



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 9th January 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 9th – SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 8th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<i>Peter Mason (Ann)</i>
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	Mass of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<i>George Quigley (Ann)</i>
Monday 10th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Rita Hely, RIP	<i>Rita Hely (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Anne Kavanagh, RIP	<i>Anne Kavanagh (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Mgt & Thos McKinstery (Ann)</i>
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 13th		No Mass in St Joseph's today (10.00 am) Mass in St Matthew's	
Friday 14th		No Mass in St Joseph's today (10.00 am) Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
Saturday 15th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass	

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

Should you urgently need the service of a priest between 12th and 19th January, please contact Fr Martin Chambers on 01563 533587.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Andrew Carten has died. His requiem Mass is on Monday 17th January at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

Isobel Hackett (née McNulty), formerly of St Joseph's parish, died on 31st December at home in Sheffield. Her requiem Mass will be offered on Friday 14th January. May she 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.

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:

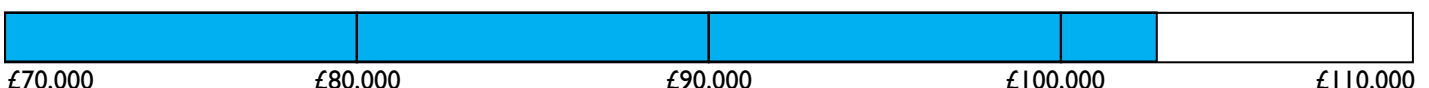
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £731.08. **Weekly collection:** £746.00. **Christmas Collection:** £87.50.

Building Fund: £30. **Justice & Peace:** £321.42. **Crib:** £75.95. **SVDP:** £10. **Organ fund:** £50.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,395.29.



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

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.**

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH: The side walls of the church are scheduled to be painted from 24th – 28th January. It is hoped that the work will be completed between Monday and Friday. The church building will be closed during that week and daily Mass will be celebrated in the hall.

Should any funerals have to take place during these dates, they can take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel or St Matthew's churches.

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 NINE – DISCERNING AND DECIDING: A synodal Church makes decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. *How well do we promote participation in decision making and how well do we make decisions together? How can we improve our methods so that everyone's voices can be included? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?* 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/ESxb1jhKV6k> 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 ten – Forming Ourselves in Synodality*

THE CHURCH'S YEAR AND ORDINARY TIME:

Communion with God's divine life is the daily existence of the baptised Christian. It is celebrated by solemnities like Christmas and Easter, but everyone knows that a celebration does not mean the ordinary days are unimportant. I might celebrate my anniversary with an extra fancy dinner, but that doesn't mean I don't love my wife the other 364 days of the year. Liturgy expresses something that should be the basic stance of every moment of our lives and that's what the word "ordinary" means in this case, not tedious or boring, which we sometimes associate with the word. The Latin was *tempus per annum*: literally, "time through the year". That is ordinary which belongs to the usual order or course: customary, regular, usual.

It is related to *ordinal*, which means "counted time". These are the Sundays with numbers for names: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Twenty-seventh Sunday, etc. There are two blocks of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. One follows the Christmas cycle (basically from the Baptism of the Lord, which takes the place of the First Sunday of Ordinary Time, until Ash Wednesday). The other follows the Easter cycle (basically from Pentecost all the way up to Advent of the next year). You can recognise them by their liturgical colour of green.

It's not as if these "ordinary Sundays" lack the mystery of Christ. The *Universal Norm* says:

"Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, thirty-three or thirty-four weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time" (¶143).

These Sundays don't break the mystery of Christ into smaller pieces, they serve it up whole. Shine light through a prism and it is broken apart into a rainbow of reds and oranges and blues, but all those colours are in the white light. Shine the mystery of Christ through feasts and it is broken apart into Christmas and Easter and Pentecost, but all the aspects of Christ's mystery are in the Sundays of Ordinary Time.

The resurrection life is celebrated on every Sunday, which led Aidan Kavanagh to say that "Sunday is not a small Easter, rather Easter is a big Sunday." What we do every Sunday, we do in a big way at Easter. But we live from the fragrance of Christ's resurrected flesh all year long.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Stewards	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 8 January 6.00 pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	C McGowan	Julia, Ben, Sofie			Margaret, Michael, Anne G, +1	H Rameckers
Sunday 9 January 11.00 am	R Doak, G McGee, G Smith	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Theresa, Alan, Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers
Saturday 15 January 6.00 pm	R Heron, E Heron, M Kirk	J Lennon	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Margaret, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 16 January 11.00 am	H Matthews, E Bohan, E Gallagher	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Paul, Libby	M McGrath