



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 27th February 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY – 6th MARCH 2022

Mass is available on the "St Joseph's, Kilmarnock" YouTube channel.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 26th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	Jean Mason (RIP)
Sunday 27th	11.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Kate Parnell (RIP)
Monday 28th	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Mary McKay (Ann)
	After Mass .....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> until 10.45 am	
Tuesday 1st	7.00 pm .....	<b>Synod Encounter</b> in the church hall	
	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Billy Dempsey (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd	After Mass .....	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> until 10.45 am	
	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass on Ash Wednesday</b> .....	Arthur McNee (RIP)
	After Mass .....	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>	
	7.00 pm .....	<b>Mass on Ash Wednesday</b> .....	Special Intention
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Special Intention
Friday 4th	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> (Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse).....	Neil Craig (RIP)
	After Mass .....	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	10.45 am – 4 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Saturday 5th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	McCloskey & Mills family (RIP)
Sunday 6th	11.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	John & Margaret Connell (RIP)

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



Congratulations to the children of the parishes of the deanery who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday.

**Hall bookings:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

**Safeguarding co-ordinator:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

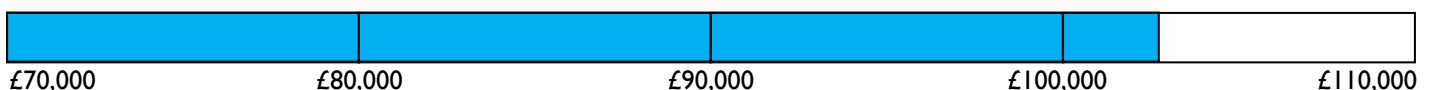
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

*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:** £771.23. **Building Fund:** £117.00. **Operation Orange:** £109.60.

**Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £102,765.29**



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

## LENT 2019: Come back to the Lord with all your heart... now is the favourable time

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. Lent is a season of prayer, of generous giving by putting others first and, importantly, of changing our lives and turning from sin towards God. Sin separates us from God and he longs for our return; sin also separates us from our fellow human beings. Renewed closeness to God through our Lenten offering will fill us with Easter joy when we celebrate Christ's triumph over death!

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. Members of the Church aged 14 and over are obliged to abstain from meat. Those between 18 and 60 should also fast by taking, at most, one meal and two small snacks. Illness or poor health exempts you from fasting and abstinence. Please observe this worthy Catholic practice, and also teach and encourage your children and grandchildren to do the same. Fasting helps us depend more on God than on material things and better awakens us to the needs of those who have less than ourselves.

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, first at 10.00 am then again at 7.00 pm.

### Lent Extra magazine and SCIAF material

"Lent Extra: Your Journey to Easter" magazine will be distributed this weekend as you depart from the church after Mass. Please take one per family. SCIAF boxes were distributed last weekend as a focus for almsgiving, together with material which describes the work of SCIAF. There are further SCIAF packs available in the porch.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Friday mornings.

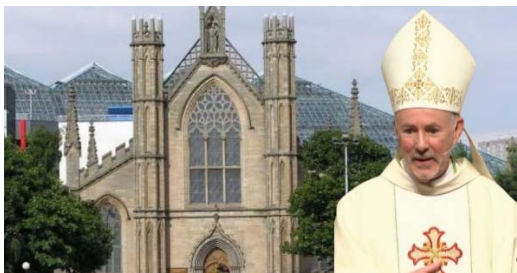
### Visit St Joseph's on a daily basis and adore the Blessed Sacrament

The church is open for daily prayer from Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm.

On Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration from 10.45 am until 4.00 pm. You are welcome to visit at any moment during the day. If you can help watch before the Blessed Sacrament, please sign the list in the porch which is organised in half-hour periods.

### Penance Service

A Penance Service for Kilmarnock, Hurlford and Galston parishes will take place on Tuesday 5th April at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Also, the Sacrament of Confession is regularly available (variations indicated in the bulletin) on a weekly basis at St Joseph's on Mondays after Mass and before the Saturday Vigil Mass. The priest will hear confession at other times on request.



### NEW ARCHBISHOP INSTALLED IN GLASGOW:

Yesterday, Saturday 26th February, in St Andrew's Cathedral, Archbishop William Nolan was installed as the ninth Archbishop of Glasgow since the 1878 restoration of the hierarchy. You can watch the Mass of installation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEwZHTCorUI>.

**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. You are invited to join a parish encounter on **Monday, 28th February at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's hall.**

This is a special opportunity to share your hopes for the future of our parish and the wider Church. Please join in! Here is some more information about the Synod on Synodality and our own parish encounter:

*In Rome in 2023 bishops and others from throughout the world will gather with the Pope for a Synod meeting. These meetings happen every few years and there have been synods on various topics, including the family, young people, the Word of God, the Eucharist... At these meetings the participants listen to one another in a prayerful way to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding the Church. The Pope, based on the Synod, formulates a response about how to be more fully the Church in today's world.*

*Next year's Synod is a Synod on Synodality. Synodality means walking together. The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the first disciples walked and worked together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to build the early Church. Pope Francis invites every baptised person to work – or to walk – together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to build today's Church.*

*The Pope has asked the baptised people throughout the world to have an encounter or a meeting to consider ten themes which are relevant to the mission of the Church today and to listen prayerfully to one another as we respond to these themes. The themes are given on the insert in today's newsletter. They are: Companions on the journey, Listening, Speaking out, Celebration in prayer, Sharing responsibility for our common mission, authority and participation, discerning and deciding, and learning to change to be synodal people who walk together. What the baptised people of the world have to say will be written up and form a basis for the bishops to discuss in 2023 so they have listened widely to the people in the Church in every place. Pope Francis wants to hear from everybody.*

*The Synod encounter then is an important event in the life of our parish as the Church discerns how to journey collectively for the good of her mission, to build participation and to strengthen communion without leaving anyone out.*

*At the encounter you will be asked, in a group of four people, to consider the ten themes and questions associated with them. Each person has two minutes to speak on each theme while others listen, so everyone is heard. After people have spoken, there will be two minutes of silence to think about what you have heard before writing down one idea that strikes you as being the most important. These ideas will be collated to form a parish and a diocesan response. This will take some time – up to two hours, but timings will be carefully controlled and there will be a short tea-break halfway through to keep us focussed.*

*Especially as we emerge from pandemic restrictions, we are invited to be bold, to dream about the Church you think we should be, and to share your ideas and experiences with others. This is an exercise in prayerful listening, and not a discussion or a debate. Why not invite your family and friends, even if they have something different from you to say? All your responses are valued and valuable.*

*Please think carefully about this invitation and support our parish as we seek to respond to Pope Francis request to let our voices be heard. Thank you.*

### 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 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.

**WEDNESDAY DROP-IN GROUP:** The Wednesday drop-in group, led by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, for those in need to meet to chat over tea and coffee resumes on Wednesdays from 2nd March. Food parcels will be distributed.

**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.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE – FRIDAY 4th MARCH:** In 2019, the Bishops of Scotland established an annual Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse and individuals and communities who are affected by abuse. This Day of Prayer is to be marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. This year the Day of Prayer falls on the 4th of March. This day allows the Church to prayerfully renew its sorrow to anyone who has suffered and to stress its commitment to the essential work of safeguarding across our parish communities.

There follows a prayer which you may wish to offer on Friday:

God of compassion and love,  
always present and just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear our cries as we agonise  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Let us remember and pray for  
all those who have suffered abuse.

**Day of Prayer**  
**Friday 4th March 2022**

To find liturgical resources, go to: [www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding](http://www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding)

**SUNDAY TEAS:** Teas and coffees are served after Sunday Mass in the hall. All welcome.

**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](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.

**POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES DAY OF PEACE AND FASTING FOR UKRAINE:** Pope Francis has dedicated Wednesday 2 March – Ash Wednesday – as a universal day of prayer and fasting for peace.

The announcement made in Wednesday's General Audience comes at a time of devastating news from Eastern Europe.

Pope Francis said: "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

The pontiff made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused "great pain in my heart."

"Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks," the Pope said, "increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up," with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain.

"Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests," he stressed.

Pope Francis appealed to those "with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies."

He also prayed that "all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute."

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the UK, has addressed his community and all people of good will as Russia invades Ukraine.

"The day that we have been hoping would never come has arrived. This morning we woke up to hear the news that Russia has unleashed its troops into an invasion of Ukrainian soil as well as firing missiles into Ukrainian territory.

"We have been inviting people of goodwill to join Ukrainian Catholics in the United Kingdom to pray for peace in Ukraine these last several weeks. I want to thank you all for these prayers and for standing with Ukraine. Now more than ever before your prayers and your acts of solidarity with the Ukrainian people are needed.

"We call upon our government leaders and those in positions of power to remain steadfast in support of Ukraine against those who are waging this war upon the innocent citizens of Ukraine.

"We place the people of Ukraine under the protection of the Holy Family, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and the holy and righteous St Joseph the Betrothed."

Pope Francis has written a Prayer for Peace which you are invited to pray:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how

many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother/sister", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

**ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC EVENTS:** The Royal School of Church Music are holding an event for their members and other non-member church musicians on Monday 28 March from 4.30 - 6.00 pm. in New Laigh Kirk's Upper Hall, 43 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1BL. Their aim is to support church organists.

This member support event is a simple format with Ian Munro, as the RSCM's Regional Manager for Scotland, sharing news from the RSCM centre and RSCM at local level before opening the floor to questions, comments and allowing there to be a good discussion. You can book a free place here: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/events/scotland-area-member-support-event-for-ayrshire/> and all (including non-members) are welcome.

Another event is on 7th March. Over the covid-pandemic choirs have been hard hit. We are hosting a virtual evening aimed at helping choirs rebuild out of the pandemic and our virtual event *Choir Recruitment and Retention* is being held on Monday 7 March at 7.30 pm via Zoom and you can book here: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/events/scotland-area-choir-recruitment-and-retention/>.

**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=OU5wUjZLcDI0cTE3LONxb3BiME56UT09>. Meeting ID: 859 4166 8097. Passcode: 432262.

Booklets to follow the online service are available from the stall in the porch.

**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**

**SCOTLAND'S CENSUS 2022:** Later this month every household in the country will be contacted about Scotland's Census. This is the once-a-decade count of the population of Scotland, collecting information about where you stay and the people who stay there, including which religion you belong to.

The information you provide in the census, which may be completed online or by post, will help make decisions about how public money will be spent on schools, healthcare, roads and other important services in your local community. It is the go-to data source for social researchers in developing policy and is, therefore, very important.

Parishioners should be encouraged to complete the census, providing accurate information about themselves and their households, **including their religious affiliation**. Parishioners should also be invited to encourage family and friends to complete the census.

The deadline for completion of the census is 20 March 2022, known as Census Day.

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

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 26 February 6.00 pm	F Donachie, M Kirk, A Davidson	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 27 February 11.00 am	G McGee, H Matthews, P Nicholson	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	E Cunningham E Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters
Saturday 5 March 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, J Rameckers	M Steele	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 6 March 11.00 am	L Hand, E Bohan, E Gallagher	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne Dorrian	Pauline Ferguson, Robert Sheerins	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath