

Parish Services

Weekday Services (28th July – 2nd August)

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| Monday, | Morar, 10am |
| | <i>Derek MacMillan RIP</i> |
| Tuesday, Martha, Mary and Lazarus..... | Arisaig, 10am |
| | <i>Donnie MacEachen RIP</i> |
| Wednesday, | Mallaig, 10am |
| | <i>Jane Floyd RIP</i> |
| Thursday, St Ignatius Loyola | Arisaig, 10am |
| | <i>Helen Kennedy RIP</i> |
| Friday, | Morar, 10am |
| | <i>Neil Campbell RIP</i> |
| Saturday, | Arisaig, 10am |
| | <i>Allan MacDonald RIP</i> |
| Sunday Masses 2nd August/ 3rd August | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) |
| Saturday-Vigil..... | Morar: 6pm |
| | <i>Mike Croarkin RIP</i> |
| Sunday | Arisaig: 10am |
| | <i>Blessings for Marylka</i> |
| Sunday, | Mallaig: 11.30am |
| | <i>Derek MacMillan RIP</i> |

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

COLLECTIONS:

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| Morar/Mallaig: | |
| 20.07 | £207.00 (incl. Gift Aid £136.00) |
| Bishops Fund | £193.00 (incl. Gift Aid £56.00) |
| Arisaig: | |
| 20.07 | £376.00 (incl. Gift Aid £101.00) |
| Bishops Fund | £193.50 (incl. Gift Aid £60.00) |

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HEATING&LIGHTING:

In memory of Niamh Henderson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES/MM Liesha MacKellaig (B-Day) 27.07; Anne Laura MacNeil (BDay) 27.07.1976; Ronnie MacPhee (BDay) 27.07.1967; Donald Buchanan 24.07.1986; Nathan Alexander Ritchie 26.07.2022; Niamh Henderson (BDay) 29.07.1998; Peggy MacLellan 27.07; Derek MacMillan (BDay) 30.07 (Ann) 02.08; Beatrice Wilkinson; Jessie Wilkinson 26.07; Keith Eddie 24.07; Rafael Flores; Ronnie MacPhee (BDay 27.07.1967); Iain Laird (Airdrie); Donnie MacEachen 01.07.1967; Jane Floyd 30.07.2023; Helen Kennedy (BDay)31.07; Annac MacKay;

Eternal rest...

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER INSERTS: USUALLY THURSDAY, 12 NOON



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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

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) **27th July 2025**
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Mass Intentions:

Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *Niamh Henderson RIP*
Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Pat Macdonald RIP*
Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Peggy MacLellan 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:

2nd AUGUST / 3rd AUGUST – PARISH MAINTENANCE. **USE** PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES.

16th AUGUST / 17th AUGUST – SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS. **USE** PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES.

EILEEN MACPHIE RIP: I am sure many of you would have turned up for Eileen's Funeral Mass in Morar. Thank you for your attendance and prayers. She will be greatly missed in our community. We raised £928.00 for the parish and Mallaig Lunch Club.

GRASS CUTTING ETC.: Many thanks to all our volunteers but there is always room for more! Thank you for your help! Hughie finished fixing the gate in Morar which should last a bit. Visitors have been leaving it wide open as they could not close it.

ASTLEY HALL SOUP AND SANDWICHES: What a lovely spread and help from our Parishioners. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

NUNCIO'S VISIT: It was a wonderful turnout for the Vespers celebrated by the Papal Nuncio. So many of our friends turned up to the event and Rev Donald Prentice was our preacher for the evening. After the Vespers, invited guests gathered for a lovely dinner in a friendly atmosphere. Among invited guests were Kate Forbes MSP; Angus MacDonald MP, representatives from the Community Councils and Parishioners. Anne MacMillan was our chef and prepared a wonderful meal. Mae, Anne and Maureen were wonderful helpers in the kitchen and at the table. Many thanks to all the contributors, including Martin Boyce who provided lovely smoked salmon. We've had Cullen Skink, Lentil Soup and Roast Leg of Lamb. I do not know how to thank all those involved. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness. Special thanks to Mairi MacKinnon for organising Mass on Isle of Eigg. I am sure that the Papal Nuncio will fondly remember his visit to our Parishes. I will insert some photos in the next Parish Newsletter.

SOUP AND SANDWICHES IN MALLAIG: It appears that 17th August to hold Soup and Sandwiches after Mass in Mallaig at the Church of Scotland Hall is proving rather difficult to organise. Lindsay Murray will coordinate together with Maureen MacNeil and we will come up with an alternative.

HOLIDAYS: During the summer period it is extremely difficult for me to get a day-off. In fact, I do not remember when was the last one. There is always something to do and guests mean a constant requirement to be available. Always something needing to be fixed. I also do online Spiritual Counselling, prepare sermons, do a lot of reading for this. Office work, accounts always take time. Plenty of emails coming on a daily basis. It can be a very stressful and demanding time, but I do feel it part of my ministry here. I was asked when I am going away. This year, I have to take a personal day 1-2 September for some appointments; 22-26 September is our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome (despite the enjoyment of travel, when you are the organiser, it is not exactly a holiday and counts as work trip). My proper holidays will take place between 1 Oct-21 Oct, after the tourist season is over. I will also travel to Poland to pick up my parents in December and fly back to Scotland with them. Many of you would have probably noticed that air fares have gone through the roof in comparison to pre-pandemic levels! I am grateful that I am able to provide this Christmas for my parents. I miss them a lot and with some health problems in the family, all the more reason to spend time together.

BINGO NIGHT: Please consider supporting the Bingo. Our young Parishioners are desperate to get some volunteers to bake something for their fundraiser.

Please check the Mass Rota on the Back Page

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future. Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (Lk 1:18). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (Jn 3:4). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power. In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history. The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance. From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. Lk 4:16-21). Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten. Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled. That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25:34-36)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness. The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. 14:2). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (Angelus, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray. Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort. These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025

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