



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th January 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 30th JANUARY – SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2022

Mass will not be livestreamed on weekdays this week.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 29th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Jim O'Kane (Ann)
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Mass	Peggy & Jimmy Cassidy (Ann)
Monday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Mario Coli (Ann)
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am	Mass (followed by Adoration until 10.45 am)	Special Intention
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Matthew Ainsworth, RIP	Matthew Ainsworth (RIP)
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm	Mass	Jessie Flynn (RIP) and Patrick McCluskey (RIP)
Friday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	Jean Liddle (Ann)
Saturday 5th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Alan McCormack (RIP)
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Mass	Michael & Helen Strain (RIP)

The church will be open for prayer from Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: Are you thinking about being a Priest in 2022? The Diocese of Galloway is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or speak to your parish priest.

APPEAL FOR FOOD PARCELS: We appeal again for food parcels to be delivered to the church to maintain supply over the Christmas season. 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. 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.

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH: The interior side walls of the church have been painted. The remainder of the church will need to be painted from scaffolding because of the height. It is hoped to complete the work later in 2022.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: The diocesan team would like to thank all the people who have already responded to the ten themes which have been published over the past couple of months. Omicron unfortunately postponed the first wave of

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:

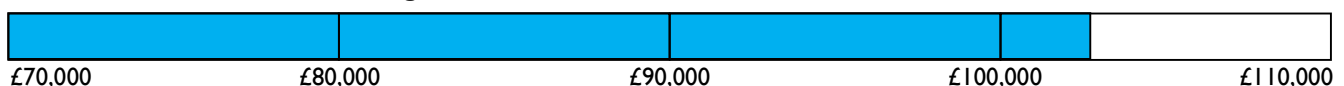
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £710.00. **Weekly collection:** £838.52. **Building Fund:** £326.39.

Sponsor-a-pipe fund: £205.00

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,734.04



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

synod encounters in parishes, however these are now starting to be rescheduled and we look forward to receiving the responses. In the meantime, there are two options to participate in the Synod. If you would like to attend an online encounter, please email synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk and indicate what days and times are suitable for you. There is also an online questionnaire which can be completed either by individuals or small groups, e.g. family members. It is available for download at <https://form.jotform.com/213292942112954> or by visiting gallowaydiocese.org.uk/synod.

SYNOD ENCOUNTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S PARISH: As detailed in the newsletter over the past weeks, the entire Catholic Church is in the midst of a Synod. Pope Francis invites all baptised people to take part in synodal encounters in the weeks and months ahead. After a delay resulting from the Omicron variant, you are invited to join in the first of these encounters in our parish on **Monday, 28th February** at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's hall. Please bring a pen and either a post-it pad or a small notebook with you, and be prepared to spend around two and a half hours discussing ten key themes which have been provided by the Vatican to help us explore the topic 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission'.

The session will be facilitated so that everybody will have an equal opportunity to consider the key themes and share their opinions, all of which will be submitted to the diocesan team for analysis. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, and full instructions will be given on the night. This is a special opportunity to share your hopes for the future of our parish and the wider Church. Please join in! If you have any questions ahead of the encounter, please email synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk, or speak with the parish facilitators, Lizzie and Des Cunningham.

SYNODALITY IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH: The Bishops Conference of Scotland (BCOS) host 'Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church' at 2pm on Saturday 12 February. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This online event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at bit.ly/BCOSYouTube

COVID-19 PARISH UPDATE: The parish CheckInScotland QR code will be attached to the ends of the pews for those who wish to register with the Government Test and Protect scheme while in church. Names will no longer be taken on arrival at church because this mechanical gathering of information is no longer useful to the contact tracing process.

Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will begin again on Sunday 6th February.

NEW SAFEGUARDING AGENCY BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE: Former Judge the Hon Lady Rae has taken up the reins as Board Chair of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) that is now being established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter (available here: <https://bit.ly/3tyelnn>) provides details of what the

agency will do, who it will work with and how it will be governed. Lady Rae is looking to recruit people who can bring relevant expertise to act as Board Directors who will support the important work of the new agency. More details are available on the website of this recruitment agency: <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

DISABILITY INCLUSION EVENTS: Learning together events 2022 on Zoom. There follow details of training offered by **Prospects Across Scotland**, which is a charity which supports people with learning disabilities. All of the online courses are free and bookings should be made directly to Prospects Across Scotland at the contact details given

Autism in the church family

This is a 2-hour informal session looking at the basics about autism and how our churches can become more accessible to autistic people and their families/carers.

Dates to choose are: Saturday 19th February, 10 am-12 noon; Wednesday 2nd March, 2-4 pm; Monday 14th March, 7-9 pm

Skills development

This will be a time for those new to running a Bible teaching group within the church as well as those who want an update as we all learn from each other. This informal training will also be useful to those considering how to make their church more accessible and welcoming to people with learning disabilities.

Dates to choose from are: Saturday 5th February, 10 am-12 noon or Tuesday 8th March, 7-9 pm

Speak Up

Aimed at people with learning disabilities to help them develop confidence and skills to speak in a group setting. Participants on this course must be able to attend both sessions and will receive a certificate on completion. Dates: Friday 25th March and Friday 1st April, both 2-4 pm

Makaton Taster

An introduction to using Makaton signing. Dates: Wednesday 9th February, 6:30-8:30 pm.

To book a place on any course please contact Jennifer at admin@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk. For any further enquiries please contact Ivy on 07827939520.

MUSICAL GENERATIONS: Musical Generations is a singing project delivered by Centrestage whose premises are in the former Kilmarnock Academy building. It meets on a Monday from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm and is for those who are older. You will receive a warm welcome, tea and coffee and a biscuit. There is a resident pianist who will play music which you can enjoy or even sing along, and there will be a break to give people an opportunity to chat. Those who attend get to choose the "Show of the Week" and the pianist will play the music from that show and again people can sing along. There is no charge and all are welcome. The organisers are very conscious of the necessary Covid mitigations being properly in place.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 29 January 6.00 pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, K McGhee	F Donachie	Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 30 January 11.00 am	L Hand, E Maxwell, R Doak	I Love	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters
Saturday 5 February 6.00 pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, M Kirk	A Gorman	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 6 February 11.00 am	G McGee, G Smith, H Matthews	A Neil	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anna Mackie Alice Murphy	Emma Woods Karen Cassidy	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers