

Parish Services

Weekday Services (3rd February – 8th February)

Monday, no Mass
 Tuesday, Arisaig, 10am

Thomas Simmonds and Bill Simmonds RIP

Wednesday, St Agatha Mallaig, 10am

James Manson McLean RIP

Thursday, SS Paul Miki & Companions Arisaig, 10am

Charles and Ann MacKinnon RIP

Friday, Morar, 10am

Angus and Charlotte MacKinnon RIP

REQUIEM MASS OF FRANCES MORRISON RIP Morar, 12noon

Saturday, Arisaig, 10am

James and Mary Cooper RIP

Sunday Masses 8th February/ 9th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday-Vigil Morar: 6pm

Jessica MacKinnon RIP

Sunday Arisaig: 10am

Jessica MacKinnon RIP

Sunday, Mallaig: 11.30am

Malcolm and Audrey Jones RIP

HOUSEBOUND IN FEBRUARY 2025: (1st Week – Arisaig and Morar; 4th Week – Mallaig)

COLLECTIONS:

Morar/Mallaig:

26.01 £316.00 (incl. Gift Aid £153.00)

Arisaig:

26.01 n/a

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HEATING&LIGHTING: Elizabeth MacDonald RIP

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Frances Morrison (died recently); Ian Coats (died recently); John Buchan 30.01; Frances Morrison (died recently); Niamh Jobson (died recently); Charles and Ann MacKinnon; Angus and Charlotte MacKinnon; James and Mary Cooper; Chrissie McKelvie 02.02; James Manson McLean (Birthday Ann 26.01); Jessica MacKinnon 16.01; Malcolm and Audrey Jones 16.02; John Kennedy 31.01.1992 *Eternal rest...*

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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 Presentation of the Lord (C)

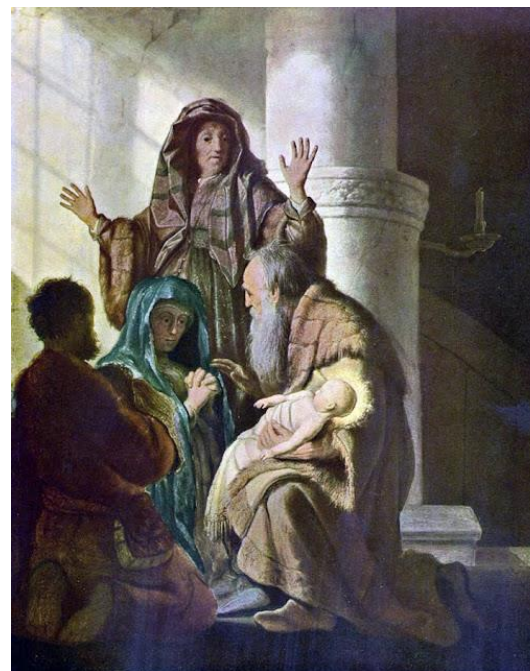
2nd February 2025

Mass Intentions:

Saturday-Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *Niamh Jobson RIP*

Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Jessie Ann MacDonald RIP*

Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Frances Morrison 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.*



Sunday, 2 February is Candlemas. This day marks a great pivot point in the Christian year, where we turn away from the festivities of Christmas and turn towards the cross of Christ, and the empty tomb. We celebrate the Presentation of Christ (another name for Candlemas, along with The Purification of Mary) in the temple as a very young baby. 40 days on from his birth and 33 days from his circumcision. Jesus went through these rituals as the Jewish son of Jewish parents, and they are full of symbolic significance. Of course, when Christ, as an infant, participated in these works of the law he did so in a way which was different from how they had ever been celebrated before. This is because the works of the law were, in some sense, about Him. The rituals pointed forward to Him. In going through them he fulfils them in a unique and remarkable way. 33 days from his Circumcision he was presented by Mary

to God in the temple; 33 years later he would present himself, with Mary watching on, to God upon the cross. He is the first born of Mary who redeems him with the blood of sacrifice in the temple. He is the first and only Son of God who redeems us with the sacrifice of his own blood. As I put the crib and Nativity Set away, I will pause to consider how He who was held in his mother's arms as she presented him will be so held again after his crucifixion. May we ponder the prophet Simeon's words to Mary.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

(SLIGHT CHANGE DUE TO MISSION APPEAL)

- 1st FEBRUARY / 2nd FEBRUARY – DIOCESAN PASTORAL FUND. **USE** Parish Gift Aid Envelopes (mark the correct box).
- 15th FEBRUARY / 16th FEBRUARY – MISSION APPEAL BY FR STEVE MCKEND. **DO NOT** USE Parish Gift Aid Envelopes.
- 1st MARCH / 2nd MARCH – PARISH MAINTENANCE (shifted from Feb). **USE** Parish Gift Aid Envelopes (if you run out, use an ordinary envelope and mark with your number).
- 15th MARCH / 16th MARCH – PARISH MAINTENANCE. **USE** Parish Gift Aid Envelopes (if you run out, use an ordinary envelope and mark with your number).
- 29th MARCH / 30th MARCH – SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL COLLECTION.
- FINAL DATE FOR RETURN OF THE WEE BOXES IS 13th APRIL 2025

Led by the Spirit Collated Report and Bishop's Response

Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to Led by the Spirit (LBS). The individual parish reports from LBS Phase 3 have now been collated and published on www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk Bishop Brian has published his response and a draft Action Plan for implementing LBS's fruits. This can also be seen on www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk If you wish to be consulted on the Action Plan please join the online meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm. To register please click on <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dEcaux-3TfqzMKeFnyYxw>

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: I had an intensive, though very prayerful time in Rome. Just few photos from the visit to the Basilica. I was trying to be respectful during the Eucharist so no other photos but glad I could concelebrate and voice the Eucharistic Prayer in Italian for all the people gathered and that Scotland got a mention in the beginning. Save the dates 22nd to 26th September 2025. Departure from Glasgow.

FRANCES MORRISON RIP: With great sadness we are offering our prayers for Frances, who passed away last Tuesday. Her funeral will take place on the 7th February at 12noon in Morar.

IAN COATS RIP: We were greatly saddened to hear of unexpected passing of Ian last Wednesday. We offer our prayers for Fiona in this difficult time.

FR STAN AWAY: My winter break is scheduled between 10th February and 22nd February (during my Birthday on the 12th). I definitely feel like having to recharge my batteries before the busy summer period. Fr Steve McKend will be providing cover in my absence and staying at Kilmory between 10th February and 19th of February. Please, take an opportunity to go to Confession and look after Fr Steve well in my absence, otherwise he will not want to return!

I also have scheduled 2 other breaks (a week in May and my annual break in October) but it was extremely difficult to find someone to supply in my absence despite notice. How many of you when scheduling holidays need to worry about organising job replacement? This is truly becoming a real worry. On one hand, I realise that I need some time off but on the other, if there is no priest to stand in, I would feel the guilt of going away and leaving the place without cover. I will speak to other priests and the bishop soon but from what I heard, I am not the only one in this position in our diocese. Rural area and travel, competition from City Parishes, make it more and more difficult to find a stand-in. It does not help that we cannot use EU priests without a valid working Visa, which makes it prohibitively expensive. I would like to meet perhaps with Parish Councils to discuss the best solution – considering Communion Services led by lay parishioners. I feel particularly distressed about it as no Service can replace the Eucharist! Please, keep me in your prayers as this is extremely stressful for me.

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.

LEAK IN ST. MARY'S: Ronnie Campbell's workmen were here last Tuesday and carried out some repairs. Hopefully no more problems in the Church. Leaks in the Chapel House came back, we will continue to investigate providing John MacKay will have time and patience.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page

