

Parish Services

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY: *Ad multos annos!*

Video Streamed Mass on Parish Facebook. 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 (24th July – 29th July)

Monday, _____	Morar, 10am
<i>Kathleen Doherty RIP</i>	
Tuesday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
<i>Jessica MacKinnon RIP</i>	
Wednesday, _____	Mallaig, 10am
<i>Nathan Alexander Ritchie RIP</i>	
Thursday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
<i>Blessings for Allan MacKinnon</i>	
Friday, _____	Morar, 10am
<i>Andrew Doherty RIP</i>	
Saturday, _____	Arisaig, 10am
<i>Blessings for Allan MacKinnon</i>	

SUNDAY MASSES 29th July/ 30th July (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)

Saturday-Vigil	Morar: 6pm
<i>Patricia Doherty RIP</i>	
Sunday	Arisaig: 10am
<i>Robert Purcell RIP</i>	
Sunday, Children’s Mass (open to everyone)	Mallaig: 11.30am
<i>Derek MacMillan RIP</i>	

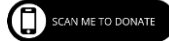
HOUSEBOUND VISITS: 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig); Mackintosh Centre – every 1st Wednesday of the month.

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:	
16.07	£247.00 (incl. Gift Aid £135.00)
Arisaig:	
16.07	£279.90 (incl. Gift Aid £92.00)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Niamh Henderson (BDay Ann) 29.07; Keith Eddie 24.07; Rafael Flores; Tracy Robertson 29.07.2021; Anne Laura MacNeil (BDay Ann 27.07.1976); Ronnie MacPhee (BDay 27.07.1967); Kathleen Doherty; Jessica MacKinnon; Teresa MacKenzie; Allan MacDonald; Nathan Ritchie; Andrew Doherty; Patricia Doherty; Robert Purcell; Beatrice and George Wilkinson 23.07; Jessie Wilkinson; Peter Gillies 12.07; Danny MacEachen 01.07.1967; Derek MacMillan 02.08; Donald Buchanan 24.07.

Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING: In memory of Niamh Henderson



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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**



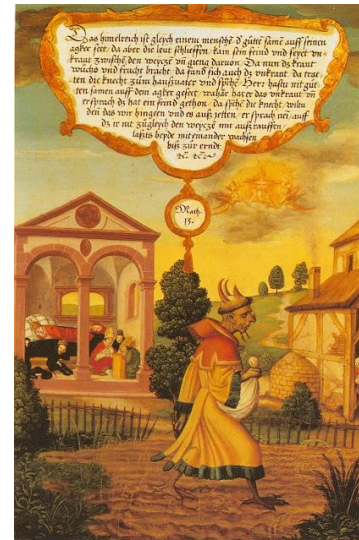
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

23rd July 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Teresa MacKenzie RIP
Sunday 10am: Allan MacDonald RIP **Sunday 11.30am:** Tracy Robertson 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:

- 22nd / 23rd July for Bishop's Fund. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.

This Fund directly supports the pastoral activities and living costs of Bishop Brian in his role as our Bishop. This includes travel expenses when visiting parishes, running his house and his salary, which is the same amount as the rest of the priests. Since he is not in a parish these costs are covered by the diocese. Any financial support offered towards this fund is gratefully received and in turn helps to reduce the levy borne by parishes.

- 5th / 6th August for Parish Maintenance. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.
- 19th / 20th August for Sick and Retired Priests. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.

SOUP AND SANDWICHES: What a wonderful turnout in Arisaig last Thursday. It was a huge success! Plenty of locals and visitors popping in for our beautifully prepared spread. There is actually a story related to it. I was celebrating Mass in Arisaig, kept being interrupted by the flies (not to worry, everyone could see them). At the end of Mass, I almost heard something, coming from our Lady's side – Son, they have no soup! Prompted by providence, on my way home I made a large pot of mushroom soup, planning to visit the Hall later. When I arrived around 12:30, what did I see? Plenty of visitors, and hardly any soup left! We could not have expected such a turnout. Rushed back home to bring back my mushroom soup! Our Lady saved the day! After all, we are called St. Mary's. Thank you so much to all of you, who prepared and volunteered at this event, as well as attending it! God bless. *(Please approach this item with a bit of humour)*

DEVOTIONS: We will continue with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Litany to the Sacred Heart every Friday after morning Mass.

GRASS CUTTING: Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with cutting grass and maintaining the garden.

BIRTHDAY COMING: We wish Morag Morrison best wishes on her 80th Birthday which she is enjoying visiting her family on South Uist. Her Papal Blessing will be handed over on her return.

WINDOWS: We have received a quote from Blairs Windows for 2 arched top floor windows in the Chapel House. Many thanks to John MacKay, who kindly agreed to install them. This will take place around October.

GLASGOW FAIR: following the 'ancient' Scottish Custom, there will be no sermons this weekend.

BAPTISM: We will be celebrating Baptism during Mass in Arisaig on Sunday. Congratulations to our parents.

MASS INTENTIONS: Again, I am very sorry for the delay you might be experiencing when asking for Masses to be said in your Intentions. At the moment, I have an open diary for the second week of August so I am catching up on them slowly which should ease your frustration. A priest should normally only celebrate 1 Mass intention a day, unless there is specific reason or pastoral need like Holy Day of Obligation or Sunday. This is because of the importance of the Sacrifice of Mass. This rule was established in Middle Ages, to prevent priests from becoming too greedy, as Mass Stipends are reserved for their personal use. We do not have a specific amount – I have always treated it as an offering, but I know that in some Dioceses that would be a set amount, so please, keep that in mind when visiting other places on your holiday or abroad. I also do not accept Mass Intentions further ahead than 3 months. A promise to celebrate Mass is one of the most sacred ones a priest can make. In case something happens to a priest, Mass Intentions have to be celebrated by another priest, so I would rather prevent to put such a burden on our Bishop. Fr William Saunders wrote an article which I think should be reminded here:

Q: What does it mean to have a Mass “offered” for someone?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical “*Mirae caritatis*” (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass:

The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply...the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.

In his encyclical “*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*,” our beloved late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, taught, *In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice.* (No. 43)

Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass:

Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep. (On Monogamy, X)

Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) stated, “Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.” St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: “One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church — to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead.

The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e., “for whom the Mass is offered.”

The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass.

These fruits are both extensively and intensively finite, since each of us is finite. Therefore, the more a Mass is offered, the more benefit is conferred. For example, all things being equal, 10 Masses offered for the repose of a soul confer 10 times the benefit of one Mass.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page!