

## TO ACHE WITH COMPASSION

MARK 6:30-34



Today's Gospel describes the return of the Twelve whom Jesus sent out on mission. After they return, Jesus suggests they go away to a deserted place to recover, reflect and pray. Time apart in a deserted place will help the Twelve to understand more fully the mission they now share with him.

So Jesus and his disciples set out across the Sea of Galilee by boat. But the plan fails spectacularly. Seeing the boat, people recognise who the passengers are and race around the lake to meet Jesus and the disciples when they reach land. Mark says that the people came "from every town" around the lake. This is his way of letting us know just how popular Jesus was.

Mark says that Jesus "took pity on them". In Greek the text reads that "he was moved with compassion for them in his inward parts". In the Hebrew way of associating feelings to parts of the body, compassion was always associated with the womb. In the case of men, it was the intestine. While that may seem strange to us, it means that when Jesus sees the people gathered, he has such compassion for them that he feels it in the pit of his stomach. It's a really strong statement of the degree of feeling Jesus has for the people.

His reason for such a strong feeling is that the people "were like sheep without a shepherd". This phrase is used in the Old Testament to describe the people of Israel whenever they suffered from failed or negligent leadership. But Jesus will not fail and he will not neglect God's people. He will be the true shepherd. ■

### SAY

"Lord, help me to be compassionate as you are compassionate. Amen."

### PRAY

The biblical phrase "like sheep without a shepherd" describes those suffering from ineffective or defective leadership. Pray for those in authority in our Church, that they will be the kind of leaders we need.

### LEARN

The Church teaches that action for justice is a constitutive part of living the Gospel. It is integral to the Christian way of life. Sharing God's vision, we confront injustice wherever we encounter it. We defend those who are poor and voiceless. We always work for the good of all.

### DO

Visit (or FaceTime) someone who is sick this week, or in need of a kind word or support.



## REFLECT

Care for people who were poor and oppressed was central to Jesus' life and ministry. He identified with them. He was born in poverty in an obscure town of a colonised country. He mixed with those on the margins – sinners, prostitutes, sick people, outcasts – to stress that nobody was excluded from God's love. He washed feet, a demeaning task reserved for servants and slaves. He died a failure. All Jesus said and did pointed to a new way of living in accord with God's vision of a kingdom of justice, love and peace. To act justly is key to Jesus' vision.

It's unfortunate that Catholics and non-Catholics alike tend to be more familiar with what the Church teaches about sex

than with what it teaches about social justice. But the Church has formulated a wonderful body of teaching on social justice, stretching back to Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. This teaching embraces issues from workers' rights to the dangers of unregulated capitalism, from care for the politically and economically oppressed to opposition to capital punishment. In 2015, Pope Francis published the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment, *Laudato Si'*, placing care for the earth as a central tenet of the Church's mission.

The biblical emphasis on God's care for the poor and for all creation is the basis for the Church's focus on social issues and for its pro-life stance. In

his letter *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis stresses the need to protect the unborn. He goes on to say: "Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." What Pope Francis is saying is that God's justice and compassion extends from womb to tomb. Jesus ached with compassion for all who suffered. Following the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we also look with compassion on those who need our help. We seek to ease their burdens. ■



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th July 2021

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 18th - SUNDAY 25th JULY 2021

The Masses this week will be streamed as indicated below on the "St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock" YouTube channel and are offered for the following intentions.

| Date           | Time   | Gathering   | Mass Intention                   |
|----------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Saturday 17th  | 5.30-5.45 pm.....                                | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy</b> |                                  |
|                | 6.00 pm.....                                     | <b>Vigil Mass</b> (not livestreamed) .....                      | <i>Nadia Marshall (RIP)</i>      |
| Sunday 18th    | 11.00 am .....                                   | <b>Mass</b> (livestreamed) .....                                | <i>Michael King (Ann)</i>        |
| Monday 19th    | 10.00 am .....                                   | <b>Mass</b> .....   | <i>Stephen McLinn (Spec Int)</i> |
| Tuesday 20th   | <b>No Mass or Adoration in St Joseph's today</b> |   |                                  |
| Wednesday 21st | 10.00 am .....                                   | <b>Mass</b> .....   | <i>Canon Denis Quinlan (Ann)</i> |
| Thursday 22nd  | 6.00 pm.....                                     | <b>Mass</b> .....   | <i>Maria Bordone (RIP)</i>       |
| Friday 23rd    | 10.00 am .....                                   | <b>Mass</b> .....   | <i>Theresa McMahan (Ann)</i>     |
| Saturday 24th  | 5.30-5.45 pm.....                                | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy</b> |                                  |
|                | 6.00 pm.....                                     | <b>Vigil Mass</b> (not livestreamed) .....                      | <i>Joseph King Jnr (Ann)</i>     |
| Sunday 25th    | 11.00 am .....                                   | <b>Mass</b> (livestreamed) .....                                | <i>Jim McShane (RIP)</i>         |

**MOVING TO PROTECTION LEVEL ZERO:** On Monday 19th July, Scotland will move to Protection Level Zero. At Protection Level Zero, congregational singing is permitted (although masks must still be worn), and physical distancing can be reduced to one metre between households. This increases the capacity of the church from 38 to 57 household places and, depending on how many people fill these places, capacity for up to 150 people. Booking will still be necessary. The cap of 50 at a wedding or funeral will be lifted, although capacity will still be limited because of the need for one metre physical distance between households.

Ventilation of the church remains very important and the doors will be left open during Mass unless the weather makes this impractical. In any case, the doors will be opened for some time between Masses while the church is being sanitised.

Thank you once again to the stewards and cleaning team for their commitment and perseverance.

### 118th BIRTHDAY OF ST JOSEPH'S PIPE ORGAN:

On 9th August 1903, the new Harrison and Harrison pipe organ at St Joseph's was inaugurated. In this sense we can celebrate the organ's 118th birthday on 9th August 2021.

To mark the organ's birthday, there will be a lecture given on 9th August at 7 pm by Dr Raymond McCluskey, organist and choirmaster here at St Joseph's. He will speak of the importance of the pipe organ and its value in the liturgy, chart the history of St Joseph's musical tradition, describe the workings of the Harrison and Harrison instrument in our church, and follow the talk with a demonstration and short organ recital. To book places (there is no cost), please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) giving the names of those who will attend.

This lecture will be a prelude to the organ recital series planned for Friday 24th September at 7 pm by Steven McIntyre, organist at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow; for Tuesday 12th October at 12 noon by Aaron Hawthorne, freelance theatre organist; and for Tuesday 16th November at 12 noon by Andrew Reid, Managing Director of Harrison and Harrison Organ Builders. More details on the recitals will be published in due course.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Welcome to Jude Alexander Brown who will be baptised this Sunday and welcomed into the family of God. Congratulations to Jude and his family.

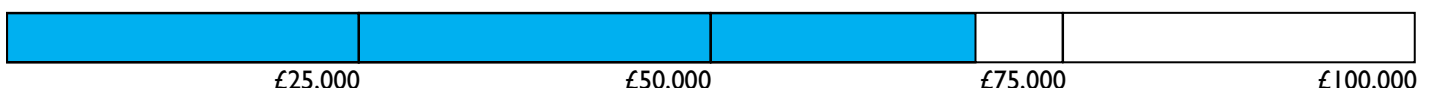
**Hall bookings:** suspended until further notice.

**Safeguarding co-ordinator:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** Ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain.

**Standing orders:** £709.38. **Weekly collection:** £712.50. **Building Fund (to Organ Fund):** £495.50.

**Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £68,306.95.**



Thank you for your generous support of the parish and to all who have set up standing orders.



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:** Pope Francis invites the Church throughout the world to keep annually the Sunday closest to Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, 26 July, as the Church's Day of Prayer and Support for Grandparents and the Elderly, recognising the vital part they play in all societies and families, and in the life and mission of the Church. So, this year it will be marked on Sunday 25th.

**RETURNING TO MASS IN PERSON:** What will be the pace of our emerging from this pandemic remains as yet unclear. What is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength.

It has been heartening during these last weeks to see people return who had not previously felt confident to do so.

**BOOKING FOR MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S. Weekend Mass:** Online booking is preferred. You can book a place at Mass on the parish website at <http://www.rckilmarnock.org.uk/st-josephs-mass-booking/>.

Booking for the following weekend opens the previous **Sunday at 6 pm and closes on Wednesday at 12 noon.**

Telephone bookings for the following Sunday may be made by calling 01563 521832 on **Wednesday between 11.00 am and 12 noon.** Confirmation of a place at Mass will be given by email or telephone by Friday.

**Weekday Mass:** There is no need to book a place for weekday Mass – just come along.

**APPEAL FOR FOOD PARCELS:** On Wednesdays from 11.00 am until 12.00 noon, food parcels are available by ringing the doorbell on the church hall. Outside of this time, should anyone need or know of someone else who might need a food parcel delivered to their home, please email

[kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) with a name, address and telephone number.

We appeal again for food parcels to be delivered to the church as **stock is low.** The contents of the food parcel are specific and are to be delivered in a strong plastic or paper bag:

- 2 cans of soup
- 1 canned meal, e.g. beef bolognese, chilli con carne, chicken supreme, Fray Bentos style pie
- 1 pack of either pasta, tinned potatoes, rice
- 1 tin of fruit
- 1 tin of vegetables
- 1 tin of beans
- 1 carton of long-life milk (UHT)
- 1 tin of hotdog sausages
- 1 tin of sardines/mackerel fillets/tuna
- 1 packet of biscuits
- 1 toilet roll
- 1 bar of soap.

Please ensure canned foods **have a ring pull** for opening them. Please also note that tea, coffee and sugar are **not required.**

Please deliver the parcels to the church hall on **Wednesday between 11 am and 12 noon.** If you really cannot deliver parcels at this time, they can be brought to Mass or left in the front porch of the church house. Thank you for your support.

**JUST FOR A LAUGH:** A parish priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his homily. The man returned just before the conclusion of Mass. Afterwards the priest asked the man where he had gone “I went to get a haircut” was the reply. “But” said the Parish Priest, “why didn't you do that before Mass started?” “Because” the gentleman said, “I didn't need one then.”

| MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK |   |   |                           |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|
|  | Stewards  | Cleaning Team between Masses  | Writer of Bidding Prayers |
| Saturday 17 July<br>6.00 pm                | Clare Power, Helena Rameckers,<br>Danny and Anne Gorman   | Clare Power, Helena Rameckers,<br>Danny and Anne Gorman                                     | Margaret McGrath          |
| Sunday 18 July<br>11.00 am                 | Emma Wood, Dennis Graham,<br>Alan and Theresa Kerr,<br>Eileen Cunningham, Roberta Murphy                                  | Emma Wood, Dennis Graham,<br>Alan and Theresa Kerr,<br>Daniel, Michael and Marilyn Ogbunubi | Margaret McGrath          |
| Monday 19 July<br>10.00 am                 | Clare Power, Roberta Murphy,<br>Margaret and Michael McGrath  | Clare Power, Roberta Murphy,<br>Margaret and Michael McGrath                                |                           |
| Wednesday 21 July<br>10.00 am              | Eileen Cunningham, Anne Gorman,<br>Margaret McGrath, Clare Power  | Eileen Cunningham, Anne Gorman,<br>Margaret McGrath, Clare Power                            |                           |
| Thursday 22 July<br>6.00 pm                | Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson,<br>Anne and Michael Timmons   | Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson,<br>Anne and Michael Timmons,<br>Margaret McGrath              |                           |
| Friday 23 July<br>10.00 am                 | Margaret and Michael McGrath<br>Danny and Anne Gorman   | Margaret and Michael McGrath<br>Danny and Anne Gorman                                       |                           |
| Saturday 24 July<br>6.00 pm                | Clare Power, Helena Rameckers,<br>Danny and Anne Gorman   | Clare Power, Helena Rameckers,<br>Danny and Anne Gorman                                     | Hugh Matthews             |
| Sunday 25 July<br>11.00 am                 | Emma Wood, Dennis Graham,<br>Alan and Theresa Kerr,<br>Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson,<br>Eileen Cunningham, Roberta Murphy | Emma Wood, Dennis Graham,<br>Alan and Theresa Kerr,<br>Daniel, Michael and Marilyn Ogbunubi | Hugh Matthews             |



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your  
grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your  
commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.  
"Doom for the shepherds who allow the  
flock of my pasture to be destroyed and  
scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This,  
therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel  
says about the shepherds in charge of my  
people: You have let my flock be scattered  
and go wandering and have not taken care  
of them. Right, I will take care of you for  
your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks!  
But the remnant of my flock I myself will  
gather from all the countries where I have  
dispersed them, and will bring them back  
to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and  
increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds  
to look after them and pasture them; no fear,  
no terror for them any more; not one shall be  
lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

"See, the days are coming – it is the Lord  
who speaks –  
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,  
who will reign as true king and be wise,  
practising honesty and integrity in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name he will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 22

Response:

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far  
apart from us have been brought very close,  
by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace  
between us, and has made the two into one  
and broken down the barrier which used to  
keep them apart, actually destroying in his  
own person the hostility caused by the rules  
and decrees of the Law. This was to create  
one single New Man in himself out of the two  
of them and by restoring peace through the  
cross, to unite them both in a single Body  
and reconcile them with God. In his own  
person he killed the hostility. Later he came  
to bring the good news of peace, peace to  
you who were far away and peace to those  
who were near at hand. Through him, both of  
us have in the one Spirit our way to come to  
the Father.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him  
all they had done and taught. Then he said  
to them, "You must come away to some  
lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a  
while"; for there were so many coming and  
going that the apostles had no time even to  
eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely  
place where they could be by themselves.  
But people saw them going, and many could  
guess where; and from every town they all  
hurried to the place on foot and reached it  
before them. So as he stepped ashore he

saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them  
because they were like sheep without a  
shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at  
some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(all bow during the next three lines)  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice  
brought to completion varied offerings of the  
law,  
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your  
faithful servants  
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of  
Abel,  
so that what each has offered to the honour  
of your majesty  
may benefit the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we  
pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with  
heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.