

Parish Services

Weekday Services (23rd December – 28th December)

Monday,Morar, 10am

Jessie Ann MacDonald RIP

Tuesday, **MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT** Mallaig, 7pm

Ian MacDonald RIP

Wednesday, **MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY**Arisaig, 11am

Blessings for Barbara and Jan

Thursday,Arisaig, 10am

May MacDonald RIP

Friday,Morar, 10am

Pat Macdonald RIP

Saturday,Arisaig, 10am

Donnie and Ishbel MacLellan RIP

Sunday Masses 28th December/ 29th December **Holy Family Sunday(C)**

Saturday-Vigil **Morar: 6pm**

Niamh Henderson RIP

Sunday **Arisaig: 10am**

For the McGeough Family

Sunday, **Mallaig: 11.30am**

Duncan McDonell RIP

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

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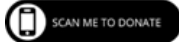
COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

15.12 £252.00 (incl. Gift Aid £127.00)

Arisaig:

15.12 £220.00 (incl. Gift Aid £76.00)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

HEATING & LIGHTING:

Elizabeth MacDonald RIP

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Marie MacLeod; Donnie and Ishbel MacLellan 26.11; Jack and Mona MacLellan 03.12; Susan MacLellan 13.12; Mary and Sandy MacLellan 16.12; Isa Connor; Bryan Naughton; May MacDonald; Pat MacDonald; Niamh Henderson; Duncan McDonell; Donald MacNeil 27.12.2010; Anne Laura MacNeil 27.07.2005; Irene MacKellaig 28.12; Dougie and Leisha MacKellaig, Vera and Ronnie MacDonald; Michael Leonard; Lucinda Mackay; MacKenzie Sisters: Margaret, Mary, Joan, Jessica.

..... *Eternal rest...*

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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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

22nd December 2024

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *Mary Theresa MacDonald RIP*

Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Shelagh Eddie RIP*

Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Blessings for Barbara and Jan from Helen*

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.

CHRISTMAS (C)

25th December 2024

Mass Intentions:

Mass of Christmas Night in Mallaig at 7pm (Mass Booklet pages 2-8): *Ian (the Land) MacDonald RIP*

Mass of Christmas Day in Arisaig at 11am (Mass Booklet pages 9-15): *Blessings for Barbara and Jan*

Christmas Wishes



This is my Christmas card to all the parishioners and all the friends of the parishes, near and far.

I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes, your cards and gifts. God bless you all! My parents, my sister and my brother-in-law also wanted me to pass on their best wishes!

Our sincere thanks to all who help make our Christmas Masses so special: our organist and cantors, readers and Eucharistic ministers, our sacristans and pass keepers, and the young servers. We thank those who prepared and decorated our churches and all who donated to the flower displays.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

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

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH IN MALLAIG: It was lovely to attend the Lunch in Mallaig and many thanks to organisers for the invitation.

FLOWERS: Just like in the years before, flowers in Morar and Mallaig for Christmas have been donated by Alistair MacLeod in Memory of his wife, Marie. Thank you so much!

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY: I would like to thank Melanie and Kate and all the parents for preparing a wonderful nativity scene for us to enjoy in Mallaig.

ARISAIG PARKING AMNESTY: We have no guests staying in the Chapel House at Christmas so as a one-off, feel free to use the parking spaces next to the Chapel House.

BEST WISHES FOR TRAVELLERS: Many of you will also be spending Christmas with your families or going away. Please, pass on my best wishes to them and travel safely!

REPAIRS: Every winter season sees many leaks in the Chapel House in Arisaig. Last Sunday I discovered that carpet in the downstairs lounge is completely soaked, with no indication where the water is coming in. Henry Young inspected the pipes and together with John MacKay we inspected the loft with a spy-camera. We have no idea how to track this problem, but the next stage would be to strip the walls to see properly behind, replaster and redecorate. I am really stressed about this and the anxiety with all the worries does weigh on my quality of sleep. Any help or expertise would be welcome from Parishioners as I am on my last legs with this, having fallen off the ladder last Sunday.

YEAR OF HOPE: Bishop McGee: "On Christmas Eve Pope Francis will inaugurate the Holy Year. On the Feast of the Holy Family, 29th December, I will inaugurate the Holy Year within our diocese in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban during the 10.30am Mass. Pope Francis has placed an important emphasis on pilgrimage. Fr Stan is organising a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome which will take place during the second half of September. I appreciate that most people cannot go to Rome. Our diocese enjoys a rich Christian heritage and is blessed with many religious sites and so we can gather together locally as 'pilgrims of hope'. I would like us to have a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Iona near the feast of St Columba. When I came to the diocese in 2016 we were celebrating the Year of Mercy. I led days of recollection for each deanery. The laity enjoyed gathering with people from other parishes, indeed requests for this to be repeated were made during both the Synod and Led by the Spirit consultations. Therefore, I would like to lead a one-day pilgrimage within each deanery. I ask that during the next deanery meeting you discuss and agree on a suitable pilgrimage destination within your deanery. A date can be agreed for anytime during 2025. Fr Stan will help coordinate certain events and he will send out some information to you in due course. However, most initiatives will, of course, be local. Themes from the Papal Bull, for us to consider, includes hope for peace, openness to children being born, prisoners, the sick, the young, migrants, the elderly, the poor, implementing synodality, Christian Unity and the Sacrament of Penance. I have also attached Mass texts for the Holy Year as well as the Decree for granting Indulgences. Pope Francis encourages us to reflect upon the reasons for our hope in order to be people who radiate hope. Let us draw inspiration from the Holy Year and offer opportunities for others to grow to hope while also sharing that hope.

RAISE: Bishops of Scotland have announced that from January 2025, monthly salary is £299.66 (Annual £3596.00) for Priests in Scotland. This is a total no matter on the area or number of parishes. There are no bonuses given to the salary based on performance etc. With the congregation numbers dwindling, it is more and more difficult to sustain our priests in rural areas. Parishes cover the salaries from their own resources (No, the Vatican Bank does not pay or send us money for the priest's salaries), as well as any additional cost of supply priests. Every priest standing in on irregular basis receives a much higher Stipend, which also covers his travel expenses, a bit like the NHS paying their locums.

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.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page