

Parish Services

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 (8th January– 14th January)

Monday, The Baptism of the Lord	Morar, 10am
	<i>Leonardo Iozzi RIP</i>
Tuesday,	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Sam McColl RIP</i>
Wednesday,	Mallaig, 10am
	<i>John McPhee RIP</i>
Thursday,	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>John McPhee RIP</i>
Friday,	Morar, 10am
	<i>Blessings for Helen McDonell</i>
Saturday, Saint Kentigern (Mungo)	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>May Smith RIP</i>

SUNDAY MASSES 13th January / 14th January (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – B)

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

Andrew Gallagher RIP

Sunday**Arisaig: 10am**

John Menzies RIP

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

Mandy and Tom Swaney RIP

HOUSEBOUND VISITS: 1st Week (Arisaig); 2nd Week (Morar); 3rd Week (Mallaig)

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:	
31.12	£252.00 (incl. Gift Aid £97.00)
Arisaig:	
24.12	£192.00 (incl. Gift Aid £45.00)
Christmas	£507.90 (incl. Gift Aid £40.00)
31.12	£216.60 (incl. Gift Aid £74.60)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Angus MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 27.12; Irene MacKellaig 28.12; Bella MacLellan (Seaview); Mandy and Tom Swaney 07.01.2002; Brian Naughten 23.12.2023; Isa Connor 27.12.2023; Isa Dempster (died recently); Catherine Dempster (died recently); *Eternal rest...*



HEATING&LIGHTING: In Memory of Elizabeth MacDonald



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 Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/catholicroughbounds
 Liturgical Calendar texts taken from Universalis® or New Advent Encyclopaedia unless stipulated otherwise.

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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



The Epiphany (B)

7th January 2024

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass: *Irene MacKellaig RIP*

Sunday 10am: *Angus MacDonald RIP* Sunday 11.30am: *Blessings for Jean*

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:

- Christmastide Crib Collection – Holy Childhood. **DO NOT** use Gift Aid Envelopes. Taken at the Crib Baskets only.

THIS SUNDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE AT THE CRIB

- 6th January / 7th January for Justice and Peace. **DO NOT** use Gift Aid Envelopes.
- 20th January / 21th Parish Maintenance. **REMEMBER TO USE** Gift Aid Envelopes.

STORM: Recent bad weather has caused some problems in the Club Room and the Chapel House. Slates have fallen and rather a large leak needs to be tackled. Many thanks to Lilian who was able to organise Ronnie Campbell on short notice to have a look at the roof. John MacKay promised to fix the problem in the Club Room. I am grateful for helping in an emergency situation.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Just to remind you, our Newsletter deadline for inserts is always at midday on Thursday. We have quite a few readers outside the Parishes and it gives them enough time to receive it before the weekend.=

CHRISTMAS BREAK: I was recently asked about why I am not taking a break after a busy Christmas period like other priests. I am not sure if the question was out of concern for me needing a break from the Parishes or the Parishes needing a break from me. As they say one does not necessarily exclude the other. The reason for delaying my break are of course various activities, including managing guests over the New Year period. Shortage of supply priests is another reason. Canon MacLean in Stornaway had Communion Services over the last weekend (no Masses!). A day may come when we might have to think about it but for the time being, I am reluctant to leave the Parishes without proper cover in place. This is why I will be taking my break between 14th February – 8th March. I will be taking a Lenten Retreat in a Benedictine Convent, as well as visiting Fr Pawel in Austria and getting some sunshine. Upon my return of course Easter will come soon enough and Tourist Season will start. During my absence, Fr Rafal Sobieszuk from Motherwell Diocese has agreed to provide cover.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: Once again many thanks to all our volunteers who help with the Christmas Decorations and Cribs which will now be removed from our Churches.

ISA DEMPSTER RIP: Sad news came from Ballachulish. Isa passed away in the Care Home and will be buried from St. Mary's. It was even more sad to hear of her sister Catherine's passing too. We offer our prayers for the family.

Pope's January prayer intention: For gift of diversity in the Church

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January, and invites Christians to embrace the diversity of charisms in the Church as a richness.

By Devin Watkins "Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church." As the new year got underway, Pope Francis released a video to accompany his prayer intention for the month of January 2024, during which Christians celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on 18-25 January. In the video, the Pope urged Christians to unite our prayers to his "for the gift of diversity in the Church," since diversity is an opportunity to "rejoice". He noted that diversity and unity were already present in the early Christian communities, adding that the tension brought about by diversity "had to be resolved on a higher level." Gift of God for the Church However, said the Pope, diversity in the Church includes our brothers and sisters of different Christian confessions. "To move forward on the journey of faith, we also need ecumenical dialogue with our brothers and sisters of other confessions and Christian communities," he said. "This is not something confusing or disturbing, but is a gift God gives to the Christian community so it might grow as one body, the Body of Christ." Pope Francis offered the example of the diversity of rites within the Eastern Churches that are in communion with Rome. "They have their own traditions, their own characteristic liturgical rites, yet they maintain the unity of the faith," he said. "They strengthen it, not divide it." United by the Holy Spirit In conclusion, the Holy Father recalled that all Christian unity comes to us as a gift of the Holy Spirit. "If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, and diversity never cause conflict," he said. "The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God – everyone equal in God's love, and everyone different." "Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church." Cross as symbol of Christian unity in diversity The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, which produces each month's The Pope Video, released a press statement to accompany the Holy Father's intention. It noted that the Cross represents the common thread of this month's video, describing it as a symbol of unity and diversity. "It is much more than an object of devotion," read the communique. "In short, it is the mystery of love under which all Christians stand, regardless of their confession, tradition, and rite." 02 January 2024, 16:00

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