



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th February 2022

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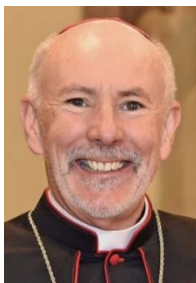
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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 6th – 13th FEBRUARY 2022

Mass will not be livestreamed on weekdays this week.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
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)
Monday 7th	10.00 am	Mass	Stephen McLinn (RIP)
Tuesday 8th	10.00 am	Mass (followed by Adoration until 10.45 am)	Theresa Mallon (RIP)
Wednesday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	Rita McCaw (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 10th	6.00 pm	Mass	Tom Gallacher (Ann)
Friday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Jean Campbell (RIP)
Saturday 12th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Nadia Marshall (RIP)
Sunday 13th	11.00 am	Mass	Joseph Davidson (Ann)

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



NEW ARCHBISHOP FOR GLASGOW: The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop William Nolan as Archbishop of Glasgow.

Reacting to the announcement, Bishop Nolan said: "I feel overwhelmed by the trust Pope Francis is putting in me by appointing me as Archbishop of Glasgow. It will be wrench for me to leave Galloway Diocese where for seven years I have

experienced the kindness and friendship of so many people, particularly the clergy. God truly blessed me by sending me to Galloway and I hope that my successor there will be similarly blessed."

"As I overcome my initial shock at being appointed Archbishop my thoughts now turn to the challenges that lies ahead. I look forward to working with everyone in the Archdiocese, laity and clergy, to carry out the mission that we share of proclaiming God's good news and of bringing the joy of the gospel into the lives of the people of today."

Please keep Bishop Nolan and the Archdiocese of Glasgow in your prayers at this time. Importantly, please pray also for the Diocese of Galloway, that a good and holy pastor will be appointed as our next bishop.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: From this Sunday, the children's liturgy resumes in the hall during the first part of the Mass and offers the children an understanding of the Gospel message of the day.

SUNDAY TEAS: From this Sunday, teas and coffees will be served after Sunday Mass in the hall. All welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop Nolan will confirm some of our young parishioners on Tuesday 22nd February at 7 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Please pray for the children as they continue on their journey to become full members of the Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN: The usual Confirmation retreat which brings together all the children of the deanery was to take place on Saturday 12th February and **will now not go ahead** as a precautionary measure because of Omicron.

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:

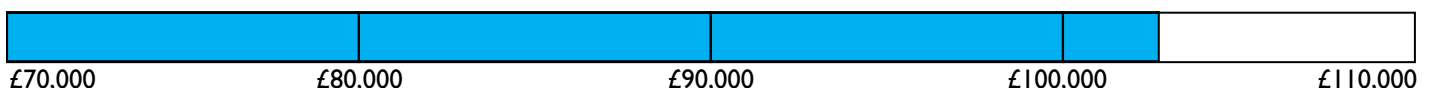
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £710.00. **Weekly collection:** £915.00. **Building Fund:** £185.50. **Justice and Peace:** £35.00.

SCIAF: £140.00. **SVDP:** £10.00 **Sponsor-a-pipe fund:** £25.00

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,765.29



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

A re-scheduled Confirmation mini-retreat for the children of our parish only will now take place in St Joseph's on Saturday 19th February at 10 am. Parents are asked to return at 11 am on the same day for a short meeting to explain what will happen at the Confirmation celebration. We will finish by 11.30 am.

Parents are also asked to take and complete a Confirmation card at Mass this weekend and return it to the parish house by Sunday 13th February.

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.

COVID-19 PARISH UPDATE: While it remains a legal requirement to wear a face covering in churches (unless an exemption applies), the gradual easing of restrictions and the slowdown in transmission of the virus have led to a review of the guidance for worship by the Infection Control Group of the Bishops' Conference.

The easing of restrictions and the reduced transmission of the virus, coupled with the lack of significant outbreaks associated with churches, have convinced the Bishops' Conference that the record of attendance is no longer required (either manually or by using the Test and Protect QR code).

The QR codes have, therefore, been removed from this weekend.

You are still encouraged to leave a respectful distance between others in church as far as possible, using all of the space available.

APEAL 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.

KILMARNOCK CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE: In the past two years charities have lost income due to Covid restrictions. In the case of **Christian Aid** this has been compounded by the fall in the UK Government's cut in the foreign aid budget. Unfortunately, while income has reduced, the need for humanitarian aid across the world has increased greatly. Due to conflicts, natural disasters, the impact of climate change, Covid and other deadly diseases in countries such as Afghanistan, Syria, Myanmar, the Congo and Tonga there are more people than ever in desperate situations.

In this context, Kilmarnock's Christian Aid Committee is seeking new members to reinforce its efforts to aid the world's most needy people. While house to house collections will continue where volunteers opt to do this, it is time to add new ways of fundraising, such as competitions, quizzes, sponsored activities - or any brainwaves which you may have. So please put on your thinking caps and tell us how you and your congregation can help to combat poverty worldwide.

If you can spare a few hours of your time to serve on the Christian Aid Committee or to volunteer at occasional fundraising events, please contact Helen Colman on 01563 524259 or helenmcolman@gmail.com or Barbara Graham on 01563 522108 or barbara.graham74@btinternet.com.

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.

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 2 pm on Saturday 12th 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

AN APEAL FOR DRIVING LESSONS: Sister Marilyn and Sister Juliet have provisional driving licences for the UK. They both have driving experience from Nigeria, but need some further tuition before presenting for their UK driving test. If there are any parishioners with experience of driving tuition (either formally or informally) who would be able to support them with some driving experience, please speak to Fr Stephen.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 5 February 6.00 pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, M Kirk	A Gorman	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
Saturday 12 February 6.00 pm	J Rameckers, E Heron R Heron	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 13 February 11.00 am	P Nicholson, E Gallagher, E Bohan	L Dorrian	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne & Gerry Smith	Julia & Helena Rameckers	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath