

Cnoc a' Chalmain

Roman Catholic House of Prayer

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OPEN ALL YEAR

In light of the recent Covid-19 pandemic, staff continue to wear masks in order to minimise risk of infection.

All staff have Food Hygiene Certificates and have completed Covid Risk Assessment for Hospitality providers.

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 to the islands if you feel unwell. We would encourage you to take a lateral flow test prior to travel, particularly if you have been mixing with lots of people.

Caledonian MacBrayne Ferries between Oban & Craignure (Mull) can get booked up quickly, particularly in the Summer season. We strongly advise you to book tickets in advance: www.calmac.co.uk. Please note, West Coast Motors, the bus operator on Mull, do not meet every ferry that arrives in Craignure. Enquiries for up-to-date bus timetables can be sought from: www.westcoastmotors.co.uk.

If possible, please advise us of your estimated time of arrival . Rooms can be occupied from 3.30pm. If you arrive earlier you may leave your luggage in the front porch. Regretfully we are unable to assist with carrying heavy luggage.

Each room is equipped with a kettle, hospitality tray, hair dryer, towels, hand soap and shower gel. Home-baking or biscuits are provided in the dining room.

Breakfast is served at 8.30am; dinner is served at 6.30pm. Dinner is a set meal - main course and dessert and must be pre-booked 24 hours in advance. An earlier breakfast can be arranged on your day of departure.

Please let us know in advance of your stay, of any special dietary needs.

In the garden there are seats and a picnic table which you are most welcome to use.

The Oratory is located on the ground floor and accessed by guests from the corridor. It is also open to the public during daytime hours, via a separate side door. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. 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 Mass and other services should you wish to attend.

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



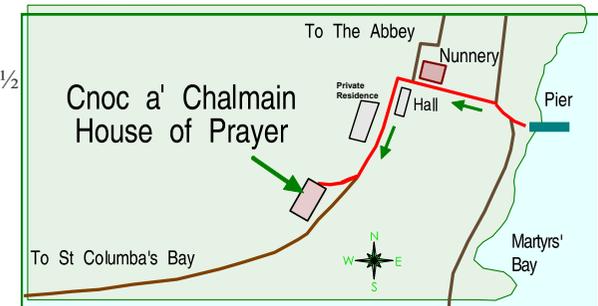
On Scotland's sacred Isle of IONA Cnoc a' Chalmain, the "Hill of the Dove", has been established as a House of Prayer under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church. It was officially opened by Archbishop Keith O'Brien in the spring of 1997, the 1400th anniversary of St Columba's death on Iona.

Single and twin room en suite 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 of soup and roll 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 celebrate Roman Catholic Mass each day of their stay at the House of Prayer.**

The travelling time from Glasgow to Oban is 3 hours. It then takes approx. 2½ hours to reach Iona from Oban; traveling 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. **The driveway is steep.**

- Smoking/vaping 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, particularly entering leaving the front door.
- 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. **All** clergy must provide a copy of their Celebret.



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

Mass is celebrated in the Oratory Monday to Saturday at 4.30pm; and on a Sunday at 9.30am if a priest is in residence. If no priest is staying, the Chaplain will lead a Liturgy of the Word Service and distribute Holy Communion on a Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Many thanks,
Colmcille Trust



2023 BOOKING FORM

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name/s:
Address:

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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 & indicate here

GUESTS MAY OCCUPY THEIR ROOMS FROM 3:30pm ON DAY OF ARRIVAL AND ARE REQUIRED TO VACATE THEIR ROOMS BY 10am ON DAY OF DEPARTURE

The deposit is £10 per person per day; payment in £ sterling only.

A 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 01681 700369 to provide your card details. **For your own security do NOT send card details by email.**

At the time of booking, please advise if you have any **essential dietary** requirements as Iona is a fairly remote island with limited facilities. We will try our best to accommodate your requirements, but please understand we cannot cater for every request.

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

The Warden (Bookings)
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