

#Parish Services

Weekday Services (2nd December – 7th December)

Monday, Morar, 10am
Elaine MacKay and Helen MacDonald RIP

Tuesday, no Mass

Wednesday, Mallaig, 10am
Fr Henry Doherty RIP

Thursday, Arisaig, 10am
Nan and Michael McDonagh RIP

Friday, Morar, 10am
Fr John Angus MacDonald RIP

Saturday, St Andrew Arisaig, 10am

Donor's Intention

Sunday Masses 7th December/ 8th December 2nd

Sunday of Advent (C)

Saturday-Vigil Morar: 6pm
Jean and Tommy Ewart RIP

Sunday Arisaig: 10am
Helen MacDonald RIP

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

Wedding Blessings for Jenna and Ryan

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:
 24.11 £244.00 (incl. Gift Aid £130.00)
Arisaig:
 24.11 £324.00 (incl. Gift Aid £56.00)



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

HEATING&LIGHTING:

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Peter Gillies 02.12 (BDay Ann); Jack and Mona MacLellan 03.12; John Gillies (Mallaig) 02/12/1977; Elizabeth MacDonald

Eternal rest...

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

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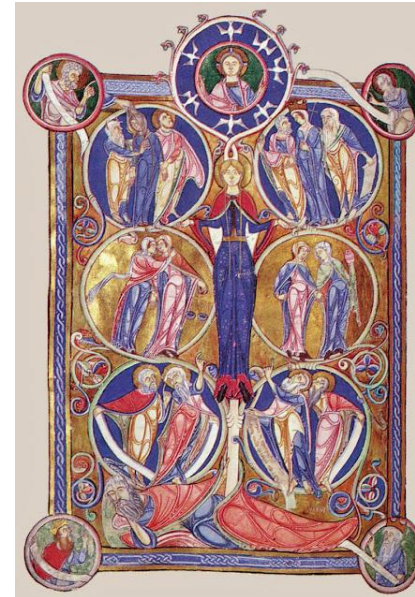
Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg
 Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar
 St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

1st December 2024

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *November List*
 Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Robin Ainsley Kern RIP*
 Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Vera MacDonald RIP*



VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors!

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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:

- 30th November / 1st December – PARISH MAINTENANCE. **USE** Parish Gift Aid Envelopes (if you run out, use an ordinary envelope and mark with your number).

- Christmas Crib Collection

NEW LECTIONARIES: This weekend, we will begin using the New Lectionaries, which we blessed over the last weekend. Special thanks to all the Donors as well as Dawn MacPhie, who helped with the dedication cards in Morar and Mallaig.

ADVENT WREATHS: Special thanks to Lilian Young and Peggy Milligan for preparing the Advent Wreaths this Year.

ADVENT RETREAT: Fr John Eagers will lead us in prayer this year. Our Retreat will take 3 days 9th – 12th 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 😊

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Anne has prepared a lovely hamper in Arisaig. Raffle tickets are available at the back.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Many thanks to Rita for organising a wide variety of Christmas Cards. Boxes are priced for £5 for either 12-pack or 18-pack. There are also so individuals so please, treat the box as 1 item only.

GRANT APPLICATION: Lack of proper toilet facilities in Morar has always been an issue so I will be looking to apply for a Grant to convert the existing Boiler Room into a disabled toilet space. We will not know until the end of the year at the earliest to see if the application is successful but hopefully will improve the situation in the future. Grant can only be submitted by communities in Morar area.

BINGO NIGHT: It looks like our Bingo will not take place until early next year so not to clash with other events in the area. We are looking for Raffle Prizes. Prizes will be collected in Mallaig Vestry, and you can get in touch with Maureen MacNeil to arrange collections if necessary or drop them off in the Chapel House. We are very grateful to Sine and Gavin for the use of the West Highland Hotel.

YEAR OF HOPE: Bishop McGee has asked me to coordinate the Year of Hope in the Diocese. This will involve some extra work and travel. I am looking to organise a Pilgrimage to Rome around September 2025. In preparation for the Year, I have scheduled the Papal Document to be accompanying us on Parish Facebook in preparation for the Year.

NEW SYMBOL: Vatican has released the above for the upcoming Jubilee Year.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page

By Phoebe Martel from VaticanNews



Starting this Christmas Eve, the Eternal City will open its gates to an estimated 35 million pilgrims for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. The Catholic Holy Year ordinarily occurs once every 25 years, and the Jubilee is a chance for the faithful to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and have their sins remitted. The Pope grants plenary indulgence to Jubilee pilgrims on December 24, with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. The upcoming Jubilee follows 2024's Year of Prayer, which Pope Francis declared as a preparatory period for personal meditations on God and the Catholic vocation. This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope, chosen to promote peacebuilding in a world threatened by climate change and ongoing wars.

Steve Kerekes is the founder of WorldYouthDay.com and JMJ Pilgrimages, which organizes Jubilee itineraries for young Catholic students and parishioners in half a dozen countries. These youth pilgrimages are structured around visits to key sites like the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Appia Way catacombs, culminating in an audience with Pope Francis at Tor Vergata. For Kerekes, making a pilgrimage is vital to faith education, allowing for an ultimate close encounter with God that young people may not be able to access at home. "Young people may be searching even more for the fundamental truths of the faith, and we teach them how to do that on pilgrimage," Kerekes said. "Leaving their country behind is very important to free all the clutter and open them up to the grace of God." Kerekes sees the pilgrimage as an act of love, allowing faithful youth to replenish their spiritual wells so they can become forces for grace and mercy in contemporary culture. "Living in the turmoil of the world you were meant to live in for your salvation – this is what God has chosen for you," he said. "So I tell young people, don't be afraid to give Him everything."

At Saint Patrick's American Parish in Rome, preparations are underway to welcome a 2025 influx of Anglophone tourists. Along with Americans, Saint Patrick's welcomes regulars from Australia, Kenya, Ghana, and Singapore. The church will expand its opening hours, along with providing a revised edition of its pilgrim guide from the last Jubilee in 2000. The pamphlet will provide practical advice and spiritual guidance about what it means to be a pilgrim, particularly for those not already travelling with a tour group or home diocese. Rector Fr. Matt Berrios, a Paulist priest originally from the United States, understands the pilgrimage as a chance to deepen their relationship with God through sensory experience and historical understanding. "When you come to Rome, especially to these pilgrimage spaces that are marvellous examples of the art and spirituality of their own time, you see different examples of the images people cling on to," Father Berrios said. "Sometimes art, poetry and music are the best tools we have to express the definitional aspects of our faith." Reflecting on the theme of hope, Father Berrios pinpointed Catholic spirituality as one that calls on adherents to "be the light of the world," harnessing their faith for the greater good. "Our calling is about being a beacon of hope, not just journeying towards something for which we long," he said. "Hope is, in part, defined by something outside of ourselves. In many ways, the Christian vocation is light, and you don't light a lamp to put it under a basket."

At its core, the Jubilee is a chance for the global Church to renew its commitment to being a life-restoring force on a fractured, war-torn planet. The word 'Jubilee' derives from the Hebrew *jobel*, a ram's horn blown to proclaim a yearlong period in which farmers left fields to rest and recover. 1300 years after the first Catholic Jubilee year, the Holy Year remains a dedicated time and space where pilgrims can contemplate how to best care for life on Earth. In a world that centres productivity and individualism, the Jubilee gestures towards a more communal and sustainable way of living. "Pilgrimage is a space where you reinforce this idea of coming together so that when you go back home, you really take something new with you," says Filomeno Lopez, a writer and theologian from Guinea Bissau. "This is especially true for us Africans because we know that the most important part of life is togetherness." The act of a long and strenuous pilgrimage, too, is one Mr. Lopez says is integral to instilling empathy for the migrant experience. In Mr. Lopez's view, Christ himself came to Earth as a migrant from the heavens, and the human experience itself is an amalgamation of temporary journeys and quests for salvation. Thus, we are all guests in the natural world, and it is up to us to honour its sanctity. "The nature of a human being is to be a pilgrim," he said. "Jubilee is a period to stop for a while and think about what is really needed in life. As a pilgrim, we are here for such a short period. Before I leave, what can I leave to others?"