

Parish Services

PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THE DATES, MASS INTENTIONS BELOW THE DAY

Weekday Services (22nd December – 27th December)

Monday, 22nd Dec,.....Morar, 10am
Scott Gillies RIP

Reception of the Remains Mallaig, 5pm

Tuesday, 23rd Dec, Arisaig, 10am
Christina MacPherson RIP

Requiem Mass of Jean MacKellaig RIP Mallaig, 12noon

Wednesday, 24th Dec,..... Mallaig, 10am
Jean MacKellaig RIP

Wednesday, 24th Dec, MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT..... Morar, 7pm
Ian MacDonald RIP

Thursday, 25th Dec, MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY Arisaig, 11am
 For Parishioners, Friends and Family

Friday, 26th Dec.....Morar, 10am
Jean MacKellaig RIP

Saturday, 27th Dec, Arisaig, 10am
The McGeough Family

SUNDAY 27th/ 28th December **The Holy Family (A)**

Saturday-Vigil, 27th Dec..... **Morar: 6pm**
Bartolomeo Carvi RIP

Sunday, 28th Dec **Arisaig: 10am**
Blessings for Czeslawa

Sunday, 28th Dec **Mallaig: 11.30am**
Duncan McDonell RIP

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

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| Arisaig: | |
| 07.12 | £307.10 (incl. GA £155.00) |
| 14.12 | £217.10 (incl. GA £86.00) |
| Morar/Mallaig: | |
| 07.12 | £198.00 (incl. GA £90.00) |
| 14.12 | £212.00 (incl. GA £75.00) |
| May MacDugall RIP | £231.00 |



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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY: FOR ALL ONLINE DONATIONS, ENVELOPES POSTED TO THE CHAPEL HOUSE AND STANDING ORDERS INTO THE PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS.

HEATING&LIGHTING: Elizabeth MacDonald RIP

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Marie MacLeod; Donald MacNeil 27.12.2010; Donald Alistair MacDonald 19.10; Scott Gillies; Christina MacPherson 12.12.1984; Helen and Lawrence McGeough; Moira and Anne; Jean MacKellaig; May MacDougall; Irene MacKellaig 28.12; Niamh Henderson; Isa Connor; Bryan Naughton; Barbara MacDonald *Eternal rest...*

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

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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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

21st DECEMBER 2025

Mass Intentions:

Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): Betty Macdonald RIP
Sunday 10am (Arisaig): Donald Alistair MacDonald RIP
Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): Donald MacNeil RIP

VISITORS: Welcome to all our Visitors!



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:

DURING CHRISTMASTIDE – CRIB COLLECTION – HOLY CHILDHOOD

3rd JANUARY/4th JANUARY – JUSTICE AND PEACE. DO **NOT** USE PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES

MAY MACDOUGALL RIP: Thank you for your participation at the Funeral. I am sorry I was unable to attend but Bishop Brian was wonderful to stand in.

JEAN MACKELLAIG RIP: I was so sorry to hear of Jean's passing, she was a lovely person and I will miss her greatly. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday at 12noon. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Anne MacMillan made a lovely Christmas Hamper, which you can find at the back of St. Mary's Church. You can purchase tickets there. It would make a lovely Christmas Gift.

MORAR TOILET: Toilet is ready to use now.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Most of us have heard/read Bishop Brian's letter. During the last Clergy Assembly, we discussed what to do in such circumstances and it was suggested that if the Priest becomes unwell, is on a compassionate leave, and there is no possibility of cover, a Eucharistic Service might be offered instead. This will require special training for someone who would be able to lead the service. Each Church is to have such a designated Eucharistic Minister and if we are unable to find volunteers, it would mean no Eucharistic Service being offered in it. If this is something you would like to offer up for your Church Community, please speak to me as I would like volunteers coming willingly for this rather than approaching anyone individually. Training would involve around 2-3 sessions in the Chapel House.

PLASTERING AND REPAIRS TO ST. MARY'S: After my return, I moved the furniture back into the decorated rooms. It was a challenge to assemble the huge bedframe again... my back was not happy.

MALLAIG CHURCH IS ENTERING INTO DIGITAL AGE: Since we now have a permanent internet connection in the Church, we will be updating heating controls and light switches to bring it up to standard with Morar and Mallaig.

COMPLICATIONS/RETURN: I still have no word about my surgery and until that happens, there is a risk that I will be indisposed at short notice. I am so happy my parents are here. It was a long return journey and dad's suitcase got lost, but we got it back safely. My sister will be arriving next Saturday, and she will escort them back to Poland on the 5th January.

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 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!

RAISE: Bishops of Scotland have announced that from January 2026, £3704.00 PER YEAR 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.

CHRISTMAS (A)

25th December 2025

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, brother, 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.

