



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Epiphany of the Lord (Day of Prayer for Peace)

Sunday 2nd January 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 2nd – SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 1st	11.00 am	Mass of Mary, Mother of God	Denis Murphy (RIP)
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am	No Vigil Mass of Sunday on New Year's Day Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord	Elizabeth & Michael Flynn (Ann)
Monday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass	Jean Campbell (RIP)
Tuesday 4th	10.00 am	Mass followed by Adoration until 10.45 am	Maria Bordone, Daniel Alonso (Ann)
Wednesday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 6th		After Mass Recitation of the Rosary No Mass in St Joseph's today (10.00 am) Mass in St Matthew's	
Friday 7th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Betty (Bice) Nicol	Betty (Bice) Nicol (RIP)
Saturday 8th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Peter Mason (Ann)
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	Mass of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	George Quigley (Ann)

The church is open from Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm for prayer. Entrance through side door.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:

Today, Sunday 2nd January, is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Day of Prayer for Peace. There will be a special collection for the work of justice and peace in the Church in Scotland. Please find below the text of a letter from Bishop William Nolan, President of the Justice & Peace Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year we begin the new year by praying for justice and for peace. And each year it seems that justice and peace are beyond our grasp, yet ever more necessary than the year before. As we look around us, we see a world where justice and peace are an elusive dream for so many but not a reality.

Looking at the problems we face today, it is clear that many of these problems have as their root cause human weakness, human failing, and human sinfulness.

Much of the environmental crisis that confronts us just now is caused by our misuse of the world's resources, our pollution of the air and the seas, and our exploitation of the earth without a concern for the consequences.

And in so many countries we see the suffering caused by warfare and violence. Is it not strange that we human beings spend over 1.9 trillion dollars (see: www.sipri.org/media/press-release/2021/world-military-spending-rises-almost-2-trillion-2020) every year in global military spending? So much money spent defending ourselves from our fellow human beings! What does that say about the state of our humanity?

We need to recognise that the core of the problem lies within ourselves, within the human heart.

Among the consequences is that we live in a world where the number of forcibly displaced persons is more than it has ever

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:

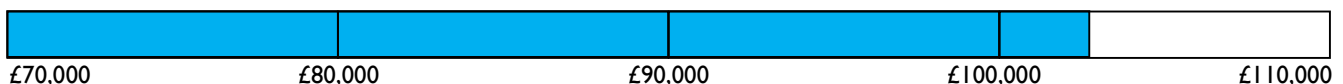
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £731.08. **Weekly collection:** £377.75. **Christmas Collection:** £1,048.85.

Building Fund: £37. **Justice & Peace:** £2. **Crib:** £219.77.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,345.29.



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

been. 82.4 million people worldwide (see Forced Displacement in 2020, www.unhcr.org/flagship-reports/globaltrends/) have had to leave their homes and move elsewhere, often to other countries, as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or climate change. Hardly surprising that some of these people try to reach our shores. Hardly surprising that those fleeing oppression or poverty take the risk of travelling in flimsy boats across the Channel longing to get here, to what they hope is the Promised Land.

We pray every year for peace and for justice. We need to pray fervently not just today but every day, so that the message of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will touch human hearts; so that we will recognise the dignity of our fellow human beings, particularly those who are strangers to us, particularly those who are poor, particularly those who call out to us for help.

May our prayer go hand in hand with our actions so that justice and peace may no longer be just a dream but become a reality in our world, in our lives and in the lives of our fellow human beings.

Wishing you every blessing in the year ahead,

+William Nolan

Bishop of Galloway
President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice and Peace Commission

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioners Rita Hely, Anne Kavanagh and Andrew Carton have died. We extend our prayers and condolences to their families. Requiem Mass for Rita is on Monday 10th January at 10 am. Requiem Mass for Anne is on Tuesday 11th January at 10 am. Requiem Mass for Andrew is on Monday 17th January at 10 am. May they rest in peace.

COVID-19 PARISH UPDATE: In light of the developments with the Omicron Variant of Covid-19, it is essential that everyone coming to church protects others as well as themselves through the effective mitigations of:

- Wearing face-coverings properly (i.e. over mouth and nose) unless medically exempt,
- Sanitising hands,
- **Keeping a respectful distance** between other households (although fixed distancing will not apply as in the past). Please use the space across the entire church to spread out as much as possible.

In addition:

- The church will be suitably ventilated to dilute concentration of any virus in the air.

- You are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before attending Mass. These are available from pharmacies and vaccination and test centres.
- Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 and members of their household should not come to church.

It would be most helpful if people were to download the CheckInScotland App to their phones and use it to check in using the QR code in the porch. This prevents the need to log your name with the stewards and further reduces the risk of transmission of the virus. The parish CheckInScotland QR code will be attached to the ends of the pews to save the need to queue in the porch. Names will still be taken in the porch for those unable to use their phone to check in.

Until a date to be determined **Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will not take place.**

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION: The collection from the Christmas Masses will be directed to the training of young sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nigeria, and pastoral projects in Nigeria. Thank you.

ORGAN RESTORATION FUND: While the tremendous fundraising target for the restoration of the pipe organ has been achieved, the opportunity to sponsor a pipe will remain open in the meantime, and any further funds will be set aside for any additional costs associated with the restoration and maintenance of the instrument. Thank you for the generosity of individuals and funding groups.

CRIB APPEAL: The Crib Appeal supports the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. The pressure of the pandemic led to an increase in need for their services and, at the same time, the restrictions left them facing major funding gaps which threaten their ability to continue to offer these much-needed services. Donations may be left at the crib.

SYNOD TOPIC EIGHT - AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION: A synodal Church is a Church where everyone participates and everyone shares responsibility. *How well do we identify our goals and how to reach them? What good examples do we have of governance, teamwork and shared responsibility? How do we promote lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people? What fruitful experiences can we share of lay leadership? How can we develop fruitful participation and leadership?* Fr Stephen Latham has created a short video reflection, which is available on the diocesan webpage gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod-news, and at <https://youtu.be/Toun6STImPg> to help you consider these questions. The diocesan team will be pleased to receive all feedback on these questions at synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, which will also be addressed during parish synod encounters in the coming weeks.

Next week: Synod topic nine – Discerning and Deciding

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Stewards	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 1 January 11.00 am	To be arranged	A Gorman	Julia, Ben, Sofie			Margaret, Helena	IHM Sisters
Sunday 2 January 11.00 am	First reader tba, L Hand, E Maxwell	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Roberta, Paul, Libby, Helena	Already prepared
Saturday 8 January 6.00 pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Margaret, Michael, Anne G, +1	H Rameckers
Sunday 9 December 11.00 am	First reader tba, G McGee, G Smith	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Theresa, Alan, Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers