



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 20th March 2022

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

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

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	John McGill (RIP)
Monday 21st	No Mass in St Joseph's today		
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Michael McAughey in St Matthew's Church	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception of Helen Chalmers, RIP	
Tuesday 22nd	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Helen Chalmers, RIP	Helen Chalmers (RIP)
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's	Marie Louise Paterson (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 24th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention
Friday 25th	10.00 am	Mass	Patricia Dourish (Ann)
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
	10.45 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace	
Saturday 26th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Dourish (RIP)
Sunday 27th	11.00 am	Mass	Moira McCluskey (RIP)

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AID TO UKRAINE:

Thank you for the extremely generous response in support of SCIAF and its partner agencies to meet the needs of those exiled and suffering as a result of the violence in Ukraine. £4,734 was donated and with the addition of gift aid this increases to **£5,424.25**. Thank you, St Joseph's!



REQUIESCANT IN PACE: We pray for our parishioners Helen Chalmers and Grace Cassidy who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Helen Chalmers will be on Tuesday 22nd March at 10 am. The Requiem Mass for Grace Cassidy will take place on Monday 28th March at 10 am.

Please pray also for the late Michael McAughey: Fr Stephen will offer Michael's Requiem Mass in St Matthew's on Monday 21st March, covering for Fr Chambers who will be away from the parish. As a result, there will be no morning Mass in St Joseph's on Monday 21st.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: The Rosary will be prayed for world peace in St Joseph's Church at 2 pm on Tuesdays.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY 3 AGE CHILDREN: 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 Reconciliation 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)

COMBINED COLLECTION TOTALS FROM THE LAST TWO WEEKENDS:

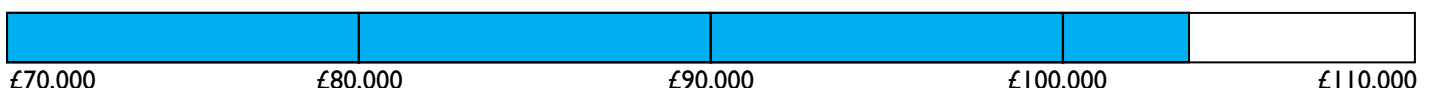
Standing orders: £1,420. Weekly collection: £1,932.65. Building fund: £75. Holy Places: £15. SVDP: £10.

SCIAF (UKRAINE): £5,424.25 (including giftaid). Operation Orange: £20. Sponsor a pipe: £65. Apostolate of Life: £2.

Peter's Pence: £2. Christmas Collection: £40. Justice and Peace: £2. Communications: £2. SCES: £2.

Church Students Fund: £2.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: **£103,288.74**.



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

SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Each year there is a special collection for the work of SCIAF throughout the world. Although we had an urgent appeal to provide aid in Ukraine, the work of SCIAF also continues in other places in the world – and their focus this year is in Malawi. SCIAF, like so many, has not been as well funded in recent times because of the pandemic. **We ask you, in addition to your kindness for the Ukraine appeal, to be as generous as you can towards the annual SCIAF collection next Sunday.** Gift aid envelopes are in the collection envelope boxes, and more can be found beside the hymn books. Thank you.

Across the world, extreme weather is flooding homes, destroying crops and leaving people with little or no food to eat. More than 800 million people go hungry each day.

In January, this reality was clearer than ever as Cyclone Ana hit Malawi and caused widespread devastation, affecting almost one million people and killing 46. Crops and animals were washed away in an instant, destroying livelihoods.

That's why this Lent we need your love and generosity, to prevent families from going hungry, help people grow more food, and heal their local environment. Families urgently need your help today.



“When you are growing food for your family every person lives on optimism. But now, my household – and many others in the village – are facing hunger.” Julius

Every day Julius lives in hunger. Every day his family lives on the edge of survival.

Without warning, the rain Julius relies on to water his crops can fall all at once. Then the rains can stop suddenly. His crops dry up, wither and die – they have no harvest.

Julius doesn't know when his family's next meal might be. A gift in your WEE BOX could be the Act of Hope that families like Julius' desperately need this Lent. The unpredictability of a changing climate makes life for Julius and his family exhausting, locking them in a never-ending cycle of poverty.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet, with new membership, on Monday 28th March at 7.00 pm in the church hall.

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 **St Matthew's Church** (not Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church as printed by mistake last week).

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.

COVID UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP: The Bishops' Conference continues to require the wearing of face coverings in Church (in line with the legal requirements for indoor settings) during this period of high case rates. This situation will be reviewed again on 4 April

The handshake of peace is now permitted, but please be sensitive to those who are not ready to make contact but who prefer to exchange peace by a respectful bow of the head.

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.



MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 19 March 6.00 pm	M Kirk, A Davidson, F Donachie	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Clare, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 20 March 11.00 am	E Maxwell, G Smith, G McGee	H Matthews	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne and Gerry Smith	Sisters of IHM, Emma O'Connell	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters
Saturday 26 March 6.00 pm	R Heron, J Rameckers, E Heron	A Gorman	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 27 March 11.00 am	H Matthews, P Nicholson E Bohan	I Love	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	Anne and Mike Timmons	Julia and Helena Rameckers	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers