

Cnoc a' Chalmain

Roman Catholic House of Prayer

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OPEN ALL YEAR

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we have had to make some changes to the way we run the House of Prayer in order to keep staff and guests as safe as possible.

All staff have Food Hygiene Certificates and we have completed Covid Risk assessment for Hospitality providers, adopted enhanced cleaning procedures and have passed the 'Good to Go' certificate recommended by Visit Scotland.

As there is no Doctor resident on the island and because of the difficulties incurred when an emergency medical evacuation is necessary, please do not travel if you feel unwell, **Scottish government recommendation for visitors to the islands is that you have a lateral flow test 72hrs before travelling and a further test on the day of travelling, vaccination if possible.**

The ferries/public transport will be carrying fewer passengers to enable social distancing it is strongly advised to book tickets in advance even as a foot passenger – www.calmac.co.uk and www.westcoastmotors.co.uk for the bus across Mull.

Please advise us of your time of arrival, only guests from one household/ bubble should be in the porch at once. A staff member will come and show you to your room when the way is clear. Masks must be worn and hand sanitizer used before entering the house. Regretfully we are unable to assist with carrying luggage.

We no longer have a guest kitchen, each room has a kettle and selection of tea and coffee.

Mealtimes: there are separate tables for each twin room, guests in single rooms will share large dining table socially distanced. There is no breakfast buffet. Staff will take your breakfast order and serve you with cereal, toast etc. Evening meal is at 6.30pm and must be pre booked, it is a set meal, main course and dessert, taking into account any special dietary needs you have notified us of. Unfortunately the room cannot be used by guests out with mealtimes as it must be cleaned, aired and disinfected after each meal, there are seats and a picnic table in the garden which you are most welcome to use.

The Oratory is not open to the public; it can be accessed from the house by guests. Please use mask and hand sanitizer. Jane Kindlen, our resident staff member and Chaplain in charge of services when there is no Priest in residence will let you know times and details of services should you wish to attend.

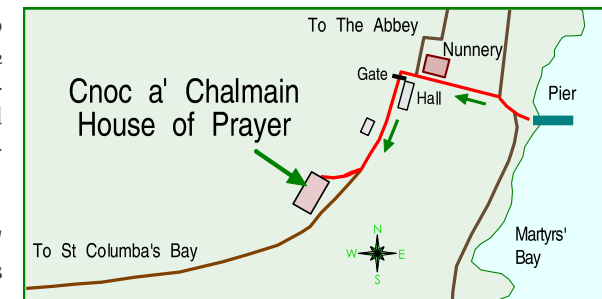


On Scotland's sacred Isle of IONA Cnoc a' Chalmain, the "Hill of the Dove", has been established as a House of Prayer under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church. It was officially opened by Archbishop Keith O'Brien in the spring of 1997, the 1400th anniversary of St Columba's death on Iona.

Single and twin room accommodation is available at the House of Prayer for pilgrims of all faiths seeking a haven of peace and quiet. The cost for **2023** is **£85** per person per day: this includes breakfast and evening meal. In the winter season (November to Easter) a light lunch is also provided. Bed and breakfast only is also available at **£55** per person per day. One of the single rooms is available free of charge for a priest willing to supply Roman Catholics on the island

The travelling time from Glasgow to Oban is 3 hours. It then takes about 2½ hours to reach Iona from Oban, travelling by ferry to Mull, then by road across Mull to the Iona ferry at Fionnphort.

The House of Prayer is five minutes' walk from the ferry: part of the walk is on a rough farm track.



- Smoking is permitted outside only.
- No one under the age of 18yrs can stay.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Mobile phones to be used discreetly and sparingly.
- Quiet is appreciated in and near the Oratory.
- Bookings are subject to the discretion of the Colmcille Trustees.
- Priests from **outside Scotland** who wish to celebrate Mass at the House of Prayer **must** provide a **Testimonial Letter** signed and sealed by their Bishop or Superior. The required

**We look forward to welcoming you
at the House of Prayer**

The Colmcille Trust is a Registered Charity: No. SC018882

TRAVEL INFORMATION

For travel information to Mull and Iona contact:

Scotrail: 08457 484950 www.scotrail.co.uk

Ferries:
Caledonian MacBrayne 01631 566688 www.calmac.co.uk

Buses on Mull (96/496):
West Coast Motors 01680 812313 www.westcoastmotors.co.uk

Taxi on Iona:
Iona Taxis (Mobile) 07810 325990 www.ionataxi.co.uk
e-mail: j.mcintyre12314@btinternet.com

For visitors who may require an overnight stay in the Oban area, the following are recommended:

In Oban:
Maridon Guest House B&B 01631 562670
Glenbervie Guest House 01631 564770
Harbour View Guest House 01631 563462
Palace Hotel 01631 562294

In Dalmally: (24 miles from Oban)
Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer 01838 200216

SERVICES

Please contact us with regards to current services.
Due to Covid restrictions times might vary and we are limited for numbers due to social distancing.

Many thanks,

Colmcille Trust



BOOKING FORM

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name/s:
Address:

Postcode:
E-mail:
Contact telephone number:

Proposed date and time of arrival:
Proposed date of departure: (*Minimum stay 2 nights*)

Type of room: Single Twin

(Please tick) Dinner B&B B&B

If, for mobility reasons, you require a ground-floor room please advise at time of booking

Guests may occupy their rooms from 2:30pm on the day of arrival and are required to vacate their rooms by 10 am on the day of departure.

The deposit is £10 per person per day; payment in £ sterling only.
As deposit (*non-refundable*) for person/s and days:
I enclose a cheque/UK P.O. for £ . . . payable to **The Colmcille Trust.**

The deposit may also be paid by bank transfer, or by VISA, MasterCard or any debit card.

Please telephone to provide your card details.

For your own security do NOT send card details by email.

Please advise if you have an **essential dietary** requirements as, Iona is a fairly remote island with limited facilities. We will try our best to accomodate you, but please understand we cannot cater for every request.

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Guests bringing heavy luggage are advised to book the Iona Taxi on 07810 325990. The track to the House is not suitable for wheeled suitcases.

The Warden (Bookings)
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