

Parish Services

Weekday Services (16<sup>th</sup> December – 21<sup>st</sup> December)

<b>Monday</b> ,.....	Morar, 10am
	<i>Nathan Ritchie and Alistair MacLean RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> , .....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Marie Fitzpatrick RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> ,.....	Mallaig, 10am
	<i>Blessings for Gus and Nicky</i>
<b>Thursday</b> ,.....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Blessings for Jan</i>
<b>Friday</b> ,.....	Morar, 10am
	<i>Angie MacDonald RIP</i>
<b>Saturday</b> ,.....	Arisaig, 10am
	<i>Jean Carty</i>

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS 2024**

24th December - CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS:  
7 pm, Tuesday – St. Patrick's, Mallaig

25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:  
11 am, Wednesday – St. Mary's, Arisaig

**Sunday Masses 21<sup>st</sup> December/ 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

Saturday-Vigil.....	<b>Morar: 6pm</b>
	<i>Mary Theresa MacDonald RIP</i>
Sunday.....	<b>Arisaig: 10am</b>
	<i>Shelagh Eddie RIP</i>
Sunday,.....	<b>Mallaig: 11.30am</b>

HOUSEBOUND USUALLY: (1<sup>st</sup> Week – Arisaig; 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Morar; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
08.12 .....	£189.00 (incl. Gift Aid £76.00)
<b>Arisaig:</b>	
08.12 .....	£248.00 (incl. Gift Aid £91.00)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!



**HEATING&LIGHTING: Elizabeth MacDonald RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Donald John Dempster; Elizabeth MacDonald; Jessie Ann MacDonald 23.12; Angus MacDonald; Nathan Ritchie; Alistair MacLean; Monsignor Alistair Lawson (83), 15/11/24; Canon John Urquhart (90), 30/11/24; Jean Carty; Mary and Sandy MacLellan 16.12; Jessie Anne MacDonald 20.12; Shelagh Eddie; Mary Theresa MacDonald.

*Eternal rest...*

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

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *Vera MacDonald RIP*  
Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Sandy MacDonald RIP*  
Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Thomas Simmonds and Bill Simmonds 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:

- Christmas Crib Collection in December
- 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY / 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – JUSTICE AND PEACE. **DO NOT** USE Parish Gift Aid Envelopes.
- 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY / 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – PARISH MAINTENANCE. **USE** Parish Gift Aid Envelopes (if you run out, use an ordinary envelope and mark with your number).

**ADVENT RETREAT:** It was lovely to have Fr John with us and be enriched by his Spiritual leadership. I hope you enjoyed the Retreat this year and look forward to next year's guest speaker. As was customary, I have written a cheque for Fr John's Stipend, which covers travel and work (yes, it takes a lot of time and effort to prepare conferences and classes!). Fr John refused to accept any payment and asked for the stipend to be sent to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland).

**MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS:** There will be a group practice at 7pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in St. Patrick's Church, Mallaig, for anyone who would like to help lead the singing at Mass of Christmas Night in Mallaig and Mass of Christmas Day. We need your voice!

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** My parents will be flying into Glasgow on Thursday and my sister on Saturday. It will be lovely to share Christmas joy with them. Other than my dad's Birthday, my parents will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Morar.

**REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS:** Ronnie Campbell should be attending the Church Roof in Arisaig shortly to fix the slates. John has done an excellent job with new lead edge and wall fixings to the Chapel House. I hope this will be the end of my weeping wall problem which has been causing me a lot of anxiety. Anne and Hughie tidied up the entrance to the Chapel House as well. We have bookings for Christmas and New Year so hopefully this will help.

**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.

**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.

## Pope entrusts Syria to the intercession of Mary

*On the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Pope prays for a solution in Syria that "responsibly promotes the stability and unity of the country."*

**By Kielce Gussie**

In the wake of an escalation of violence in Syria and the fall of the Assad regime, Pope Francis said he follows "every day what is happening" in the country. During his weekly General Audience, he spoke of the "delicate moment" in the country's history and prayed for peace and security for its people.

### A prayer for peace

As many Syrians living abroad return home and reunite with their families, the Pope stressed his desire that "a political solution may be reached that, without further conflicts or divisions, responsibly promotes the stability and unity of the country."

Pope Francis entrusted the Syrian people to the Virgin Mary on the day before the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He prayed that through her intercession, they "may live in peace and security in their beloved land." He also asked for her intercession that the various religious groups—70% Sunni Muslim, 13% Shia Muslim, and about 2% Christian—living in Syria "may walk together in friendship and mutual respect for the good of the nation."

### A new transition

In just two weeks, the main rebel group in Syria, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), took control of some of the main cities and of the capital, Damascus, and named a new prime minister to lead the transitional government following the fall of the 13-year-long Bashar al-Assad regime and ending the five-decade dynasty of the Assad family. In the meantime, the Israeli Defense Forces announced it launched more than 350 airstrikes in 48 hours, targeting Syria's "most strategic weapons stockpiles."

### Remembering those living in war

Pope Francis also remembered war-torn Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar and once again encouraged everyone to pray for peace around the world. "Let us pray that a way out may be found," he urged, so that "peace may return" in the world.

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