



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th February 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 13th – 20th FEBRUARY 2022

Mass will not be livestreamed on weekdays this week.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
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) and David Dempster (Ann)
Monday 14th	10.00 am	Mass	Moira McCluskey (RIP)
Tuesday 15th	10.00 am	Mass (followed by Adoration until 10.45 am)	Mary Gallacher (RIP)
Wednesday 16th	10.00 am	Mass	Jean Mason (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 17th	6.00 pm	Mass	Margaret Duncan (RIP)
Friday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Helen McGeachy (RIP)
Saturday 19th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	James Lowe (RIP)
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Mass	Special Intention

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

**WEDNESDAY DROP-IN GROUP:** Before the restrictions caused by Covid the Saint Vincent de Paul Society led a drop-in group on Wednesdays between 11 am and 12 noon in the church hall. Those in need were able to drop in for tea or coffee and a biscuit and to chat. Sometimes food parcels were distributed. We would like to restart this group. If anyone is able to volunteer, please come along to a meeting in the church hall on Wednesday 16th February at 11 am. Thank you.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:** The parish accounts for 2021 are available in summary form inside the newsletter this week.

**THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS TO BE RESTORED:** The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or **to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.** May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn

loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic. We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, **of the celebration of the Eucharist** and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.

**SUNDAY TEAS:** 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)

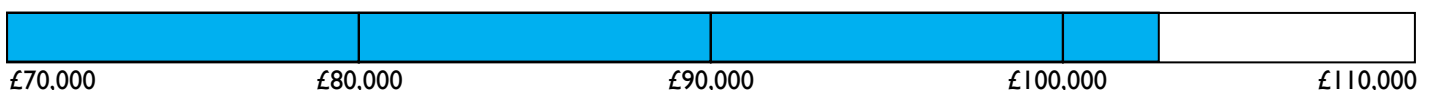
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

*Crosshouse Hospital:* Fr Stephen McGrattan ([crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](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: £710.00. Weekly collection: £1,001.55. Building Fund: £31.00. Justice and Peace: £26.00.**

**Christmas: £51.00. 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.

**HOSPITAL VISITING:** The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals will be pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at [crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on [ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 07703 751403. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

- 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.

**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](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk), or speak with the parish facilitators, Lizzie and Des Cunningham.

**LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** All welcome.

**ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK**  
**THE HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903)**

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2022**



*Recitalist:*  
**Tiffany Vong**

Tuesday 15 March at 12 noon  
 St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,  
 Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of entertaining music on the church's 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

**Admission Free**

*Retiral Collection in aid of the St Joseph's Church Organ Restoration Project*

**No booking required - Just come along**

**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



**MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 12 February 6.00 pm	J Rameckers, E Heron R Heron	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Michael	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
Saturday 19 February 6.00 pm	H Rameckers, V Dagostino, K McGhee	F Donachie	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 20 February 11.00 am	E Maxwell, G Smith, L Hand	G McGee	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters, E King	Alan, Theresa	H Matthews