



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th February 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 20th – 27th FEBRUARY 2022

Mass will not be livestreamed on weekdays this week.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
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
Monday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	Janette McCaig (Ann) and William Gallacher (Ann)
Tuesday 22nd	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Eileen Cassels, RIP	Eileen Cassels (RIP)
Wednesday 23rd	No Mass or Rosary in St Joseph's today		
	10.00 am	Mass in St Paul's Church, Hurlford	
Thursday 24th	No Mass in St Joseph's today		
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Friday 25th	No Mass in St Joseph's today		
	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
Saturday 26th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Mason (RIP)
Sunday 27th	11.00 am	Mass	Kate Parnell (RIP)

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.

A group of interested volunteers met to discuss restarting the Wednesday group and it will begin again on Wednesday 2nd March from 11 am to 12 noon.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY 3 AGE CHILDREN TO BEGIN: There will be an information evening for parents of children in primary 3 about the programme of preparation for Reconciliation later in June 2022, and for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2023. It will take place in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 3rd March at

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

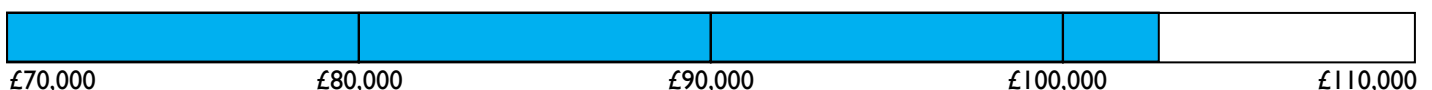
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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:** £1,247.60. **Building Fund:** £543.10. **Justice and Peace:** £80.00.

Christmas: £10.00. **SCES:** £10.00. **Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,765.29**



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

7 pm. This is an important meeting to attend if you would like your child to begin this journey of faith to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop Nolan will confirm some of our young primary 4 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.

- 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.

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.

The questions for reflection are provided in the newsletter insert this week.


LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Pray through the Lent wilderness using colour. St Marnock's Church hall, St Marnock's Street, on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 2 pm, starting Tuesday 1st March. All welcome.

LENT STUDY GROUP: Holy Trinity Church will use the Journey to the Heart of Easter resource <https://odb.org/resources/journey-to-the-heart-of-easter> on Wednesdays from 11 am to 12 noon, beginning 2nd March. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ONLINE: Friday 4th March starting at 2.15 pm on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85941668097?pwd=OU5wU2ZLcDl0cTE3LONxb3BiME56UT09>. Meeting ID: 859 4166 8097. Passcode: 432262.

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: 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 or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on 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.

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

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 26 February 6.00 pm	F Donachie, M Kirk, A Davidson	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 27 February 11.00 am	G McGee, H Matthews, P Nicholson	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	E Cunningham Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters