

**Parish Services**

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** Faye Henderson 08.03; Ronan McQuade 10.03; Jeannie Liddon 12.03; Olga Nikonorova 14.03; Malgosia Pamula 15.03; Alistair Neil MacKay 15.03; Joe McHenry 16.03 *Ad multos annos!*  
*Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. Facebook reinstated its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (13<sup>th</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Monday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Donald MacLellan RIP*

**Tuesday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Donald MacLellan RIP*

**Wednesday, Mass with Stations of the Cross** \_\_\_\_\_ Mallaig, 10am  
*Margaret MacLaren RIP*

**Thursday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Anabel MacDonald RIP*

**Friday, St Patrick** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Tommy MacKenzie RIP*

**Saturday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Molly Buchanan RIP*

**SUNDAY MASSES 18<sup>th</sup> March/ 19<sup>th</sup> March (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – A)**

**Saturday-Vigil** ..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*Molly Buchanan RIP*

**Sunday**..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Molly Buchanan RIP*

**Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone)** ..... **Mallaig: 11.30am**  
*Angus MacKellaig RIP*



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**HOUSEBOUND VISITS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week (Arisaig); 2<sup>nd</sup> Week (Morar); 3<sup>rd</sup> Week (Mallaig); Mackintosh Centre – every 1<sup>st</sup> 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: £310.00 (incl. Gift Aid £170.00)  
 05.03 ..... £230.00 (incl. Gift Aid £45.00)  
 Arisaig: .....  
 05.03 ..... /n/a

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Anabel MacDonald (Hazelgrove) 06.03; Donnie MacInness 29.02; Mandy Sweeney; Donald McNeil 03.04; Charlie MacDonald 08.03; Rose MacDonald 13.03; Elaine MacKay; John Buchan; Dougie MacKellaig; Angus MacKellaig; Molly Buchanan; Tommy MacKenzie; Donald MacLellan; Ian Dempster 12/03/1965; John Dempster 21/03/1993; Elizabeth MacDonald 13.01.2022; Ronnie MacPhee 08.03.2012; Elizabeth MacDonald 13.01.2022; Margaret MacLaren 14.03. *Eternal rest...*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of Elaine MacKay 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)  
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 St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

*Mass Intentions:*

Saturday-Vigil Mass: John Buchan RIP  
 Sunday 10am: Blessings for Sister Maria Edith Sunday 11.30am: Dougie MacKellaig 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:

- 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> March for SCIAF. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Collection for Holy Places. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.
- 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> May for Communications. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.

**SOUP KITCHEN:** Thank you again for a successful event 😊 Soup kitchen will be coming to an end on the 25<sup>th</sup> March in its current form. We will discuss with the Church of Scotland how we will proceed further.

**CONSULTATION FORMS:** Please return asap.

**ARISAIG PHONE NUMBER:** Soon, our current contract runs out. For the past few years, calls from 450223 were diverted to Morar, but since having a phone line might become more expensive due to the transition into digital phone lines, we might only keep broadband on for the guests. This means that soon, the line will not be active.

**DEAD TREE:** Many thanks to Lilian, who has been coordinating the efforts to remove the dead tree next to Kilmory. Duncan Currie removed it last week. There is a lot of firewood left and has to be removed asap. Please, help yourself to it trying to tidy up the parking space.

**NEW FENCE:** Many thanks to Hugh and Anne for their hard work on the fences and posts.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will begin this traditional Lenten devotion next week before morning Mass on specific days. I will include the schedule in the next week's newsletter.

**CHRISM MASS:** Will take place in Oban on the 29<sup>th</sup> March in Oban Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday at 6pm in Mallaig; Good Friday at 3pm in Arisaig; Easter Vigil in Morar at 6pm; Easter Sunday in Arisaig at 10am and in Mallaig at 11.30am.

**GA ENVELOPES:** At the back of the Churches, you will find your new Gift Aid Envelopes. Please remember that after 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, you will have to discard all the old envelopes. Thank you so much for your generosity. Gift aid is extremely important source of Parish income.

# 10 years of Pope Francis: Significantly more women working at the Vatican

In the past ten years, the number of women employed at the Vatican has risen significantly to 1,165. Never before has the number of female employees and their share of the total staff been higher, according to a Vatican News survey of the relevant Vatican authorities. The number of women in Vatican leadership positions has also grown under Francis.

**By Gudrun Sailer**

There are currently 1,165 female employees working for the Pope, compared to only 846 in the year Francis took office in 2013. The percentage of women in the total workforce at the Vatican rose in the current pontificate from just under 19.2 to 23.4 per cent today. These figures refer to the two administrative units Holy See and Vatican City State together.

The increase in female employees is even more pronounced if one looks exclusively at the Holy See, i.e. the Roman Curia. Here, the proportion of women has risen from 19.3 to 26.1 per cent over the past ten years. This means that more than one in four employees at the Holy See is now a woman - in absolute figures 812 out of 3,114.

In the ten-part salary scale used in the Vatican, most women in the Curia have been found for many years on the sixth and seventh step. They thus exercise professions that usually require an academic degree, such as lawyers, department heads, archivists or administrative specialists. In 2022, 43 per cent of the women employed at the Curia worked at the sixth and seventh levels.

## Women in senior positions

In the meantime, women have sporadically made their way up to the executive level, which goes beyond the ten-step salary scale. Today, five women hold the rank of undersecretary and one the rank of secretary at the Holy See. Secretaries and undersecretaries are the second and third levels of management respectively in most curia authorities and are part of the management team together with the prefect, i.e. the superior of the authority; all three levels are filled by appointment by the Pope. At the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Pope Francis appointed a female secretary for the first time in 2021, the Italian religious Alessandra Smerilli. It is the highest post ever held by a woman at the Holy See.

Undersecretaries at the Holy See currently work at the Dicasteries for Religious, for Laity, Family and Life (two female undersecretaries), for Culture and Education, and at the Secretariat of State. However, the lawyer Francesca Di Giovanni (70), who works there, will soon leave for reasons of age and will be replaced by a priest. The General Secretariat of the Synod also has an undersecretary, Nathalie Becquart, a French nun, although it should be noted that the Synod is not part of the Roman Curia (but is part of this statistical survey).

## A recent development

Historically, the appointment of expert women to high Curia offices began with Paul VI. In his pontificate, the Australian Rosemarie Goldie worked at the Pontifical Council for the Laity from 1967 to 1976 as one of two vice-secretaries. After a long break, it was not until 2004 that John Paul II appointed the next undersecretary: Sister Enrica Rosanna at the Congregation for Religious.

Under Pope Francis, appointments of women to leadership positions have multiplied, even though they account for less than five per cent of all leadership tasks in the Curia currently entrusted to women, and for now, there is no female prefect as the "number one" of a Curia authority. But the course has been set: In the basic text for the Curia reform *Praedicate Evangelium* (2022), Francis made it possible that in future lay people and thus also women can lead dicasteries as prefects. This was previously reserved for cardinals and archbishops. In an interview last December, the Pope announced his intention to appoint the first female prefect in about two years. In the Vatican City State, which is a separate administrative entity from the Holy See, Pope Francis appointed two women to top positions in the ten years of his pontificate: Barbara Jatta, director of the Vatican Museums in 2016, and Sr Raffaella Petrini, secretary general of the Governorate in 2022. While lay people had always headed the Vatican Museums, the Italian nun took the place of a bishop in the Governorate.

At the same time, the percentage of women employed in the Vatican State stagnated at around 19 per cent during the pontificate of Pope Francis.

Regarding leadership positions, Francis has not only placed some women leaders in the Vatican, but has also appointed others to positions where they can "influence the Vatican while maintaining their independence". He himself wrote this in his book *Let us Dream*. Thus, for instance, Francis was the first pope to appoint women as "members" of curial offices, a measure that went largely unnoticed. Until then, only cardinals and some bishops were members of the traditional "Congregations". Members - along with prefects and secretaries - have voting rights in the plenary assemblies.

The Council for the Economy, consisting of 15 members, currently includes eight cardinals and seven lay people, six of whom are women, including the British Leslie Jane Ferrar, formerly Treasurer to Prince Charles of Wales. In 2019, Francis nominated seven female religious superiors to the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life in one fell swoop. In 2022, he appointed two women religious and a lay woman as members of the Dicastery for Bishops, where they participate in the process of selecting bishops for the universal Church, along with cardinals and bishops who are members of the Dicastery as they are.

In the ten years of his pontificate, Pope Francis has increased the presence, visibility and influence of women in the Vatican. Several times, however, he warned against seeing the task of women in the Church as well as in the Vatican from a purely functionalist point of view. In "Let us Dream", Francis described it as a challenge for him to "create spaces where women can take leadership in a way that allows them to shape the culture and ensures that they are valued, respected and recognised". By setting a course in favour of women, Francis ultimately wants Rome to become a model for the universal Church in this respect.

*(Note: The statistical data on which this article is based covers the Vatican City State and the Holy See, including the Dicastery for Evangelization and the Pontifical Mission Societies, the tribunals and the Institutions Associated with the Holy See. The only institution not included is the Fabbrica of Saint Peter, which is under its own administration, but which provided figures from 2022.*

*According to these figures, women make up exactly ten per cent of the Fabbrica's staff, 17 out of 170.)*

**Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!**