

Parish Services

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

Weekday Services (21st September – 26th September 2026)

Monday, 21st September, St Matthew Morar, 10am

Margaret MacLaren RIP

Tuesday, 22nd September, Arisaig, 10am

Anne O'Donoghue RIP

Wednesday, 23rd September, St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Mallaig, 10am

Maryann Dempster RIP

Thursday, 24th September, Arisaig, 10am

Ulrich Visschers RIP

Friday, 25th September Morar, 10am

Birthday Blessings for Kate Finlay

Saturday, 26th September, Arisaig, 10am

Pat Macdonald RIP

SUNDAY 26th /27th September **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Saturday-Vigil, 26th September **Morar: 6pm**

Zdzislawa Petrycka RIP

Sunday, 27th September **Arisaig: 10am**

Patrick Rodden RIP

Sunday, 27th September **Mallaig: 11.30am**

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

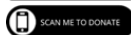
COLLECTIONS:

Arisaig:

20.09 £303.50 (incl. £139.50 Gift Aid)

Morar/Mallaig:

20.09 £238.00 (incl. £141.00 Gift Aid)



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:

ANNIVERSARIES/MM: Alexander MacDonald 19.09; Moira and Mhairi Benzie; Maryann Dempster (Bday) 23.09; Pat MacDonald 27.09; Andrew MacDonald; Ulrich Visschers 24.09.2010; Zdzislawa Petrycka 06.09.2026; Patrick Rodden 20.09; Anne O'Donoghue 15.09; Catherine MacDonald 15.10.2023; Ian (the Guard) MacDonald 06.10.2012; Alan MacDonald 21.09; Angus MacDonald (Morar) 21.09.1979; Duncan Gillies (Mallaig) 28.09.1980
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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

Mass Intentions:

Vigil Mass 6pm (Morar): *Cathie MacKay RIP*

Sunday 10am (Arisaig): *Alexander MacDonald RIP*

Sunday 11.30am (Mallaig): *Moirra and Mhairi Benzie 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:

On Specific Sundays, we hold a Second Collection which takes place at the end of Mass. In Scotland (which is different to many other countries), we are funded entirely from Donations and Contributions of people of good will. Normally Parishes do not receive any Government Support (apart from Gift Aided Contributions which are only available to UK Taxpayers) toward its upkeep. These Special Collections go to a specific cause as described.

Thank you for your support.

19th / 20th SEPTEMBER – PARISH MAINTENANCE. USE PARISH ENVELOPES

3rd / 4th OCTOBER – MISSION APPEAL BY VISITING MISSIONARY PRIEST

17th / 18th OCTOBER – MISSIO SCOTLAND DO NOT USE PARISH ENVELOPES

BISHOP BRIAN'S PASTORAL LETTER: I am extremely grateful to Lilian Young, Mairi MacKinnon and Anne MacDonald for representing the Parishes at the meetings with the Bishop during October and November.

ANNIVERSARIES: Next weekend's Newsletter will be a monthly edition. If you wish to have your Anniversaries included, please deliver them by end of Wednesday, 23.09. Thank you

SHORT TERM LET LICENSE: I am relieved to inform you that our licenses have been renewed for another 3 years. This means that we can continue to accept bookings for the lets. Duncan is going to continue with the decoration project in the Chapel House in Arisaig this winter. We still have the top and bottom floors to finish. In the coming years we will have to look at renewing the bathrooms as well, but it is a long-term project to make the space modernised.

POTHoles FIXED: Allan Morrison was kind enough to fix the rather troubling potholes around St. Mary's.

GRASS CUTTING: Thankfully not much time left to help out. This season with the new equipment it was definitely better not having to deal with the breakdowns. I am extremely grateful for any help I have received so far. Still few weeks to go...

BLOCKED GUTTER: It turns out that the problem is more serious than originally thought. We need to order some brackets and a new hopper and hopefully John MacKay will be able to install it soon. As the parts need to be made for order, it will take at least 5-6 weeks now. We had some drainage problems around the house as well but thankfully with the new rods I was able to get them running again.

FR STAN'S HOLIDAYS: I am not away until 27th September to visit my family in Poland and have a break after the summer. There is always plenty of work to be done so I am really looking forward to going away (it does not mean that I will not be looking forward to coming back to you). Missionary priest will be here to provide cover between 3rd October and 11th October and staying at Kilmory (01687450629). Bishop McGee will provide cover over the following weekend, and I am due back on the 22nd October. This means that there will be some gaps during my time away without a resident priest. Any funerals could be celebrated by the Missionary priest but when there is no priest in residence, they will have to be postponed till my return. Hopefully all will go well and there will be no necessity. I am really doing my best to find priests able to stay during my absence, but it is increasingly difficult. Thank you for your understanding.

Continuing his catechesis on "Gaudium et spes", Pope Leo highlights how recognizing the interconnectedness of people challenges us to "evaluate today's social and political projects based on the criteria of the dignity of the human person" with the goal of building a better world.

By Kiele Gussie

In St. Peter's Square for his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV continued his catechesis cycle on the Constitution Gaudium et spes (GS), whose second chapter is dedicated to the "human community." Gaudium et spes highlights the "the growing interdependence of men one on the other" as "one of the salient features of the modern world". Yet, the Pope pointed out that this must find fulfilment "on the deeper level ... of this communion between persons", for which "a mutual respect for the full spiritual dignity of the person" is essential. In today's world, Pope Leo stressed that these two statements from the Constitution are ever more urgent. Technological advancement, the spread of mass and social media, and the growing use of AI, on the one hand, create new opportunities, break down barriers, and bridge gaps. However, on the other hand, these developments have also led to more virtual, less personal relationships. There is also the risk that people grow used to turning to algorithms for choices that should be reserved only for the human conscience. "Ensuring that social relationships have real substance and personal depth is, in this regard, the contribution that the Christian community seeks to offer," the Pope explained. Everyone, he said, should be part of one family and treat each other as brothers and sisters. For this reason, "love for God and neighbour is the first and greatest commandment" which found its full revelation and complete fulfilment in Christ". The perfection of the human person and society's development must be held as "closely interdependent." Pope Leo warned that if they are set "against one another" or if they are separated, it "would be to render them meaningless." This is can be seen throughout in history. That is why, as the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council stated, all social institutions must have the human person as their subject and goal.

Gaudium et spes, in this regard, highlights the diversity of people around the world as "a resource for enrichment and growth" rather than "as a danger or a threat". Conflict, which can turn into violence, stems from the power of sin and the way "it conditions mindsets and actions at every level, causing destruction and death." To contrast this, the Pope encouraged everyone to be even more open to "the logic of reciprocity, sharing, and care". In Gaudium et spes, the common good is made of "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment". This goes hand-in-hand with recognizing the "interdependence between peoples", as each social group needs to take into consideration every group's needs and goals as well as the general wellbeing of the entire human family. With this in mind, the Council Fathers laid out "practical and particularly urgent consequences". First, respect for the human person. Anything opposed to life itself, violates the integrity of a person and insults human dignity: "all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed" (ibid). The second consequence is the fundamental equality of each and every human being, "which demands social justice." Discrimination of any kind must be overcome and "eradicated as contrary to God's intent". Pope Leo pointed out that the Council Fathers challenge us to "overcome the individualistic mindset and to adopt an attitude of responsibility and participation". He concluded that this vision of humanity as a "community of people" is "a valuable legacy that the Second Vatican Council has left us." It calls us to make personal and communal discernment in order to evaluate current political and social events with the criteria of human dignity in mind. "For the future of humanity depends on each person's commitment to collaborate with God and with their brothers and sisters in building a more humane world."