



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26th September 2021

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 26th – SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021

Please visit "St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock" YouTube channel for Masses which are livestreamed.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 25th	5.30-5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Liam Clarke (Ann)
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Mass	John Cassidy (Ann)
Monday 27th	10.00 am	Mass	Sandra McKay (Ann)
Tuesday 28th	10.00 am	Mass	Joseph King Snr (Ann)
	After Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10.45 am)	
Wednesday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	Bob & Nellie McGrath (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 30th		No public Mass in St Joseph's today	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Friday 1st	10.00 am	Mass	Peter Mason (RIP)
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30-5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Docherty (RIP)
Sunday 3rd	11.00 am	Mass	Nadia Marshall (RIP)



ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: After an outstanding inaugural recital by Steven McIntyre on Friday, we look forward to the next recital in this series. Aaron Hawthorne will perform on Tuesday 12th October at 12 noon on the Harrison & Harrison organ at St Joseph's.

Following his 2019 performance at the American Theatre Organ Society's annual convention in Rochester, New York, Aaron received the ultimate honour for a young organist of winning the international *Young Theatre Organist* competition, having won the UK title two years before. Only a few months later, Aaron was awarded the *Ian Sutherland Award* by the UK Cinema Organ Society, an award "made directly to a player who displays outstanding talent and promise as a theatre organist."

SPONSOR A PIPE FUNDRAISING APPEAL: As part of our Organ Restoration Project, we are offering you the chance to sponsor an organ pipe. Your individual donation will help towards the cost of the restoration. We will recognise your generosity with a commemorative certificate and, with your permission, your name will be recorded in our public *Book of Sponsors*. *Sponsor a Pipe* forms are available in the porch. You can also sponsor a pipe in memory of a loved one or as a birthday, Christmas, wedding, wedding anniversary, First Communion or Confirmation gift to someone.

As we embark on a major restoration project of the pipe organ, which is itself a generous legacy from the past, please consider any small way you can help to make the instrument a precious gift for the future.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

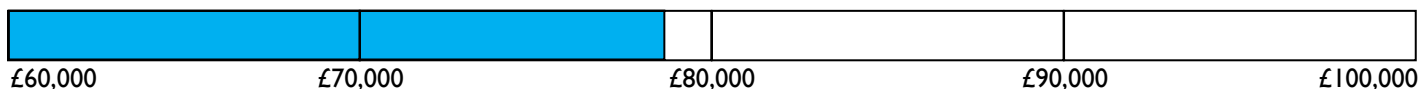
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

Ayr Hospital: Deacon Robert Mackie (ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 07703 751403)

Standing orders: £731.08. **Weekly collection:** £915.40. **Building Fund (to Organ Fund):** £20.00.

Retired Priests: £70.00. **Organ Restoration Fund:** £27.00. **Sponsor a Pipe:** £650.00.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £78,257.41.



Thank you for your generous support of the parish and the Organ Restoration Project.



Congratulations to the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 23rd September.

ST MATTHEW'S YOUTH HUB: The Hub will be restarting in September 27th from 6-8pm. It is open to any young person who is in Secondary School. The Youth Hub Leader will be one of the Salesian Sisters who will run the sessions helped by our own volunteers.

PROVIDING SOLAR-POWERED LIGHT FOR THE IHM SISTERS' JUNIORATE SCHOOL IN URUALLA:

The Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are helping the fundraising efforts to provide solar-powered light for the Juniorate school in Urualla, Nigeria run by the sisters. If you are able to make a donation, please complete the form at the stall in the porch and leave the donation there. Thank you.

SYCAMORE: Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives people space to meet others, share ideas, explore their beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion. The high-quality films are engaging, thought-provoking, and accessible to those with little or no religious background. They explore the richness of the Christian tradition from a Catholic perspective, connecting the core Christian message with a vision of the sacramental and moral life. They will also appeal to people from different Christian traditions and backgrounds.

A core group is preparing to offer the Sycamore programme here in St Joseph's. This is part of a diocesan initiative to re-build community and to grow in faith after 18 months of disruption and isolation as a result of the pandemic.

More detail about when the programme will begin will be given next week. In St Margaret's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd October at 3 pm, there will be a Mass to inaugurate the Sycamore programme for the Diocese of Galloway. All are welcome.

SUNDAY TEAS: After 11 am Sunday Mass tea and coffee is served in the church hall. All are welcome.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent de Paul Conference in St Joseph's has supported those in need for over 150 years. The activity of the Conference was interrupted by the pandemic, although the Food Bank has been running during most of that time with the support of other volunteers. To rebuild the activity of the Conference more volunteers are needed. To find out more please speak to Alistair Thomson, Tom Murphy or Fr Stephen McGrattan.

RETURNING CHOIR MUSIC: Choir members who attended practices for Holy Week and Easter in February/March 2020 before the first COVID lockdown are respectfully requested to return all choir music as soon as possible via the box marked 'Choir Music' which is located at the back of the church. Thank you.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 25 September 6.00 pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	C McGowan	Julia, Ben, Sofie, Joseph			C Power M McGrath	IHM Sisters
Sunday 26 September 11.00 am	E Maxwell, R Doak, G McGee	D Connelly	Dominika, Luca, Matthew, Marilyn	Eileen Cunningham Lizzie Heron	Anne Dorrian	A & T Kerr	IHM Sisters
Saturday 2 October 6.00 pm	R Heron, E Heron, M Kirk	M McGrath	Julia, Ben, Sofie, Joseph			C Power H Rameckers	H Rameckers
Sunday 3 October 11.00 am	G Smith, H Matthews, T Murphy	A Neil	Dominika, Luca, Matthew, Marilyn	Anne Mackie Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson	M McGrath R Murphy	H Rameckers