



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 3rd October 2021

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 3rd – SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 2021

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30-5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy	
Sunday 3rd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Docherty (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Nadia Marshall (RIP)
	3.00 pm	Mass to inaugurate the Sycamore Programme at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	Neil Craig (Ann)
Monday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	Moirra McCluskey (RIP)
Tuesday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	
Wednesday 6th	After Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10.45 am)	
Thursday 7th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Agnes (Nan) Knox, RIP	Agnes (Nan) Knox, RIP
Friday 8th	No public Mass in St Joseph's today		
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	John Boyle (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 10th	5.30-5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Stephen McLinn (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Sarah Green (RIP)

**SYCAMORE:** Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. In this time when communities are rebuilding after 18 months of disruption and isolation, it gives people a safe space to meet others, share ideas, explore their beliefs, and think about questions that really matter in a welcoming setting.



At Masses this weekend, we will hear from Paul Nicholson - one of the core group members - about his experience of Sycamore so far. Please listen to Paul's testimony with an open heart, and consider the invitation he will extend to you to come and see what Sycamore can give to you.

After 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 24th October, you are warmly invited to come to the hall for soup, followed by a

pilot Sycamore session. People of all ages are welcome, and nobody will be left on their own.

Following the pilot session, there will be six sessions taking place on Mondays at 7.00 pm, commencing on 1st November. Each session will last around an hour, although there will be a celebration meal for the final session on 6th December.

This Sunday, 3rd October, there will be a Mass in St. Margaret's Cathedral at 3 pm to inaugurate the Sycamore programme for the Diocese of Galloway. All are welcome.

**CHURCH REOPENS FOR QUIET PRAYER ON WEEKDAYS:** St Joseph's church will be open once again during the day on weekdays for you to make a visit for quiet prayer. Access is by the side door closest to the altar and the church will be open after 10 am Mass on Mondays to Wednesdays and Fridays until 4 pm. On Thursdays the church will be open from 10 am until evening Mass or until 4 pm when there is no evening Mass. All welcome.

**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:

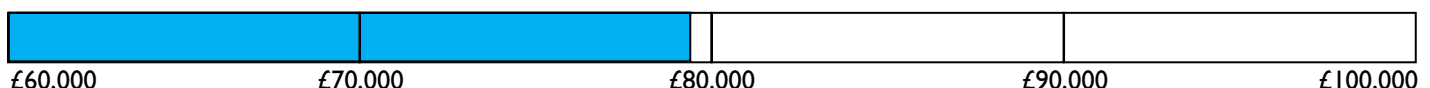
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan ([crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

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

**Standing orders:** £731.08. **Weekly collection:** £942.50. **Building Fund (to Organ Fund):** £5. **Retired Priests:** £49.70.

**Organ Restoration Fund:** £387.50. **Sponsor a Pipe:** £570. **SVDP** £50. **SCIAF:** £160.

**Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £79,261.16.**



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

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Our parishioner Agnes (Nan) Knox has died and her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th October at 10 am in St Joseph's. Father Joe Holmes, a Mill Hill Missionary, spent the last years of his ministry after decades in the Missions in Galloway Diocese as parish priest in Annan. Fr Holmes died during the week. Please keep the departed and their families in your prayers.

**BUILDING FUND:** A special collection will be taken today for the Building Fund. Envelopes are provided in the donation envelope set. Thank you for your ongoing support.



**ORGAN RECITAL 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.

For more information about the pipe organ and the restoration project visit the parish website: <http://www.rckilmarnock.org.uk/organ-restoration-project/>

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** Pope Francis will offer the opening Mass of the Church's global Synod on Synodality next Sunday, and the parishes of Galloway diocese will mark the opening of the Synod at Masses on 16th-17th October. The Synod will continue until late 2023.



**What is a Synod?** The word "synod" comes from the Greek, *synodus*, meaning a coming together, a meeting. In the Church, a synod of bishops is a modern revival of a very ancient practice. Such deliberative gatherings of bishops, patterned on the Council of Jerusalem depicted in Acts 15, often met in the early centuries of the Church's life. They were reinstituted at the Second Vatican Council because the bishops and the pope saw the value of meeting more frequently to listen collaboratively and to discern.

**The Church's global Synod on Synodality 2021-23:** In short, this Synod on Synodality is an initiative of Pope Francis to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church, to the People of God, to listen to one another, and to make a common journey together of communion, participation and mission. The Pope has called for a very participative process, engaging all the faithful, which will prepare for this Synod.

There are three phases.

- 1) **The diocesan phase** will involve consultation and participation of the People of God. Between now and Spring 2022 a Diocesan Synodal Team will reach out to people to discuss and listen to one other about the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church in the world today. The diocesan work will be summarised in a document. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland will prepare a national document based on diocesan findings.
- 2) **The continental phase** will take place from Autumn 2022 to Spring 2023 to engage in dialogue on the diocesan findings at a continental level.
- 3) **The final phase** will involve collating and finalising documents, based on the responses of the People of God, to be published in June 2023 and submitted in October 2023 to the Assembly of Bishops in Rome. The Pope will listen to the bishops, and discern the whole Church's journey of communion, participation and mission.

You will be invited to be actively involved in the diocesan phase during the next weeks and months.

**ST MATTHEW'S YOUTH HUB:** The Hub has restarted on Mondays 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.

**SUNDAY TEAS:** After 11 am Sunday Mass tea and coffee is served in the church hall. All are welcome. More volunteers to serve teas on a rota basis are requested. Please speak to Margaret McGrath or Fr Stephen.

**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 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	Anna Mackie Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson	M McGrath R Murphy	H Rameckers
Saturday 9 October 6.00 pm	H Rameckers, V Dagostino, J Rameckers	A Gorman	Julia, Ben, Sofie, Joseph			C Power M McGrath	M McGrath
Sunday 10 October 11.00 am	E Bohan, E Gallagher, M McGrath	L Dorrian	Dominika, Luca, Matthew, Marilyn	Anne & Mike Timmons	Emma Woods	A & T Kerr	M McGrath