

Parish Services _____

Weekday Services (15th April – 20th April)

Monday, Annunciation of the Lord Morar, 10am
Rita Thomas RIP

Tuesday, Arisaig, 10am
Ann MacKinnon RIP

Wednesday, St Donnan Mallaig, 10am
Catherine MacDonald RIP

Thursday, Mass on Eigg
Ann MacKinnon RIP

Friday, Morar, 10am
Niamh Henderson RIP

Saturday, no Mass

Sunday Masses 20th / 21st April (4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – B)

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

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**

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

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

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/Mallaig:
07.04 £292.00 (incl. Gift Aid £137.00)
SCIAF £139.00

Arisaig:
07.04 £251.40 (incl. Gift Aid £56.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Tony MacDonald 06.04; Niamh Henderson 13.04.2017; Caroline Currie 17.04.1992; Hugh Rodden 14.03; Donald Kennedy 27.03; Janina Krasucka 14.04; Catherine MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 18.04; Ann MacKinnon; Marie MacLeod 24.04; Ian MacDonald 17.04; Mary (Cameron) White (died recently); Fr Roddy Johnstone; Canon Andrew

Monaghan; *Eternal rest...*



HEATING&LIGHTING:

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Parish website: www.catholicroughbounds.org // Facebook Page: 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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

14th April 2024

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm: *Niamh Henderson RIP*
Sunday 10am: *Hugh Rodden RIP* **Sunday 11.30am:** *Donald Kennedy 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:

- 13th April / 14th April – Parish Maintenance. **REMEMBER TO USE** Gift Aid Envelopes.
- 11th May / 12th May – Parish Maintenance. **REMEMBER TO USE** Gift Aid Envelopes.

DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR SCIAF WEE BOXES. IF YOU MISSED IT, YOU NEED TO SEND IT DIRECTLY TO SCIAF

BISHOP MCGEE: Will be visiting the Parishes over the weekend 20/21st April. I am sure he will receive a warm welcome. Thank you for inviting him to dinner on Saturday night. He will be staying at Kilmory. I will be away for the weekend so there will be no morning Mass on Saturday.

FR MARTIN CHAMBERS: Sad news for the Church in Scotland. Bishop-Elect of Dunkeld Diocese passed away on the 10th April. I knew Fr Martin and he was a true pastor and a wonderful missionary. He will be missed.

REPAIRS: My thanks again to John, Hughie, Anne and Lilian for their help with the grounds in Arisaig, as well as Donald and Tommy with the upcoming grass cutting.

ST. DONNAN OF EIGG: I will be celebrating Mass on Eigg on Thursday, which fall on the day after St Donnan's Feast Day. We pray for the islanders there and ask the help of St Donnan for them and their families.

ELECTRICIAN: Chris Rice will be with us this Wednesday to make sure all the electricals are safe as part of our routine Health and Safety Maintenance.

GRASS IN MORAR AND MALLAIG: My thanks to Duncan and Michael for their help with grass cutting. With upcoming season, I am doing what I can to help out in Morar with the grass but if we have a volunteer who would like to be part of the Rota on regular basis, it will assist me a lot. I usually do it once a week. Please speak to me if you can volunteer – so far no one else has volunteered.

EASTER HAMPER: Our Easter Hamper has raised £125.00. Thank you for your generosity. Congratulations to Francis Buchan who won the Raffle.

GIFT AID: It will be a busy week trying to sort out the claims for last tax year. Thank you to all our Parishioners for using Gift Aid.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page

NEW VATICAN DOCUMENT AVAILABLE ON WWW.VATICAN.VA:

During the *Congresso* of 15 March 2019, the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith decided to commence "the drafting of a text highlighting the indispensable nature of the dignity of the human person in Christian anthropology and illustrating the significance and beneficial implications of the concept in the social, political, and economic realms—while also taking into account the latest developments on the subject in academia and the ambivalent ways in which the concept is understood today." An initial draft of the text was prepared with the help of some experts in 2019 but a *Consulta Ristretta* of the Congregation, convened on 8 October of the same year, found it to be unsatisfactory.

The Doctrinal Office then prepared another draft *ex novo*, based on the contribution of various experts, which was presented and discussed in a *Consulta Ristretta* held on 4 October 2021. In January 2022, the new draft was presented during the Plenary Session of the Congregation, during which the Members took steps to shorten and simplify the text.

Following this, on 6 February 2023, the amended version of the new draft was reviewed by a *Consulta Ristretta*, which proposed some additional modifications. An updated version was then submitted for the Members' consideration during the Ordinary Session of the Dicastery (*Feria IV*) on 3 May 2023, where Members agreed that the document, with some adjustments, could be published. Subsequently, Pope Francis approved the deliberations of that session during the Audience granted to me on 13 November 2023. On this occasion, he also asked that the document highlight topics closely connected to the theme of dignity, such as poverty, the situation of migrants, violence against women, human trafficking, war, and other themes. To honor the Holy Father's directions, the Doctrinal Section of the Dicastery dedicated a *Congresso* to an in-depth study of the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, which offers an original analysis and further consideration of the theme of human dignity "beyond all circumstances."

On 2 February 2024, a new and significantly modified version of this text was sent to the Members of the Dicastery ahead of the Ordinary Session (*Feria IV*) on 28 February 2024. The letter accompanying the draft included the following clarification: "This additional drafting was necessary to meet a specific request of the Holy Father: namely, he explicitly urged that more attention be given to the grave violations of human dignity in our time, particularly in light of the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. With this, the Doctrinal Office took steps to reduce the initial part [...] and to develop in greater detail what the Holy Father indicated." The text of the current Declaration was finally approved during the above-mentioned *Feria IV* of 28 February 2024. Then, in the Audience granted to me and to Monsignor Armando Matteo, Secretary of the Doctrinal Section, on 25 March 2024, the Holy Father approved this Declaration and ordered its publication.

The five-year course of the text's preparation helps us to understand that the document before us reflects the gravity and centrality of the theme of dignity in Christian thought. The text required a considerable process of maturation to arrive at the final version that we have published today. In its initial three sections, the Declaration recalls fundamental principles and theoretical premises, with the goal of offering important clarifications that can help avoid frequent confusion that surrounds the use of the term "dignity." The fourth section presents some current and problematic situations in which the immense and inalienable dignity due to every human being is not sufficiently recognized. The Church sees the condemnation of these grave and current violations of human dignity as a necessary measure, for she sustains the deep conviction that we cannot separate faith from the defense of human dignity, evangelization from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being.

This dignity of every human being can be understood as "infinite" (*dignitas infinita*), as Pope St. John Paul II affirmed in a meeting for people living with various limitations or disabilities. [1] He said this to show how human dignity transcends all outward appearances and specific aspects of people's lives.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis wanted to underscore that this dignity exists "beyond all circumstances." With this, he summoned all people to defend human dignity in every cultural context and every moment of human existence, regardless of physical, psychological, social, or even moral deficiencies. The Declaration strives to show that this is a universal truth that we are all called to recognize as a fundamental condition for our societies to be truly just, peaceful, healthy, and authentically human.

Although not comprehensive, the topics discussed in this Declaration are selected to illuminate different facets of human dignity that might be obscured in many people's consciousness. Some topics may resonate more with some sectors of society than others. Nevertheless, all of them strike us as being necessary because, taken together, they help us recognize the harmony and richness of the thought about human dignity that flows from the Gospel.

This Declaration does not set out to exhaust such a rich and crucial subject. Instead, its aim is to offer some points for reflection that can help us maintain an awareness of human dignity amid the complex historical moment in which we are living. This is so that we may not lose our way and open ourselves up to more wounds and profound sufferings amid the numerous concerns and anxieties of our time.

Victor Manuel Card. Fernández, *Prefect*