

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: Lisa MacDonald 01.02; Lindsay Murray 08.02; Angela MacKay 08.02; Brian Ferguson 10.02; Frances Morrison 10.02; Jamie Manson 11.02; Fr Stan 12.02; Jean MacKellaig 16.02; Douglas MacKellaig 27.02 ... *Ad multos annos!*

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook, except for Mallaig.

Weekday Services (30th January – 4th February)

Monday, _____ no Mass
Tuesday, St John Bosco _____ (conditionally, confirmed on the day) Arisaig, 10am
Sister Mary Inglis RIP

Wednesday, _____ Mallaig, 10am
Sister Mary Inglis RIP

Thursday, The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass) _____ Arisaig, 10am
Fr John Dewar RIP

Friday, _____ Morar, 10am
Sister Mary Inglis RIP

Saturday, St Thomas Aquinas _____ Arisaig, 10am
Polly Pringle RIP

SUNDAY MASSES 4th February/ 5th February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)

Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**
Donald MacLellan RIP

Sunday..... **Arisaig: 10am**
Bridget Kyte RIP

Sunday, *Children’s Mass (open to everyone)* **Mallaig: 11.30am**
Ann Black RIP



SCAN ME TO DONATE

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.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar and Mallaig:	
22.01	£237.00 (incl. Gift Aid £125.00)
Parish Maintenance	£186.00 (incl. Gift Aid £101.00)
Arisaig:	
22.01	£202.80 (incl. Gift Aid £66.00)
Parish Maintenance	£109.50 (incl. Gift Aid £26.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Ann Black 09.02.2009; George MacKinnon (died recently, brother of Allan); Donald McDonell 02.02; Sister Mary Inglis; Fr John Dewar; Polly Pringle; Bridget Kyte, Mary Ann Dempster 15.02.1973; Teresa MacKenzie 25.01.2021; Molly Buchanan (died 25.01.2022); Phelim Rice (died recently); Ronnie MacDonald (Glenan) 21.01.2005; John Buchan (Mallaig) 30.01; Archie & Barbara MacLellan 31.01.2015.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING: Elizabeth MacDonald RIP



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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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

29th January 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Timothy Stratford RIP
 Sunday 10am: Alec MacDonald RIP Sunday 11.30am: Donor's Intention



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:

- 18th / 19th February Diocesan Pastoral Fund. **Use** Parish GA Envelopes and Tick the right box.

SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you again for a successful event 😊

BISHOPS VISIT: Thank you to all the participants of the meetings. It was lovely to meet and pray together with Bishop McGee. He very much enjoyed his visit and the food provided. Prayer cards from the Bishop are available at the back, please, please, take it home, pass it to your friends.

MOLLY BUCHANAN RIP: With great sadness I have received word of Molly's passing. She was a great friend and supporter. I will miss her greatly. I will provide update on her funeral as soon as I have it.

SCIAF WEE BOXES: They are now available at the back of the Churches.

CANDLEMASS: 2nd of February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. According to the Mosaic law, a mother such as Mary who had given birth to a male child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover, she was to remain "in the blood of her purification"—i.e., outside the temple—for thirty-three days more. If the woman had borne a daughter, the time that she was excluded from the sanctuary was doubled. When the time (forty or eighty days) was over, the mother was to "bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin"; if she was not able to offer a lamb, she was to take two turtle doves or two pigeons; the priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed (see Leviticus 12:2-8). Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary complied with this precept of the law. She redeemed her first-born from the temple and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the just in the presence of Anna the prophetess (see Luke 2:22). No doubt this event, the first solemn introduction of Christ into the house of God, was celebrated in the early Church in Jerusalem. We find it attested to in the first half of the fourth century by the pilgrim of Bordeaux, Egeria or Silvia. The day—February 14—was solemnly kept by a procession to the Constantinian basilica of the Resurrection and a Mass that included a homily on Luke 2:22. At that time, the feast had no proper name; it was simply called the fortieth day after Epiphany. This latter circumstance shows that, in Jerusalem, Epiphany was when the feast of Christ's birth was celebrated. From Jerusalem the feast of the fortieth day spread over the entire Church and later was kept on February 2, since within the last twenty-five years of the fourth century the Roman feast of Christ's nativity (December 25) was introduced. The feast appears in the Gelasianum (manuscript tradition of the seventh century) under the title of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but the procession is not mentioned. Pope Sergius I (A.D. 687-701) introduced a procession for this day. The Gregorianum (tradition of the eighth century) does not speak of this procession, which fact shows that the procession of Sergius was the ordinary "station," not the liturgical act of today. The feast spread slowly in the West; it is not found in the Lectionary of Silos (A.D. 650) nor in the Calendar (A.D. 731-741) of Sainte-Genevieve of Paris. In the East it was celebrated as a feast of the Lord; in the West as a feast of Mary, although the Invitatorium ("Gaude et laetare, Jerusalem, occurrens Deo tuo"—"Rejoice and be glad, O Jerusalem, to meet thy God"), the antiphons, and responsories remind us of its original conception as a feast of the Lord. The blessing of the candles did not enter into common use before the eleventh century. In the Middle Ages it had an octave in the larger number of dioceses; also today the religious orders whose special object is the veneration of the Mother of God (Carmelites, Servites) and many dioceses (Loreto, the Province of Siena, etc.) celebrate the octave. According to the Roman Missal, the celebrant, in stole and cope of purple, standing at the epistle side of the altar, blesses the candles (which traditionally were of beeswax). Having sung or recited the five orations prescribed, he sprinkles and incenses the candles. Then he distributes them to the clergy and laity while the choir sings the canticle of Simeon, *Nunc dimittis*. The antiphon "Lumen ad revelationem gentium et gloriam plebis tuae Israel" ("A light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel") is repeated after every verse, according to the medieval custom of singing the antiphons. During the procession that follows, participants carry lighted candles and the choir sings the antiphon "Adorna thalamum tuum, Sion" ("Adorn the bridal chamber, O Zion") composed by St. John of Damascus, one of the few pieces for which the words and music have been borrowed by the Roman Church from the Greeks. The other antiphons are of Roman origin. The solemn procession represents the entry of Christ, who is the light of the world, into the Temple of Jerusalem. The procession is always kept on February 2, even when the office and Mass of the feast is transferred to February 3. Before the reform of the Latin liturgy by St. Pius V (1568), in the churches north and west of the Alps, this ceremony was more solemn. After the fifth oration a preface was sung. The "Adorna" was preceded by the antiphon "Ave Maria." While today such processions are held inside the church, during the Middle Ages the clergy left the church and visited the cemetery surrounding it. Upon the return of the procession, a priest, carrying an image of the Holy Child, met it at the door and entered the church with the clergy, who sang the canticle of Zachary, "Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel" ("Blessed be the Lord God of Israel"). At the conclusion, entering the sanctuary, the

choir sang the responsory "Gaude Maria Virgo" or the prose "Inviolata" or some other antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

The Letter: A Message For Our Earth
A must see film for all who care about Mother Earth.

Thursday 2nd February
Scottish Online Screening
7.00pm
All welcome.

The film *The Letter: A Message For Our Earth*, is based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home."

The film features activists: Chief Cacique Odair "Dadá" Borari from the Amazon rainforest in Brazil; Ridhima Pandey, a 13-year-old climate activist from India; Aronna Kandé, a climate refugee from Senegal; U.S. scientists Greg Asner and Robin Martin; and Lorna Gold, president of Laudato Si' Movement. They were invited to Rome for a private audience with Pope Francis during which they shared their personal story and that of their country.

What emerged was an overview of the state of our planet and the need for us to fully appreciate the interconnectedness of all life on the planet and the impact of human activity in creating an environmental crisis that is already causing devastation amongst poorer countries who have contributed least to the crisis.

Whilst being a very challenging film it also gives us hope if we commit to a personal ecological conversion and join with the global ecological movement.

Our session will include, in addition to the film screening, an opportunity for Q&A with Lorna Gold, who appears in the film and is president of the *Laudato Si' Movement*.

The screening will take place during *World Interfaith Week* and Bishop Brian McGee will lead us in our Opening Prayer.

Please register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

HYMNAL PLUS: A parishioner suggested to sponsor a special device which would be able to play music in Arisaig on Sunday. It is specially designed for the churches. I have contacted the company and would also gather some advice from priests using it elsewhere and see if this would be of benefit to us. I think it would certainly make our Sunday Services more musical 😊 Thank you so much for this lovely suggestion and I will keep you update on the progress.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: It turned out that the meeting was cancelled last minute (after last week's newsletter went to print). New date will be provided as soon as possible.

KILMORY: We started receiving bookings for Kilmory and I hope that just like always, we will welcome our guests with open arms. Chapel House will be occupied until end of April now by Andy and Eleanor with their kids. So far, they came to be a lovely family and very respectful of the Church. Their children also enjoy the proximity to Arisaig School.

PLUMBING UPGRADES: My thanks to Jamie and Henry Young. They agreed to help with a new pump for the Chapel House and a particularly nasty leak coming from Kilmory into the Club Room.

NEW SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN MEMORY OF MARIE MACLEOD RIP:

For some time now, our sodium lamps have been quite temperamental in Morar Church and need to be replaced. Alistair has been kind enough to

pay for the new ones in memory of Marie. Thank you so much for all that he is doing for the Parish. Alistair Neil will explore the options and come back to us with a good solution. I know that the outside floodlights are not working. Shortly after their installation, someone must have had close encounter with them, and they got damaged. Following the accident, I have been reluctant to put new ones in, but if you would like to sponsor new ones in Memory of someone, feel free to speak to me.

CAR AND FR PAWEL'S VISIT: I will be travelling to Glasgow on Monday, where Joe will pick me up and take me to Skoda garage in Ayr. I will pick up the car and wait in Glasgow for Fr Paul's arrival. Depending on weather conditions I will either travel back on the day or wait till the morning, hence the conditional setting for Tuesday Mass. I will put the notice up on Facebook as soon as I know when I am coming back.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Last week, Chris and Christine Jones celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We also remember about Alastair and Anne Gillies on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many Blessings from God and thanks for your witness to Sacramental Marriage.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!