

Parish Services

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

**Weekday Services (29<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026)**

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec, .....	Morar, 10am
Get well Mass for Piotr Walaszczyk	
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec, .....	Arisaig, 10am
May MacDougall RIP	
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec, .....	Mallaig, 10am
Blessings for Family of Czeslawa Szpila	
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan, .....	Arisaig, 10am
Baby Ryan Moynihan Gillies RIP	
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan .....	Morar, 10am
Peter Bridge RIP	
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan, .....	Arisaig, 10am
Get well Mass for Manus Ruddy	

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany of the Lord (A)**

Saturday-Vigil, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan .....	<b>Morar: 6pm</b>
<i>TK, Iain and Margaret RIP</i>	
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan .....	<b>Arisaig: 10am</b>
<i>Sandy Macdonald RIP</i>	
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan .....	<b>Mallaig: 11.30am</b>

**Jean MacKellaig RIP**

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

**COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Arisaig:</b>	
21.12 .....	£130.00 (incl. GA £90.00)
Hamper (Anne MacDonald – Winner!).....	£79.65
<b>Morar/Mallaig:</b>	
21.12 .....	£233.00 (incl. GA £109.00)
Hamper (Grace Coull – Winner!).....	£150.00
Jean MacKellaig RIP (Alzheimer Scotland + Parish).....	£592.00



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**HEATING&LIGHTING: Niamh Henderson RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES/MM:** Marie MacLeod; Donald MacNeil 27.12.2010; Angus MacDonald (Ardnafuaran) 27.12; Sandy Macdonald; Vera MacDonald; Irene MacKellaig; Peter Bridge (Birthday Ann) 02.01; Leon Krasucki 01.01 (Bday Anniversary); Jean MacKellaig; Baby Ryan Moynihan Gillies; Lawrence and Helen McGeough; Anne Agnew; Claire McGeough; Moira McGeough; Tommy (06.01) and Alexander (Birthday Ann. 28.12) MacKenzie; Thomas Stanley Proudfoot 05.01; Alec MacDonald 13.01; Donald Lawrence MacNeil 27.12.2010; Mandy Swaney 07.01.2002; ; Elizabeth MacDonald; Caroline Currie; Niamh Henderson; Bella MacLellan (Seaview) 31.12 *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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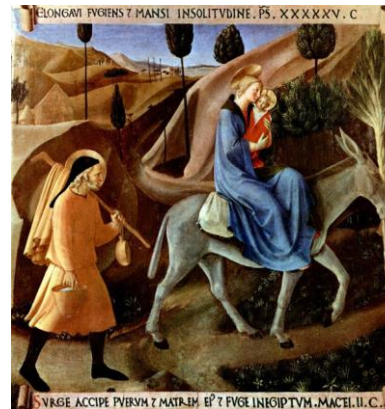
**Parish of St. Mary's, Arisaig & St. Donnan's, Isle of Eigg**  
**Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Cumin's, Morar**  
**St. Patrick's, Mallaig & St. Columba's, Isle of Canna**

**HOLY FAMILY (A)**

**28th DECEMBER 2025**

*Mass Intentions:*

Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): Bartolomeo Carvi RIP  
 Sunday 10am (Arisaig): Blessings for Czeslawa  
 Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): Duncan McDonell 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

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

17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY/18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – PARISH MAINTENANCE. PLEASE **USE** PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to proud parents and grandparents of Sonny Ovens on the occasion of his Baptism. Sonny was Baptised at St. Margaret's in Edinburgh. We wish him all the best and hope to see him soon joining our children as he grows in Faith 😊

**THANK YOU:** This Christmas was quite hard because of the physical limitations. Thank you so much for your understanding and help, particularly in organising the Churches and beautiful music. Many thanks also to Joe for travelling the distance every year to play the organ.

**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!

#### **MESSAGE FROM MY FAMILY:**

"We were delighted to be spending Christmas in Morar, Arisaig and Mallaig. Like always we were warmly welcomed by Parishioners. We wish you all the best, Blessings and Health in the coming year. We are always uplifted knowing that our Son is so well looked after and feels safe here. We will be returning to Poland for the New Year. Many thanks for all your kindness and gifts."

#### **Pope at Urbi et Orbi: Peace is a shared responsibility**

*In his Christmas Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Leo XIV renews his plea for peace, reminding the world that it is both God's gift and humanity's shared responsibility.*

*By Francesca Merlo from VaticanNews*

As war continues to scar the world, Pope Leo XIV used his [Christmas Urbi et Orbi message](#) to renew his appeal for peace, dialogue, and responsibility, turning to those regions where violence and instability continue to claim innocent lives.

#### **Prayers for peace**

The Pope prayed for "justice, peace, and stability for Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, and Syria," and urged that the promise of peace rooted in righteousness be renewed. He appealed in a particular way for Ukraine, asking that "the clamor of weapons cease," and that all those involved, with the support of the international community, find the courage to engage in "sincere, direct, and respectful dialogue."

Remembering conflicts that risk being forgotten, Pope Leo XIV expressed closeness to the victims of war and violence in Sudan, South Sudan, Mali, Burkina Faso, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as to all those who suffer as a result of injustice, political instability, religious persecution, and terrorism.

The Pope also prayed for Haiti, calling for an end to violence and progress along the path of peace and reconciliation. He also invoked peace for Myanmar, asking that the country be guided towards reconciliation and hope, especially for its younger generations. Turning to Latin America, he encouraged those with political responsibilities to give space to dialogue for the common good, rather than to ideological and partisan divisions.

The Pope also prayed for the restoration of the "ancient friendship" between Thailand and Cambodia, and entrusted to God the peoples of South Asia and Oceania, who have been severely affected by recent natural disasters, calling for renewed commitment to assisting those who suffer.

#### **The true meaning of Christmas**

Against this backdrop of conflict, Pope Leo XIV recalled the meaning of Christmas, proclaiming that "today, true peace has come down to us from heaven." Quoting Saint Leo the Great, he affirmed that "the Lord's birth is the birth of peace."

Reflecting on the Nativity, the Pope recalled that Jesus "was born in a stable because there was no room for Him in the inn," and that the Son of God, "through whom all things were created," was not welcomed. "Out of love," the Pope said, Christ "accepted poverty and rejection, identifying Himself with those who are discarded and excluded."

Already in the birth of Jesus, the Pope noted, "we glimpse the fundamental decision that would guide the entire life of the Son of God... the decision not to leave us under the burden of sin, but to bear it Himself for us." At the same time, he reminded the faithful that peace also requires human responsibility. Quoting Saint Augustine, he said that "God, who created us without us, will not save us without us," adding that "responsibility is the sure way to peace."

#### **Christ is peace because he frees humanity from sin**

Christ, the Pope continued, is peace because He frees humanity from sin and "shows us the way to overcome conflicts - all conflicts, whether interpersonal or international." Without hearts that have been forgiven, he warned, it is impossible to be "men and women of peace or builders of peace."

Pope Leo XIV recalled that, in becoming man, Jesus "took upon Himself our fragility," identifying with those who suffer today: with the inhabitants of Gaza, the Yemeni people, refugees and migrants, the unemployed, exploited workers, and prisoners who often live in inhumane conditions. For this reason, he warned against indifference, reminding the world that "God is not indifferent to our distress."

#### **The door that is always open**

As the Jubilee Year draws to a close and the Holy Doors prepare to shut, the Pope offered a final message of hope. "Christ our hope remains with us always," he said, reminding the faithful that He is "the Door that is always open," who comes not to condemn but to save.