



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th March 2022

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

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 5th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	McCloskey & Mills family (RIP)
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Mass	John & Margaret Connell (RIP)
Monday 7th	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for Sadie Lobban, RIP	
Tuesday 8th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Sadie Lobban, RIP	Sadie Lobban (RIP)
Wednesday 9th	10.00 am	No Mass in St Joseph's today Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
Thursday 10th	10.00 am	Service of Word and Communion in St Joseph's After Service..... Recitation of the Rosary	
Friday 11th	10.00 am	No Mass in St Joseph's today Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	Neil Craig (RIP)
Sunday 13th	10.45 am – 4 pm	Stations of the Cross Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Hugh McCluskey (Ann)
	11.00 am	Mass	Mabel McCluskie (Ann)

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

A MESSAGE FROM FR STEPHEN: My plans to begin Lent with all of you were put on hold when I tested positive for Covid-19. Thank you to the parishioners who led to the Liturgies of Word and Communion on Ash Wednesday and also to Frs Martin and Gabriel for celebrating the weekend Masses and the funeral Mass on Monday. Thank you also for your prayers and kind messages of concern. I had a testing three days wrestling with the virus but only have very mild symptoms as of Saturday and continue to work from the parish house.

Although I may be able to leave isolation before 10 full days pass, this depends on successive negative tests. The arrangements for weekday Masses are given in the table above. I can be contacted by telephone in the parish house.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY 3 AGE CHILDREN BEGINS: Last Thursday there was 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.

Anyone who missed the meeting should contact Fr Stephen as soon as possible.

Children and their families preparing for the Sacraments are asked to show their commitment by attending Mass each weekend. The commitment cards will be stamped in the porch at the shop to record attendance – please don't forget to do this.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

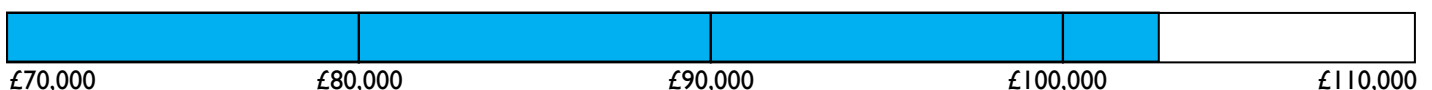
Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

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: £932.50. Building Fund: £80. Operation Orange: £60. SCIAF: £120. 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

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 (not Monday 7th March) and before the Saturday Vigil Mass (not Saturday 5th March). The priest will hear confession at other times on request.



DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED: Fr William McFadden was elected as Diocesan Administrator at a meeting of the College of Consultors last Monday. He will serve in this role, in collaboration with the College of Consultors, until a new bishop is appointed to Galloway Diocese. Please pray for Fr McFadden and for the swift appointment of a bishop.

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.

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 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.

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.

SCOTLAND'S CENSUS 2022: 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.



SCIAF has established an Emergency Appeal to support those affected by war in Ukraine. SCIAF Chief Executive, Alistair Dutton, wrote to Fr Stephen this week asking for our help and he said:

I hope this letter find you and your parishioners well as we begin Lent, albeit affected by the backdrop of war so close to home.

The conflict in Ukraine and the devastating effect of war on its people has shocked the collective global community. With fighting escalating daily, we are following the situation closely and assessing the ongoing need for support.

We know that your parishioners will want to show their support to the people of Ukraine and that you may be thinking of holding a special collection for those who are currently facing this crisis. We have launched an Emergency Appeal which will allow us to use any funds you raise to react to the needs of the Ukrainian people and those on the ground offering aid.

As part of the global Caritas network, we are working alongside our partners in Caritas Ukraine supporting people displaced by the conflict, and supporting refugees in neighbouring countries with our sister agencies Caritas Poland, Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania. Together we are providing vital emergency food, water, safe accommodation, hygiene kits, transport and child support services during this turbulent time. Our partners urgently need financial support to quickly address these basic human needs and respond in the most appropriate way for the Ukrainian people.

The conflict in Ukraine, and the distress families are experiencing, are a stark reminder of the human tragedy of conflict and the daily struggles faced by our sisters and brothers around the world.

We know that many SCIAF supporters are already supporting our WEE BOX appeal this Lent and 'Acting in Hope', standing in solidarity with those suffering climate injustice around the world. Today, we're asking your parishioners to go further and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers facing this grave injustice in Ukraine. Please continue to reach out with loving kindness and give what you can to this urgent appeal.

It is only through the ongoing support of you and your parishioners that we can be there for those who need us across the globe and show that in times of crisis no one will be forgotten. With your help, and standing with our partners, we will continue to provide support for those who need it. We will neither forget nor forsake the people of Ukraine, nor those affected by other global crises, and with your support we will be there for them when they need us.

Please pray with the SCIAF family and consider holding a special collection to support the people of Ukraine.

There will be a special collection for SCIAF's Ukraine Emergency Appeal at Masses on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March. Please give generously.

There is an envelope inside this newsletter which can be used for the special collection. If you wish SCIAF to reclaim giftaid on your donation please tick the box and complete your details on the envelope.

You can also donate online at www.sciaf.org.uk. Thank you for your solidarity.

Catholic Bishops issue appeal for peace in Ukraine

The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland have issued the following statement:

In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals. We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons. We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, *Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*
Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, *Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*
Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Bishop John Keenan, *Bishops' Conference of Scotland*



STUDENT PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

LENT 2022 CALENDAR

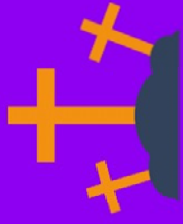


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>6</p> <p>Pray the Stations of the Cross.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lent lasts for 40 days. Can you research why this is?</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Today is International Women's Day. Say thank you to your mum, gran, teacher or another woman in your life.</p>	<p>2ND MARCH</p> <p>Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent! Can you find out why we get ashes today?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>During Lent we are encouraged to fast. Can you give up something you really like today? Maybe it's your favourite snack, food item or toy. Give this favourite thing to someone else for the day and offer that sacrifice to Jesus.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>During Lent we are encouraged to think of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Make up a prayer of thanking to Jesus for redeeming us.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Go for a walk. What beauty do you see?</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Research how Lent is observed in other countries.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for peace in the world.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Visit or make a card for someone who is elderly or sick.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>During Lent we are encouraged to think of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Write a prayer of thanking to Jesus.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Do something healthy to take care of the body that God gave you. Eat fruit or go for a walk.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for your teachers.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Purple is the colour used for Lent. Find something in your classroom/house that is purple!</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Today is International Day of Happiness. Do something kind that will make someone happy.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Where does our food come from? Pray for the people who grow and sell our food.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Today is World Water Day. Pray that everyone has clean water around the world.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Research a Saint whose feast day is during Lent. Can you find any interesting facts about them?</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Today is the feast of Saint Patrick. Find out 5 interesting facts about St. Patrick.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Catholics are asked not to eat meat on Fridays. Can you plan some Friday lunches and dinners with no meat?</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Today is the feast of Saint Joseph. Find out 5 interesting facts about Saint Joseph.</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Make a cross with objects that you can find in nature.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Do something to help the Earth. Switch off lights when you don't need them or switch the tap off when brushing your teeth.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pray for Pope Francis.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Give up a treat today and pray for those who are hungry.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Imagine being in the desert for 40 days. How would you feel?</p>	<p>1ST APRIL</p> <p>Do a random act of kindness for someone.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Go through your toys and clothes. Donate ones that you don't need to charity.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Go somewhere quiet, think about Jesus, and talk to Him in prayer.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Go the whole day without saying something negative.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Easter is nearly here. Start getting ready by making Easter cards for your family and friends.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Write a short diary extract from the point of view of one of Jesus' friends during Holy Week. How did they feel?</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for your priest.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Using Google maps, a globe or a map of the world, can you research where the events of Holy Week took place? Challenge: can you locate where Jerusalem is?</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Boil eggs with the help of an adult and decorate them!</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Today is Palm Sunday. Say sorry and pray for anyone you have hurt.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>When they got to the top of the hill, the soldiers roughly tore off Jesus' clothes. Thank God for your clothes and put them neatly away before you go to bed.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Jesus fell three times while carrying the cross. Pray for someone who is sick.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>The soldiers lifted the cross so that Jesus was hanging from the nails in his hands and feet. Kneel in front of a crucifix and pray an Our Father.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Today is Holy Thursday Jesus washed his disciples feet at the Last Supper. Think about how you can help others.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Today is Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross. Look at a crucifix and think about how much Jesus loves you.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Today is Holy Saturday. Have a quiet day. Try not to use your phone, iPad or laptop.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>HAPPY EASTER! JESUS HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!</p>						



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

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2022



Recitalist:
Tiffany Vong
(Jordanhill Parish Church)

Tuesday 15 March at 12 noon
 St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,

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

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 5 March 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, J Rameckers	M Steele	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Clare, 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
Saturday 12 March 6.00 pm	V Dagostino, K McGhee, H Rameckers	J Lennon	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Clare, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 13 March 11.00 am	Young people	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Alan, Theresa	H Matthews