

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: 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. Facebook reinstated its 3rd party access and for the time being, depending on stability of mobile connection, I am able to stream again from Mallaig. Please note that Mass Intentions are scheduled to the best of my ability and there could be some last-minute changes (if ex. Someone has an urgent prayer intention. I always try to inform the donor.

Weekday Services (6th February – 11th February)

Monday, SS. Paul Miki & Companion Morar, 10am
Betty Duffy RIP

Requiem Mass of Molly Buchanan RIP Morar, 12noon

Tuesday, Arisaig, 10am
Edith James RIP

Wednesday, Mallaig, 10am
Mary Meechan RIP

Thursday, Arisaig, 10am
Ann Hagen RIP

Friday, St Scholastica Morar, 10am
James Clark RIP

Saturday, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass with Sacrament of the Sick Arisaig, 10am
Donor's Intention

SUNDAY MASSES 11th February/ 12th February (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)

Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**
Hugh MacPherson RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**
Peter Bridge RIP

Sunday, Children's Mass (open to everyone) **Mallaig: 11.30am**
Teresa MacKenzie 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)

..... Arisaig, Saturday 04.02 and 11.02: 9am
 Morar, Saturday 04.02 and 11.02: 5pm

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 £307.00 (incl. Gift Aid £162.00)
Arisaig:
 22.01 £276.50 (incl. Gift Aid £75.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Mary Ann Dempster 15.02.1973; John Buchan 30.01; Margaret Lennon 06.02.2020; Tommy MacKenzie (died recently, Funeral in Oban on 8th Feb); Isabel MacDonald 04.02.1981; Bridget Kyte; Donald MacLellan; Ann Black; Betty Duffy; Edith James; Mary Meechan; Ann Hagen; James Clark; Hugh MacPherson 20.01.1968; Peter Bridge; Teresa MacKenzie; Isobel MacKellaig; Chrissie McKelvie (Mallaig) 02.02.1997; Hugh MacKelvie (Mallaig) 11.02.2002.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING:



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 Liturgical Calendar texts taken from *Universalis*® or *New Advent Encyclopaedia* unless stipulated otherwise.

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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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5th February 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Tommy MacKenzie RIP (Fr Pawel); Isabel MacDonald (Fr Stan)
Sunday 10am: Bridget Kyte RIP (Fr Stan); Donald MacLellan (Fr Pawel) **Sunday 11.30am:** Ann Black RIP (Fr Stan)
Molly's Remains will be received in Morar at 5pm

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 😊 Our Soup Kitchen is picking up on interest, it is a great testimony to our volunteers.

FR PAWEL: It was a difficult day, beginning from my train journey at 6am (train was absolutely freezing), Joe picked me up and took me to the garage in Ayr. I picked up the newly leased car and enjoyed lunch with Paul and Joe. At that stage, Fr Pawel called to inform me of severe disruptions in Warsaw. He missed his connecting flight to Glasgow. The airline rebooked him to London and later on to Glasgow where he landed at 10.30pm. I was really stressed and worried for him because connections were so short that he literally had to run between gates. Luckily he made it, his luggage did not. We then travelled back and returned home around 3am. It was exhausting but I am glad it all worked out eventually. Fr Pawel is really happy to be with us.

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.

BICYCLE RAFFLE: We congratulate Frances, who was the winner of our Christmas Raffle. Frances was delighted to win the bike as it will allow her to do an intense practise for the next Tour de France 😊 Many thanks to Ann Bailie for the sponsorship. We raised over £100 for the Parish.

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.

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.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!

Amid ongoing tensions between the bordering nations, Bishops from DRC and Rwanda come together during Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

By Andrea Torielli

"Together, we believe that Jesus always gives us the possibility of being forgiven and starting over, but also the strength to forgive ourselves, others and history!" Christ "wants to anoint us with His forgiveness" to "give us the peace and courage to forgive in turn, the courage to grant others a great amnesty of the heart."

When Pope Francis spoke these words in his homily at Mass at the Ndolo Airport in Kinshasa, celebrating the Eucharist with him were the Bishops of countries, with warring militias and rebel groups, that have been, and are, the scene of unspeakable violence and wars, fuelled not only by external forces, but also from forces within.

Together with their brethren from the Democratic Republic of Congo, at the altar and then at a shared meal, were the Bishops of Rwanda, Burundi and Congo Brazzaville.

Before departing for their respective countries, some of them gathered around a table in a hotel and recounted this experience to Vatican Media, explaining how their presence in the DRC, and episcopal communion, can help the peace processes.

"We are living a special moment, a kairos. We must not let politics divide us, but see what we can do together," Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu, the Archbishop of Kinshasa, told us.

"The Pope's message was very powerful. While politicians sow hatred between peoples, instrumentalize xenophobia, and feed mistrust among the people, the Bishops and the Church are called to walk a different path. They must not enter into this logic."

Cardinal Ambongo thanked his brothers from Rwanda "for coming here to Kinshasa. It took courage to do so, the courage to carry out a common mission."

His sentiment was echoed by Rwandan Cardinal Antoine Kambanda, Archbishop of Kigali, who recalls Pope Francis' desire to also go to Goma, on the border with Rwanda, a journey that was not possible because of the violence and clashes that are ongoing in that region.

"We Bishops, six out of eight, came here. The message of peace that the Pope came to bring to us concerns us all. It touches us all. It touched me personally."

With emotion, the Cardinal recalled the genocide that took place in his country in 1994, when in 100 days, at least 800,000 people were killed because of an ethnic-political conflict.

"It was not a genocide caused by others, from outside. It was perpetrated by Rwandans. By people living together on the same hills. Each hill had its own tragedy. And we can ask ourselves today: how do you live together after going through a genocide?" he asked.

Forgiveness is a grace from God

Cardinal Kambanda's answer echoed the one just given by the Pope: "Forgiveness is the way to coexistence. To coexist, one must forgive oneself. Forgiveness is the key. Forgiveness is a grace from God, and concerns everyone: individuals, individual offenders, but also families."

The road to forgiveness, the Rwandan Cardinal added, "is compassion, realising that the other person also suffers and that my suffering is connected to his. This is the pedagogy of the Cross". The lived experience of his country, "we share it with our brothers in the episcopate. Forgiveness also allows for a pacification of memory".

"Reconciliation is the key to living together," says the Archbishop of Gitega, Bonaventure Nahimana, President of the Burundi Bishops' Conference. "It is the key to resolving religious, ethnic and political conflicts. This is precisely what the synod process of the Burundian Churches is focused on." "All the dioceses got involved. We must live in forgiveness to truly have open, welcoming, fraternal communities. Open also in welcoming the other as a brother, even when he is a foreigner. We have many Congolese refugees in Burundi. We will be credible through the way we live this."

Impact of Pope's visit

"We are here with a large delegation, not just of Bishops, but of people," explained the Archbishop of Brazzaville, Bienvenu Manamika, President of the Congo Brazzaville Bishops' Conference.

"The Pope's visit will have a great impact in the region," he said.

"Although our country is not directly affected by the conflicts, we are nevertheless involved. There is a saying that 'if the Democratic Republic of Congo coughs, we in Congo Brazzaville sneeze and catch the flu'."

"We all need peace," he added, "The ongoing conflict in the east of the DRC does not leave us calm. It is reminiscent of war traumas already experienced."

"We must take Pope Francis' words seriously, a message from which a de-escalation of the war can arise."

Archbishop Manamika noted that the mere presence of the Successor of Peter brings hope and concerns everyone.

"I hope that his words are also heard by the multinational companies behind the extractive industry. There are peoples who suffer from this situation. Without justice, without dignity, there is no peace." Internal conflicts, he concluded, "depend on wider interests. But when elephants fight it is the grass that suffers. And the grass is the people. That is why we must all work and pray for peace".

The need to learn to forgive and cultivate peace

"We must all build peace. With forgiveness, with the rediscovery of the community that unites us and the mission that we have," emphasised the Archbishop of Kisangani, Marcel Utembi Tapa, president of the Episcopal Conference of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We must convince ourselves that personal and institutional forgiveness are linked. As baptised, children of God, brothers and sisters, we must learn to forgive each other. The Pope is well aware of all that goes on here, and how what goes on here is a threat to peace, a problem that affects the entire sub-continental region. He invited us to develop an awareness of the fraternity that unites us and that affects not just one country but the entire region. We are all called to be missionaries of peace. His was a strong appeal to states, civil society, the Church, pastors."

The courage of these Bishops, united together with the Successor of Peter, is a small great sign of hope for these tormented lands, where ethno-political conflicts involve Christians on both sides.

Pope Francis said in his homily at Ndolo Airport:

"May it be a good time for all of you in this country who call yourselves Christians but engage in violence."

"The Lord is telling you: Lay down your arms, embrace mercy."

