

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 (31st July – 5th August)

Monday, St Ignatius Loyola ..... Morar, 10am

100th Birthday Blessings for Helen Kennedy

Tuesday, St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori ..... Arisaig, 10am

Marie McGurk RIP

Wednesday, ..... Mallaig, 10am

Derek MacMillan RIP

Thursday, ..... Arisaig, 10am

Danny MacEachen RIP

Friday, St John Mary Vianney ..... Morar, 10am

Peter Gillies RIP

Saturday, ..... Arisaig, 10am

Keith Eddie RIP

SUNDAY MASSES 5th August / 6th August (Transfiguration of the Lord – A)

Saturday-Vigil ..... Morar: 6pm

Niamh Henderson RIP

Sunday ..... Arisaig: 10am

Blessings for Shirley

Sunday, Children's Mass (open to everyone) ..... Mallaig: 11.30am

Blessings for Helen Kennedy

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (by prior arrangement)

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY. FOR ALL ONLINE DONATIONS, ENVELOPES POSTED TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE AND STANDING ORDERS INTO THE PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS.

COLLECTIONS:

Morar and Mallaig:

23.07 ..... £183.00 (incl. Gift Aid £105.00)

Bishop's Fund ..... £184 (incl. Gift Aid £75.00)

Arisaig:

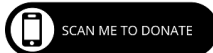
23.07 ..... £318.18 (incl. Gift Aid £72.00)

Bishop's Fund ..... £199.30 (incl. Gift Aid £36.00)

Soup and Sandwiches ..... £997.91

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Niamh Henderson (Birthday Anniversary) 29.07; Derek MacMillan (Birthday Ann – 30.07) 02.08; Liesha MacKellaig (Birthday Anniversary) 27.07; Cathie Duffy (Bracara) 28.07.1986 and Joe Duffy; Niamh Henderson (BDay Ann) 29.07; Keith Eddie 24.07; Tracy Robertson 29.07.2021; Anne Laura MacNeil (BDay Ann 27.07.1976); Ronnie MacPhee (BDay 27.07.1967); Marie McGurk; Danny MacEachen; Peter Gillies 12.07; Robert Purcell; Patricia Doherty; Patrick Morrison; ..... Eternal rest...



HEATING&LIGHTING: In memory of Niamh Henderson



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

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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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

30th July 2023

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: Patricia Doherty RIP

Sunday 10am: Robert Purcell RIP Sunday 11.30am: Derek MacMillan 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:

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

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

**UNEXPECTED VISITOR:** It was lovely to meet Fr Sandro Tomasevic last weekend. An unexpected doorbell got me up on Saturday only to meet a Franciscan who lives in Bethlehem. I was glad to have a pot of mince which we shared over dinner. He was visiting Scotland with his parents and celebrated Mass with them in Morar early last Sunday.

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

**BIRTHDAY COMING:** Big Happy Birthday for Helen Kennedy on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Many Blessings!

**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.

**BOILER SERVICE:** Last week we carried out our regular boiler maintenance. Ryan Andrews performed the inspection on all the boilers. Few wear & tear things to do. Morar Church boiler is still not operational, but we are going to give it a try to have it as a backup to existing heat pumps.

**ARISAIG FENCE:** Hughie and Anne are going to do some work to replace all posts and help with the overgrown vegetation. Along with Donald MacEachen, Lilian MacDonald and Sister Maria Edith they have been indispensable in maintaining the outdoors.

**HYMN DEVICE:** We needed to send it back for some repairs, but we will continue its use once we have it back. Organists are still very much needed in our area. I keep praying that someone for

someone 😊

**MAINTENANCE IN MALLAIG:** Some work will need to be carried out to make sure we do not have any problems this winter. Douglas MacKellaig has kindly agreed to look into things and help organise things.

**MACINTOSH CENTRE:** I was saddened to read about temporary closure of our Care Home. I have found it to be a great comfort to all the people residing there, to be close to their friends and relatives, and be in a familiar environment. I am going to miss our parishioners there that have been giving me great Spiritual Support during my regular visits. I do hope to see them back and have the facility back in use.

### **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

23 July 2023

*"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50)*

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier

descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history.

Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* FRANCIS

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