



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 27th March 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 27th MARCH – SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 26th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Robert Dourish (RIP)
Sunday 27th	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Moira McCluskey (RIP)
Monday 28th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Grace Cassidy	Grace Cassidy, RIP
Tuesday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
	After Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.45 am	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Mary McKay (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 31st	6.00 pm	Mass	John Duffy
Friday 1st	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Sadie McBeth	Sadie McBeth (RIP)
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 2nd	10.45 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 3rd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Sarah King (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Herbert Longmore (RIP)

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: We pray for our parishioners Grace Cassidy, Sadie Macbeth, Susan Cummings and Jenny Hanlon who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Grace Cassidy will be on Monday 28th March at 10 am. The Requiem Mass for Sadie McBeth will take place on Friday 1st April at 10 am. The Requiem Mass for Susan Cummings will take place on Monday 4th April at 10 am. The Requiem Mass for Jenny Hanlon will take place in St Mary's Church, Irvine on Thursday 31st March at 1 pm.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. Daffodils will be distributed at the end of Mass today to all mothers and to those who wish to give them to their mothers. Thank you to Portland Funeral Service, Kilmarnock for donating the daffodils.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP TOAL ON SCIAF SUNDAY



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I write on behalf of the Bishops of Scotland on this fourth Sunday of Lent to thank you for caring for others, and for the compassion you have shown to those around the world who

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)

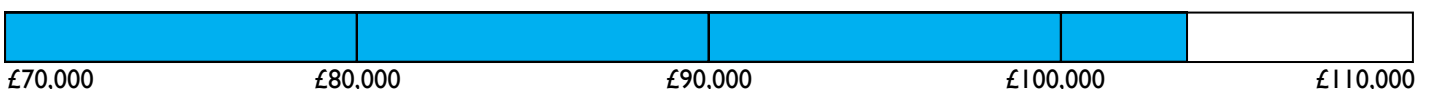
Ayr Hospital: Deacon Robert Mackie (ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 07703 751403)

Standing orders: £710. **Weekly collection:** £1,202.50. **Building fund:** £110. **Holy Places:** £10. **SCIAF:** £80.

SCIAF (UKRAINE): £200. **Xaverian Fathers:** £10. **Organ fund:** £20. **Organ recital:** £392.20.

Justice and Peace: £10. **Mission Sunday:** £1

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



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

are so dreadfully in need. Your generous and prayerful support has meant that our relief and development agency, SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund – has been able to support people to build brighter futures.

The faith and compassion of the Catholic peoples of Scotland reaches out with love far beyond its borders, to care for our sisters and brothers in the poorest parts of the world. As the development charity for the Church in Scotland, SCIAF harnesses that love and turns that faith into action.

The work that is achieved by our friends and partners overseas is the living embodiment of the light of Jesus Christ that shines from every Parish, every Diocese and from every Catholic across Scotland.

As Catholics, we are called to follow His example, to recognise that we are sisters and brothers in Christ, and to reach out to the poorest with love. This is why, during Lent, we ask you to give generously to support the vital work of SCIAF through their Wee Box, Big Change appeal.

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

Families don't know how much food they will harvest, how much money they will make, or whether their children will even go to school. They do not know when the next storm might hit.

For our sisters and brothers caught in the eye of the storm, fear and uncertainty are ever present. Every day they live in hunger. Every day they live on the edge. And every day they are losing hope.

While climate change is global and threatens our Common Home, the most devastating effects are taking place *now* in places like Malawi.

Here, extreme weather events, cyclones, floods and droughts are wreaking havoc with people's lives. Families cannot harvest enough crops or catch enough fish. Feeding the family has become a desperate challenge.

Dry spells mean the community will struggle to access water because most boreholes dry up, and crops simply can't grow. When rains come, they are either too much or too little. Water moves with speed during rainy seasons, washing crops and topsoil away.

In January, this reality was clearer than ever as Cyclone Ana hit Malawi and caused widespread devastation, affecting more than 995,000 people with 46 deaths. Crops and animals were washed away in an instant, destroying livelihoods.

With climate change accelerating and extreme weather events becoming more common, communities in Malawi are scared of what tomorrow might bring.

But, by Acting in Hope and putting money in the special Lenten collection and filling your Wee Box, you can provide a lifeline to families living on the front line of the Climate Emergency, lifting them from their hunger.

In Malawi, SCIAF is providing local solutions to prevent hunger and tackle climate change. Your gifts will help people grow more food, protect local environments, and provide more secure incomes. Your gifts will teach organic farming techniques, provide more resilient and varied seed varieties, and offer access to money to pay for essentials such as school fees and healthcare.

Your support will not only change lives today, but it will give families the tools and training to survive the worst impacts of a changing climate tomorrow.

As Lent continues, and we look forward to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, please remember SCIAF and everyone they work with in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued generosity; know that it goes towards good work.

May God bless you and your families during the Holy season of Lent and throughout the year;

Bishop Joseph Toal
Bishop President of SCIAF
on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Please remember SCIAF on the 4th Sunday of Lent.
sciaf.org.uk/weebox

SCIAF
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Caritas Scotland

WEE BOX
Big change

Teleza and her daughter Martha, Malawi

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.

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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.

NEW DONATION ENVELOPES: Weekly collection envelopes for use from 10th April 2022 will be distributed from this weekend. Please collect them as you enter the church to reduce queues at the end of Mass. If your address details or tax status have changed, please inform the church secretary in order to update our records. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.

Especially since the pandemic began, many people have set up a standing order for the benefit of the parish. Thank you for making this arrangement. If you pay by standing order, you will still receive an envelope set which will only include envelopes for special collections for your convenience and to allow a gift aid claim to be made where applicable.

If you have any questions, please ask those who are distributing the envelopes in the porch. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy now takes place in the hall during the Saturday Vigil Mass as well as during the Sunday 11 am Mass.

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

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

SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary here in Kilmarnock express our sincere thanks to our beloved Fr Stephen and all the parishioners for their generous contributions through the Christmas collection towards the training of our young sisters in Nigeria. Be assured of our prayers. Thank you, Sister Mary Rose Confidence Maduka for the community.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS: The Lent issue of the Galloway Diocese News is now available in the porch, and will be offered to you as you leave church today. There are enough for one per household.

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.**

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who bought prayer beads made by P4/5 children from St Sophia's Primary. Your support for SCIAF is greatly appreciated.

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.

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).

Children of primary four age preparing to receive Holy Communion and their families are encouraged to come and receive forgiveness on this occasion.

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.



NEW FRONT DOORS OF THE CHURCH ARE REVEALED:

Work has begun on construction of the steps from the new front doors to ground level, with the exterior of the doors being revealed on Wednesday of this week. At last, the light that was blocked by the wooden protective shelter shines into the porch! The steps should be in place by Holy Week allowing the entrance to be used thereafter. It is expected

that the existing main side door will be used for regular entry and exit and that the new doors will be used on special occasions like weddings, funeral Masses etc.

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.

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.

During the Easter Season, parents and children who have shown their commitment to join the praying community on Sundays will be invited to enrol their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. **(Note: There are sometimes good reasons that people cannot attend Mass every Sunday, e.g. illness, self-isolation, work commitments, and these will all be taken into account. However, making it a priority to attend Sunday (or the Saturday Vigil) Mass is an essential part of preparation to receive the Sacraments and so play a full part as a member of the faith community.)**

The children can share in the Children's Liturgy in the hall both on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday 7th June at 7.00 pm** in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

FOR PRIMARY 4 AGE CHILDREN

First Holy Communion will take place in St Joseph's on **Sunday 22nd May at 11.00 am Mass.**

In preparation to receive Holy Communion, weekly attendance at Sunday Mass (or the Saturday Vigil) is very important. You are encouraged to bring your children as often as you can.

The children can share in the Children's Liturgy in the hall both on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Other important dates:

Tuesday 5th April: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7 pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

This is a Penance service for the people of the Kilmarnock parishes and the children and their families are invited to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for First Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th April: Do this in Memory 7 at Vigil/11 am Mass

Holy Thursday, 14th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm
Children willing to have their feet washed during Mass should let Fr Stephen know or add your name to the list in the porch.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross for Children at 12 noon

Easter Sunday: 17th April, Mass at 11 am

Saturday 7th May: Children's Retreat for Holy Communion
10 am – 2 pm, St Joseph's Church
Children to bring a packed lunch
Brief Parents' Meeting at 2 pm

LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 10 April 2022

Palm Sunday

Mass of the Passion of the Lord
6 pm Vigil and 11 am

Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 April 2022

Weekday Masses of Holy Week at 10 am

Thursday 14 April

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer of the Church at 10 am
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

Anyone willing to have their feet washed during this Mass should let Fr Stephen know, or add your name to the list in the porch.

Period of Watching at the Altar of Repose until 8.50 pm
Night Prayer at 8.50 pm

Friday 15 April

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Morning Prayer of the Church at 10 am
Good Friday Vigil from 12 noon – 3 pm in New Lough Kirk
Stations of the Cross for children at 12 noon
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

Saturday 16 April

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer and Office of Readings at 10 am
Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 9 pm

Sunday 17 April

Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11 am

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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 & Mike Timmons	Julia & Helena Rameckers	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers
Saturday 2 April 6.00 pm	V Dagostino, A Davidson, F Donachie	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 3 April 11.00 am	E Gallagher, T Murphy, M M Grath	P Coyle	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika			Theresa, Alan	M McGrath