

**Parish Services**

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** Fr Philip Bua 18.01; Angus MacDonald 20.01; Anne Marie Buchanan 21.01; Ben MacDonald 25.01  
*Ad multos annos!*

*Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook, except for Mallaig.*

**Weekday Services (23<sup>rd</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> January)**

**Monday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Maureen Hanratty RIP*

**Tuesday, St Francis de Sales** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Donald MacDonald RIP*

Meeting of Morar Parish with Bishop McGee \_\_\_\_\_ Morar Church, 6pm  
 Meeting of Arisaig Parish with Bishop McGee \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig Club Room, 8pm

**Wednesday, Conversion of St Paul** \_\_\_\_\_ Mallaig, 10am  
*Denis Clancy RIP*

**Thursday, Ss Timothy and Titus** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Campbell Higgins RIP*

**Friday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Sister Mary Inglis RIP*

**Saturday, St Thomas Aquinas** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Special Intention*

**SUNDAY MASSES 28<sup>th</sup> January/ 29<sup>th</sup> January (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)**

Saturday-Vigil ..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*Timothy Stratford RIP*

Sunday..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Alec MacDonald RIP*

Sunday, *Children’s Mass (open to everyone)* ..... **Mallaig: 11.30am**  
*Donor’s Intention*



SCAN ME TO DONATE

**Morar and Mallaig:**  
 15.01 ..... £246.00 (incl. Gift Aid £165.00)  
**Arisaig:**  
 15.01 ..... £201.00 (incl. Gift Aid £71.00)

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**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** John Kennedy 31.01.1992; Ann Black 09.02.2009; Bridget Kyte 18.01.2010; Maureen Hanratty; Donald MacDonald; Denis Clancy; Campbell Higgins; Sister Mary Inglis; Timothy Stratford; Alec MacDonald (Craigie Mhor); Elizabeth MacDonald; Zbigniew Krasucki (died recently); Krystyna Roszak (died recently).

*Eternal rest...*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** Elizabeth MacDonald RIP



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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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)** **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**  
*Mass Intentions:*  
 Saturday-Vigil Mass: Bob Trybis RIP  
 Sunday 10am: Blessings for Pat MacDonald Sunday 11.30am: Blessings for Chris and Christine



**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:

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

**SOUP KITCHEN:** Another event behind us. Please, do come and enjoy a nice conversation, otherwise we will only hear Hilary talking 😊. She has been an extremely faithful supporter, which makes us very happy! We will continue nonetheless as I hope people will be more encouraged as time goes on. We need more volunteers again. We will be open now between 12 and 2pm.

**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](http://www.rcdai.org.uk).

**LIVE STREAM IN MALLAIG:** I was asked again as to why there is no stream provided from St. Patrick's Church. The reason is due to changes made by Facebook. I was using a camera which could stream directly. However, Facebook has been limiting access to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, trying to increase its revenue by directing people to their own services. This means that to enable streaming again, I would require a computer (modern one because it needs enough processing power for the video rendering, camera, and most importantly – stable internet connection, requiring subscription). I would say that it would cost us £1500 to start with and then £360 a year to keep. Since there are usually only 2 Masses and Sunday one will not be streamed anyway due to Safeguarding (Children's Mass), I am not sure what you think about this expense? I am sorry for this inconvenience. In case of funerals, undertakers have their own portable devices now which they can use. I am absolutely not against it and will be happy to accommodate the majority.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Many thanks for participation and representing the Parish. To remind us all. Morar is represented by Rita MacDonald, Mairead MacDonald, Catriona MacDonald and Maureen MacNeil. Arisaig is represented by Lilian MacDonald, Pat MacDonald and Merac MacDonald + 1 other person which is yet to give me an answer to the invitation.

**FR PAWEL'S VISIT:** He will be staying with me in Morar between 30<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and stay till 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NEWS FROM THE BISHOP/DIOCESE:

### Led by the Spirit

- Introductory Parish Meetings

I am presently in the Western Isles continuing my parish visits introducing the Led by the Spirit discernment process. The meetings have been very encouraging with positive and thought-provoking discussions. Some clergy have asked if they should come to the meetings. I leave it up to each priest and deacon to decide but I am very happy if you are able to do so.

- Prayer Cards

The Prayer Cards have been printed and sent out to you (although if I am visiting your parish in the next week I am bringing them with me). Please distribute the cards and encourage your parishioners to recite the discernment prayer daily. I am grateful to Fr Roddy McAuley for his original piece of artwork and to John Taylor of Skye who composed the prayer.

- Parish Facilitators and the Consultative Stages

The first phase of consultation will run from February to the end of April. During this first phase we will prayerfully reflect and discern on what God is asking of us today. For the parish meetings a spiritual input, introductions and questions will be provided to aid reflection and discussion. As during last year's diocesan phase of the Synod each parish should provide two facilitators, or even just one in a small parish. Fr Danny Convery and Carole Buse will provide facilitators with online training. Three different sessions are being offered but only one is to be attended: Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 8th February and Tuesday 14th February.

You should already have potential facilitators from last year but you may wish to ask alternative people. Either way please inform Katie of your facilitator's name and email address as soon as you can but before the end of January. If you cannot find a facilitator then please let me know by January 31st and the Working Group will support your parish. (**Do we have any volunteers?**)

As stated above, an itinerary for the meetings will be provided and then each parish can choose the most suitable way for it to fulfil the consultative phase (e.g. number of meetings, venues, focused opportunities for elderly, housebound, youth etc). When a parish is satisfied that they have sufficiently completed the consultative stage the facilitators will email their submission for collation at diocesan level. The fruits of our prayerful discussion will help shape further consultative stages.

I would ask that every parish, even when a parish priest has responsibility for more than one parish, has its separate meetings. Important questions will eventually need to be asked and each parish, no matter how small, has the right for its own voice to be heard. Appointing effective facilitators will greatly ease the burden on parish priests.

When feasible, clergy participation in the parish meetings is to be welcomed (but I know that this won't always be possible including when a priest has more than one parish). On the day of the Chrism Mass, March 29th, clergy will also have our own opportunity for prayerful reflection and discussion. All priests and deacons are encouraged to participate.

- Parish Newsletters

Communication will be key to the success of our discernment process. A monthly update will be sent to you from Angela Ellis. Please insert the update in your parish newsletter and, if you have it, parish social media. Thank you.

I also remind you of our new website created specifically for the discernment process called [ledbythespirit@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:ledbythespirit@rcdai.org.uk) All relevant information as well spiritual input and material concerning discernment can be found there. Please have a look and inform your parishioners of its existence.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!