
Allan MacDonald RIP

Saturday, St Agnes Arisaig, 10am
Baby Ryan Moynihan Gillies RIP

SUNDAY MASSES 21st January/ 22nd January (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)

Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**
Bob Trybis RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
Blessings for Pat MacDonald

Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone) **Mallaig: 11.30am**
Blessings for Chris and Christine

HOUSEBOUND VISITS: 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig); Mackintosh Centre – every 1st Wednesday of the month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (only by prior arrangement)

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.



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Morar and Mallaig:	
08.01	£178.00 (incl. Gift Aid £89.50)
Crib Collection	£100.00
Justice and Peace	£154.00
Funeral Collection – John MacLellan RIP (total for the Parish and RNLJ)	£604.30
Arisaig:	
08.01	£27810 (incl. Gift Aid £106.00)
Crib Collection	£95.76
Justice and Peace	£87.60
Funeral Collection – Peter Bridge RIP (total for the Parish, RNLJ and Cancer Research UK)	£714.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Alec MacDonald (Craig Mhor) 13.01; Hugh MacPherson (Arisaig) 20.01.1968; Donald MacDonald 22.01; Bob Trybis 19.01; Margaret MacEachen (BDay Ann) 04.01.1941; Angus MacDonald (Gorten) 06.01; Ronnie Smith; Allan MacDonald; Baby Ryan Moynihan Gillies; Peter Bridge; John MacLellan; Joe MacInnes.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING: Margaret MacEachen RIP



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 Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds
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 Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin’s, Morar
 St. Patrick’s, Mallaig & St. Columba’s, Isle of Canna

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15th January 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Blessings for Mae
 Sunday 10am: Blessings for Johnalda Sunday 11.30am: Donald Lawrence MacNeil RIP



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. There are so many people that occupy my thoughts and prayers at the moment. Please. Do not lose your faith in prayer! It works miracles. I am always ready to administer the Sacrament of the Sick whenever you ask. It is not an imposition; I am happy to carry out this ministry. I will always respect your privacy and confidentiality.

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:

- 21st / 22nd January for Parish Maintenance. **Use** Parish GA Envelopes and Tick the right box.
- 18th / 19th Diocesan Pastoral Fund. **Use** Parish GA Envelopes and Tick the right box.

FUNERALS: Thank you for your participation at the Funerals last week.

SOUP KITCHEN: Another event behind us. We had a lovely spread again but the number of attendees not so great. We will continue nonetheless as I hope people will be more encouraged as time goes on. We need more volunteers again.

BISHOPS VISIT: The bishop is reflecting on our diocese and how we can best grow in the direction God desires for the future. The bishop invites us all to join in this process of discernment. We are within a two-month spiritual preparation during which the bishop will visit every parish to explain in person his vision and to listen to your comments and questions. He will visit Morar at 6pm and Arisaig at 8pm on 24th January. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.rcdai.org.uk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 19th of January at 5pm for Members of the Committee from both parishes in the Chapel House in Morar. It will be a videoconference with the Diocesan Finance Manager.

FR PAWEL'S VISIT: He will be staying with me in Morar between 30th January and 13th February and available for Confession. Fr Pawel has asked our Bishop to join the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles but got very little response so far. We are struggling with new vocations so having a fully trained priest with a PhD in Theology could be a great asset for us but believe that a long time has passed since I understood any decisions that the Diocese is taking. Perhaps it would be a good thing to ask the Bishop when he arrives? Fr Pawel was so moved by your kindness over the years that he fell in love with Scottish Catholics. Thank you for all you do for your priests.

MISSION APPEAL: White Fathers have confirmed the dates for next year's Mission appeal. Fr William Cromby will arrive on the 14th April 2023 and stay till 24th April. Fr William does not drive and would greatly appreciate a warm meal once a day. I will leave the Rota nearer the date. I am sure he will have a wonderful time with us.

CINEMA EVENT: Special thanks to Angus for a wonderful event in the cinema last week.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!

Pope at Audience: Apostolic zeal is the 'very oxygen' of Christian life

At his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis starts a new series of catecheses on the theme of apostolic zeal, recalling how Christ's Church was born with missionary zeal sent by the Holy Spirit to shed the light of Christ to every land and people. He invites everyone to continue praying for peace in Ukraine and an end to the "cruel suffering" there.

Greeting pilgrims in the Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican for his weekly audience, Pope Francis spoke about how apostolic zeal is the "very oxygen" of Christian life and the measure of the Church's spiritual health. The theme, apostolic zeal, marked the start of a new series of catecheses for his weekly audience.

Describing the key missionary dimension of apostolic zeal, he recounted how the apostle Matthew at the start of his discipleship immediately introduced Jesus to his friends. And recalling the words of the late Pope Benedict, he said apostolic zeal "proclaims Jesus not by proselytism but by attraction, out of a joyful desire to share with others the loving gaze of Jesus and the call to follow him as his disciples."

Passion for evangelization

Apostolic zeal is about passion for evangelization, vital for the Church, since "the community of Jesus' disciples is in fact born apostolic, missionary," the Pope pointed out. And the Holy Spirit shapes this process which moves outward, inspiring in us a "contagious witness" of Jesus so that God's light reaches the ends of the earth.

Keeping eyes on the horizon

At times apostolic fervour to share the good news of the Gospel can diminish, the Pope admitted, and when we lose sight of the "horizon of proclamation," our Christian life suffers, can become closed in on itself and wither. But keeping the missionary dimension alive provides "oxygen" for Christian life, invigorating and purifying it.

Witness of Matthew

The Pope suggested we embark on "a journey to rediscover a passion for evangelization," by looking at the Scriptures and the Church's living tradition, the witnesses who have "rekindled within the Church the passion for the Gospel."

Beginning with the Gospel episode of the call of the Apostle Matthew, Pope Francis described it as an "eloquent example" of Jesus who with "eyes of mercy" called Matthew to be his disciple. Matthew, a tax collector for the Roman empire, the occupier of Palestine at that time, would have been considered a collaborator or traitor of the people then, but Jesus shows him that every man and woman is loved by God, the Pope explained.

"The Gospel tells us that Jesus "saw" this despised tax collector; he looked at Matthew with eyes of mercy and called him to become his disciple. Matthew then "got up and followed him"; now a changed man, he left behind his ill-gotten gains and embraced, with Jesus, a life of discipleship and service to others."

The Pope then suggested we ask ourselves how we look upon others and whether we see only other people's faults and label them, rather than having an open and merciful heart, trying to understand who they are and their situation and needs.

Acting on the call

The gaze of Jesus in calling Matthew leads to his rising up and leaving his tax office to follow Him. The action of rising to his feet shows symbolically how Matthew responded affirmatively and passionately to the call of Jesus to follow him and serve others. And, significantly, the first thing the Apostle did was bring Jesus to a feast for him with many other "tax collectors and sinners," he knew, and so introducing Jesus to others.

The Pope said this shows us how we do not have to wait until we are "perfect" or "come a long way" in following Jesus in order for us to witness to Him. Therefore, "our proclamation begins today, there where we live" above all by our "witnessing every day to the beauty of the Love that has looked upon us and lifted us up."

"For as Pope Benedict taught us, "The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by 'attraction'" This attractive and joyful witness is the goal to which Jesus leads us with His loving gaze and with the outgoing movement that His Spirit raises up in our hearts."

At the conclusion of the General Audience, Pope Francis asked everyone to remember in their thoughts and prayers war-torn Ukraine and the people living through "cruel suffering" there. He then stood in silence before a painting on display in the audience hall of the icon known as "Our Lady of the People", venerated in Belarus and Ukraine, offering his prayers for peace and inviting everyone to join spiritually with him.