

**Parish Services**

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY:** Scott Greenlees 19.09; Colin Buchanan 29.09; Mairead MacDonald 01.10 ..... *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 (18<sup>th</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> September)**

**Monday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Margaret Chisholm RIP*

**Tuesday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Colin Stephen RIP*

**Wednesday, Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions** \_\_\_\_\_ Mallaig, 10am  
*Elaine MacKay RIP*

**Thursday, St Matthew** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*Susan MacDonald RIP*

**Friday,** \_\_\_\_\_ Morar, 10am  
*Cathie and Joe Duffy RIP*

**Saturday, St Padre Pio** \_\_\_\_\_ Arisaig, 10am  
*John MacDonald RIP*

**SUNDAY MASSES 23<sup>rd</sup> September / 24<sup>th</sup> September (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A)**

**Saturday-Vigil** ..... **Morar: 6pm**  
*Kirsty MacDonald RIP*

**Sunday**..... **Arisaig: 10am**  
*Ulrich Visschers RIP*

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

**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:**

10.09 .....£307.00 (incl. Gift Aid £118.00)  
 ESF .....£296.00 (incl. Gift Aid £105.00)

**Arisaig:**

10.09 .....£225.60 (incl. Gift Aid £67.00)  
 ESP .....£189.10 (incl. Gift Aid £30.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT



**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Dougie MacDougall (Birth Ann) 15.09; Patrick MacDonald (Kinsadel) 08.09.1958; Margaret Chisholm 15.09.1997; Patrick Rodden 20.09.1980; Colin Stephen; John Paul Houston; Susan MacDonald; John MacDonald (Gorten) 10.09; Christina MacEachen 24.08; Ulrich Visschers 24.09; Kirsty MacDonald; Anne O’Donoghue 14.09.

*Eternal rest...*



**HEATING&LIGHTING:**



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**Parish website:** [www.catholicroughbounds.org](http://www.catholicroughbounds.org) // **Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds](http://www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds)  
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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**



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

*Mass Intentions:*

**Saturday-Vigil Mass:** Kirsty MacDonald RIP  
**Sunday 10am:** Blessings for Helen Kennedy **Sunday 11.30am:** Dougie MacDougall 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:

30<sup>th</sup> September / 1<sup>st</sup> October for Parish Maintenance. Please use Gift Aid Envelopes.

21<sup>st</sup> October / 22<sup>nd</sup> October for Missio Scotland. DO NOT use Gift Aid Envelopes.

**OLD ARISAIG GRAVEYARD APPEAL:** For quite some time now, I have been truly saddened by the condition of the old chapel as well as the graveyard and hoping that in my time here I will have an opportunity to do something about it. Last weekend, I had a surveyor having a proper look at what and how it can be tidied up. I hope that together we found a good solution and would be able to soon begin this big restoration of the grounds project, estimated at a cost of £5000.00. I was able to put some money aside from the income we have from properties, but I would like to also make this special appeal to you. I know that many of you have families buried in the Old Graveyard and would like to see it again well looked after. If you would like to make a contribution toward the project, I would like to invite you to do so. I hope to finalise the works, involving, cutting trees, disposing of old materials and tidying the area. Works will be carried by a licensed workers and I hope will be finalised by November – month of Holy Souls. Please, share this information among friends and relations who might also wish to contribute toward the project. There are donation envelopes available at the back of Arisaig Church.

**WATER SEALER:** We continue to struggle with the leaks in the Chapel House in Arisaig, over 2 days last week, I was able to apply water sealer for the wall facing the water. Hopefully, this measure will help in locating the source of the problem. Many thanks to Michael Currie and Anne MacDonald for holding the ladder for me.

**PAINTING OF THE CHURCH:** We are aiming for end of November/beginning of December to have the Church painted in Arisaig. It would be lovely to have it ready for Christmas. During the works, Church will remain temporarily closed with Sunday Masses celebrated in Morar instead.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Congratulations to Alistair MacKay Celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> September. He received his Papal Blessing at home. Ad multos annos!

**MASS ON CANNA:** Bishop McGee plans to visit the island on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES:** Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> September, I will be away on my annual leave, visiting my parents in Poland and taking some time off by myself. Fr Jaroslaw Kwiecien will be providing cover, arriving with his cat to Kilmory on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Fr Jarek is the latest priest joining our diocese and has kindly agreed to provide this vital supply. In my absence, he will celebrate daily masses (without streaming) as per our usual rota. He will be using my car, so make sure you do not confuse him with me in case he gets caught speeding! If you would like Fr Jarek to celebrate Masses in your intentions, you can ask him in person but if you want them to be included on the schedule in the last Parish Newsletter before my departure, please make sure you deliver them to me no later than Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. I will pass on all your intentions and offerings to Fr Jarek. I am sure we will provide him with a warm welcome and I am planning to return around 20<sup>th</sup> October. All calls from Morar will be diverted to Kilmory but you will also be able to reach Fr Jarek under 01687450629.

**ADVENT RETREAT:** I know we are still a long way from Advent, but I wanted to inform you that beginning this year, we will be holding Parish Retreats in preparation for Christmas. This is part of our Spiritual Renewal efforts in the Parish, to follow the guidance from Led by the Spirit. I was able to invite Fr Bernard Fox, a Mill Hill Father and Sister Sally Hyland to lead us in prayer. Our Retreat will take 3 days 12-14 December and will be filled with Spiritual Talks and Guidance for Parishioners. Our Retreat will have one of the most renowned preachers in Britain among Christian Communities! Mark the dates 😊

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

## Marseille prays novena ahead of Pope's visit for Mediterranean Meetings

Catholics in the French city of Marseille begin a novena to ask Our Lady to watch over the upcoming Mediterranean Meetings, which Pope Francis will conclude on 23 September.

**By Delphine Allaire (VaticanNews)**

A nine-day devotion was launched in Marseille on Friday, 8 September, to pray for peace in the Mediterranean as the French Archdiocese prepares to welcome Pope Francis on 22-23 September. The novena began on the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, a feast shared by the Eastern and Western Churches, ahead of the **Mediterranean Meetings "Méditerranée, mosaïque d'espérance"**. Cardinal Jean-Marc Aveline, Archbishop of Marseille, celebrated Mass in Marseille's Sainte-Marie-Majeure Cathedral, in the presence of the city's mayor. In his homily on Friday, the Cardinal urged the faithful to "put ourselves at the service of all, so that on the fault lines that are today cracking the Mediterranean space, and which affect so many people, the poor, the underprivileged or migrants, we help to make the smile of fraternity blossom on the coldness of the world."

The novena of preparation will conclude with a torchlight procession and a Marian prayer at Notre-Dame de la Garde on Saturday, 16 September, opening the week of the Mediterranean Meetings.

## Nazareth, Harissa, Malta and Lampedusa in communion

In an interview with Vatican News, the rector of the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde, Father Olivier Spinosa, spoke about the goals of the novena. "This novena is a request to the Holy Spirit to ensure that these Meetings can truly bear all their spiritual fruit. We often think of material preparation, forgetting the preparation of minds and hearts, which must be made available," he said. The meeting will see 70 bishops and 70 young people participated from the five shores of the Mediterranean, and will be concluded by Pope Francis on 23 September at the Palais du Pharo. In the runup to the event, organizers are seeking to highlight the Marian devotion practiced in every corner of the Mediterranean basin. Each day, a sanctuary is associated with the prayer: from the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth to Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa, Our Lady of Africa in Algiers, Our Lady of Porto Salvo in Lampedusa, not forgetting Our Lady of Good Counsel in Albania or the Ta' Pinu de Gharb sanctuary in Malta, visited by the Pope in April 2022.

## Sanctuaries: a discreet presence

The current spiritual challenge is to contribute "to this civilization of love, which must be expressed in a particular way in the Mediterranean", observes Fr. Spinosa, emphasizing the particularity of the Marian sanctuaries bordering this sea. They are the sign of a certain "conviviality, hospitality and mutual understanding". "The sanctuaries of the Mediterranean are places where people of different faiths very often entrust themselves to the Virgin Mary, to recharge their batteries and gain perspective on their existence," he noted. An exhibition on this theme, entitled "Ave Maria-A Pilgrimage in the Mediterranean", will be on display at the Notre-Dame de la Garde museum from 16 September until January 2024.

The Marian sanctuaries reflect "the availability of the heart, listening to God's will", through this discreet Marian presence at the events of Christ's life, added Fr. Spinosa, for whom sanctuaries have precisely "this role of discreet presence, listening and prayer". "Peace will come to the Mediterranean if we trust in God's action," he said.

## A strong, outward-looking, local identity

Open to everyone's distress, overlooking the sea, Notre Dame "guards" Marseille. Built on a hill 160 meters above sea level, the sanctuary has the singularity of being both a very local place, welcoming the devotion of the people of Marseille to the one they like to call the "Good Mother", since the time of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and a universal place. This latter aspect has been tangible since the 18th century, when missionaries prayed here before setting sail for the furthest corners of the globe. Fr. Spinosa, who will welcome Pope Francis to Notre-Dame de la Garde on 22 September for a Marian prayer for sailors and migrants who have died at sea - the sanctuary's other apostolate - is convinced that the Virgin Mary will "guard" these Mediterranean Encounters. "We need to be guarded from everything that dehumanizes us, from everything that prevents us from loving God and our brothers and sisters. Protection doesn't mean that nothing should happen to us, but rather that, in the midst of crises, we are guarded, protected and confirmed in the faith. With extreme congruence," said Fr. Spinosa. "This is precisely what Peter's successor comes to do. To confirm us in our faith and in our desire to be attentive to every human being."

