



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 13th March 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 13th – SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 12th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	<i>Hugh McCluskey (Ann)</i>
Sunday 13th	11.00 am	Mass	<i>Mabel McCluskie (Ann)</i>
Monday 14th		No Mass in St Joseph's today	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Tuesday 15th		No Mass in St Joseph's today	
	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	12.00 noon	Organ Recital by Tiffany Vong	
Wednesday 16th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's	<i>Elio, Elsa and Marco Agolini (Ann)</i>
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 17th		No Mass in St Joseph's today	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Friday 18th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for David Braniff, RIP	<i>David Braniff (RIP)</i>
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
	11.00 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 19th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	<i>James Lowe (RIP)</i>
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Mass	<i>John McGill (RIP)</i>

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

A MESSAGE FROM FR STEPHEN: The Covid-19 virus seems to hold a "sting in the tail" for some. I continued to test positive until day 10 of isolation and have been left with persistent coughing and fatigue during the last few days. From Friday 11th, I tested negative, and, now without any fever, am not deemed infectious any more.

In light of this, to make a quicker and better long-term recovery, it seems prudent for me to make a gradual return. I celebrated Friday Mass and will celebrate the Saturday Vigil and Sunday 11 am Masses. During next week there will be Mass on Wednesday and Friday only. (See the timetable above for the availability of other Masses in the town this week.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AID TO UKRAINE: There will be a special collection this weekend to support the work of SCIAF with its partner Caritas agencies to provide aid to people in and exiled from Ukraine. Envelopes to add gift aid to the donation were distributed at Mass last weekend are still available beside the hymn books.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: We pray for our parishioners David Braniff and Helen Chalmers who died recently. The Requiem Mass for David Braniff will be on Friday 18th March at 10 am, and for Helen Chalmers on Tuesday 22nd March at 10 am. Please pray also for the late Michael McAughy: Fr Stephen will offer Michael's Requiem Mass in St Matthew's on Monday 21st March, covering for Fr Martin who will be away from the parish. As a result, there will be no morning Mass in St Joseph's on Monday 21st.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY 3 AGE CHILDREN BEGINS: 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. There will be another Sacrament of Confirmation worksheet distributed at Masses this weekend.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

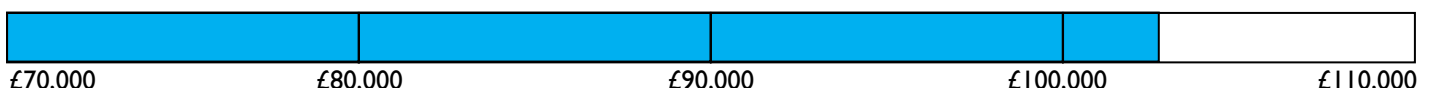
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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. **Other donations last weekend:** to be announced.

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration and to pray for peace, especially in Ukraine, 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.

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,
 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

PRAYER BEADS ON SALE IN THE PORCH: Children from primary 4/5 at St Sophia's, where our parishioner Amélie Davidson is a student teacher, have made some prayer beads. They are on sale in the porch and all proceeds go to SCIAF.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL FOR EASTER EGG DONATIONS: During Lent, the St Vincent de Paul Society are collecting Easter Eggs for children who benefit from their care. Help them to spread the joy of Easter! Donations can be left at the shop in the porch. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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 are 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.

Please do not miss the deadline and think of others who may need a hand to complete the census and help them.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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	To be arranged	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Alan, Theresa	H Matthews
Saturday 19 March 6.00 pm	M Kirk, A Davidson, F Donachie	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Clare, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 20 March 11.00 am	E Maxwell, G Smith, G McGee	H Matthews	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne and Gerry Smith	Julia and Helena Rameckers	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters