

Parish Services

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** ..... *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 (1<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> May)**

Monday, _____	Morar, 10am
_____	Bishop John Cunningham RIP
Tuesday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
_____	Jessica MacKinnon RIP
Wednesday, _____	Mallaig, 10am
_____	George MacKinnon RIP
Thursday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
_____	Jessica MacKinnon RIP
Friday, _____	Morar, 10am
_____	Ian Dempster RIP
Saturday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
_____	Charlie MacDonald RIP

**SUNDAY MASSES 6<sup>th</sup> May/ 7<sup>th</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – A)**

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Saturday) .....	<b>Morar: 6pm</b>
_____	Willy Buchanan RIP
Easter Sunday.....	<b>Arisaig: 10am</b>
_____	Hugh Rodden RIP
Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone) .....	<b>Mallaig: 11.30am</b>
_____	Niamh Henderson 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:**

<b>Morar and Mallaig:</b>	
09.04 .....	£260.00 (incl. Gift Aid £140.00)
16.04 .....	£170.00 (incl. Gift Aid £110.00)
23.04 .....	£244.00 (incl. Gift Aid £100.00)
SCIAI WEE BOXES .....	£265.00
MISSION APPEAL .....	£283.00
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
09.04 .....	£265.80 (incl. Gift Aid £86.00)
16.04 .....	£221.45 (incl. Gift Aid £81.00)
23.04 .....	£251.80 (incl. Gift Aid £63.00)
SCIAI WEE BOXES .....	£139.22
MISSION APPEAL .....	£287.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Bishop John Cunningham; Marie MacLeod; Rose MacDonald; John Dempster; Hugh Rodden 14.03.1975; Willy Buchanan 23.04; Charlie MacDonald 08.03; Ian Dempster 12.03.1965; Jessica MacKinnon; George MacKinnon; James and Lizzie Hanratty; May MacDonald; Ellen Kennedy 30.04.2021; Bob Trybis.

..... *Eternal rest...*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:** In Memory of James and Lizzie Hanratty 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

*Mass Intentions:*

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Marie MacLeod RIP  
 Sunday 10am: Rose MacDonald RIP Sunday 11.30am: John Dempster 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:

6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> May for Parish Maintenance. **Remember to use** Parish GA Envelopes.

19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> May for Communications. **Do not use** Parish GA Envelopes.

**LED BY THE SPIRIT MEETINGS:** Thank you for your participation at the meetings. Anne has sent over our responses to the Diocese. Many thanks for her hard work.

**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.

**MAY MACDONALD RIP:** I got sad word when I was away that May, who was a sister to late Margaret MacLaren passed away. Her funeral will take place in Roy Bridge on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. May was one of our most faithful followers on livestream. She was a missionary in her old age, encouraging people throughout the pandemic to reconnect with their faith. I will greatly miss her.

**NEIL MACDONALD RIP:** Another bit of sad news about Neil. It was his wish to be buried

from Morar and this will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon. His reception preceding a day before at 5.30pm. May he rest in peace.

**SOUP AND SANDWICHES:** I have asked Ann Martin to save us a date in July for our Parish Fundraising event in Arisaig. Details will be available closer to the date. I am sure that like before, it will be a great gathering and day for the Arisaig Parish.

**MALLAIG CHURCH ECO GRANT:** I am considering applying for an Eco Congregation Grant for Mallaig Church (up to £80,000) to install new energy/heating solutions. This might mean some structural changes to the outside of the church, to potentially install solar panels etc. Before I apply for any funding, I am open to hearing your suggestions to these potential changes to the Church Building. Any upgrades intend to minimise the running costs and increase energy efficiency.

**FR STAN'S EASTER BREAK:** I had a wonderful time in Bolivia with Fr Wieslaw. It was most certainly an unforgettable experience. To witness the actual work of the missionaries was very encouraging. It is an extremely challenging environment with a lot of need of support. I joined in at the Youth events, visited small and remote villages up in the mountains. I think it was also very encouraging for them to have someone to come and visit. I have met other priests who, when heard that a Priest from Poland is visiting, decided to come and meet. It was an opportunity for a social gathering as well as sharing at the Eucharistic table. I was even asked to help in the local parish with Mass, delivering a small sermon in Spanish. I also had a few quiet days in Mexico City, where I prayed for my parishes and trying to listen to where God needs me. I have put few photos on Parish Facebook Page.

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Vocation: Grace and Mission

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!

This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements.

This year I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments and ecclesial communion, to our apostolate in the world. Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work; it is not carried out by us alone, but always in ecclesial communion, together with our brothers and sisters, and under the guidance of the Church's pastors. For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love.

"Chosen before the creation of the world"

The apostle Paul opens before us a remarkable horizon: in Christ, God the Father "chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will" (Eph 1:4-5). These words allow us to glimpse life at its fullest: God has "conceived" us in his image and likeness and desires us to be his sons and daughters. We were created by love, for love and with love, and we are made for love.

In the course of our lives, this call, which is part of the fibre of our being and the secret of our happiness, comes to us by the work of the Holy Spirit in ever new ways. It enlightens our minds, strengthens our wills, fills us with amazement and sets our hearts afire. At times, the Spirit comes to us in completely unexpected ways. So it was for me when, on 21 September 1953, as I was on my way to an annual school celebration, I was led to stop by a church and go to confession. That day changed my life and left a mark that has endured to the present day. God's call to the gift of self tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds. When we hear

God's word and sense that it is spoken directly to us, in the advice given by a fellow brother or sister, in moments of sickness or sorrow... In all the ways he calls us, God shows infinite creativity.

The Lord's initiative and his gracious gift call for a response on our part. Vocation is "the interplay between divine choice and human freedom", [1] a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart. The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found. This is the fundamental structure of what we mean by vocation: God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love. We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of the one Father, and we come to see ourselves as brothers and sisters of one another. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, when at last she "saw" this clearly, exclaimed, "At last I have found my calling: my call is love. Indeed, I have found my proper place in the Church... In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be love". [2] "I am a mission on this earth"

God's call, we said, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent. Saint Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). And the First Letter of John begins with the words, "What we have heard and seen, looked at and touched – the Word made flesh – we declare also to you, so that our joy may be complete" (cf. 1:1-4). Five years ago, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, I spoke to every baptized person, saying, "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission" (No. 23). Yes, because each and every one of us is able to say: "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves, through our actions and words, to the experience of being with Jesus and members of his community, which is the Church. That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference. By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served (cf. Mk 10:45).

This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus. Only then can we testify to a Person, a Life, and thus become "apostles". Only then can we regard ourselves as "sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising, healing and freeing" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

The Gospel icon of this experience is that of the two disciples journeying to Emmaus. After their encounter with the risen Jesus, they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32). In those disciples, we can see what it means to have "hearts on fire, feet on the move". [3] This is also my fervent hope for the coming World Youth Day in Lisbon, to which I joyfully look forward, with its motto: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). May every man and woman feel called to arise and go in haste, with hearts on fire.

Called together and convened

The evangelist Mark relates the moment when Jesus called to himself twelve disciples, each by name. He appointed them to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message, to heal infirmities and to cast out demons (cf. Mk 3:13-15). The Lord thus laid the foundations of his new community. The Twelve were people from different social classes and trades; none of them was a person of influence. The Gospels speak too of other callings, like that of the 72 disciples whom Jesus sent out two by two (cf. Lk 10:1).

The Church is an Ecclesia, the Greek word for an assembly of persons called and convened, in order to form the community of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ committed to sharing love among themselves (cf. Jn 13:34; 15:12) and spreading that love to all others, so that God's kingdom may come.

Within the Church, all of us are servants, in accordance with the variety of our vocations, charisms and ministries. Our common vocation to give ourselves in love develops and finds concrete expression in the life of lay men and women, devoted to raising a family as a small domestic church and working as a leaven of the Gospel to renew the different sectors of society; in the testimony of consecrated women and men who are completely committed to God for the sake of their brothers and sisters as a prophetic sign of the kingdom of God; in ordained ministers – deacons, priests and bishops – placed at the service of preaching, prayer and fostering the communion of the holy People of God. Only in relation with all the others, does any particular vocation in the Church fully disclose its true nature and richness. Viewed in this light, the Church is a vocational "symphony", with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in "going forth" to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God.

Grace and mission: a gift and a task

Dear brothers and sisters, vocation is a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy. May the initiatives of prayer and of activity associated with this Day strengthen an awareness of vocation within our families, our parish communities, our communities of consecrated life, and our ecclesial associations and movements. The Spirit of the risen Lord dispels our apathy and grants us the gifts of sympathy and empathy. In this way, he enables us to live each day born anew as children of the God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:16) and in turn to offer that love to others. To bring life everywhere, especially in places of exclusion and exploitation, poverty and death, in order to enlarge the spaces of love, [4] so that God may reign ever more fully in this world.

May the prayer that Saint Paul VI composed for the first World Day of Vocations, 11 April 1964, accompany us on our journey:

"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)". May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 30 April 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter. FRANCIS

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

