



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday 10th April 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 10th – SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 9th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday (with Children's Liturgy).....	<i>Alex McDaid (RIP)</i>
Sunday 10th	11.00 am	Mass of Palm Sunday (with Children's Liturgy).....	<i>Rose Dorrans (RIP)</i>
Monday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Hugh Gallacher (Ann)</i>
Tuesday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Drew Milloy (RIP)</i>
	After Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.45 am with Confession available	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
	7.30 pm	Mass of Chrism in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr	
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth (Betty) Clemie, RIP	<i>Elizabeth Clemie (RIP)</i>
		No recitation of the Rosary today	
Thursday 14th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer of the Church	
	7.00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	After Mass	Period of Watching at the Altar of Repose	
	8.50 pm	Night Prayer	
Friday 15th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer of the Church	
	11.00 am	Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches Walk of Witness from Salvation Army on Sturrock Street to The Cross on King Street	
	12.00 noon	Stations of the Cross for Children	
	12 noon – 3 pm..	Good Friday Vigil in the New Laigh Kirk	
	3.00 pm	Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer of the Church	
	11.00 am	Święconka Blessing of Easter Baskets	
	8.30 pm	Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection	
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection (with Children's Liturgy).....	

The church will be open for prayer from Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm. Enter at small side door.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: The Requiem Mass of the late Betty Clemie will take place on Wednesday 13th April at 10 am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The minutes of the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting are available on the parish website.

WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY: There is a list in the porch for volunteers (men, women, children) to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening Mass. **As of Friday, there were only 3 names and, since there were 12 apostles we need another 9! Please help if you can.**

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES: A special collection will be taken on Good Friday for the Holy Places - places of pilgrimage in the Holy Land – to assist the welcome and hospitality of pilgrims. This collection also assists Christians who are persecuted in the Holy Land. For two consecutive years, the Christians of the Holy Land have celebrated Easter and Christmas in a form of isolation, without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims visiting the Holy Places and local communities. Families have suffered beyond measure, more from a lack of work than from the effects of the pandemic itself. An envelope is included in the box set. Thank you.

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:

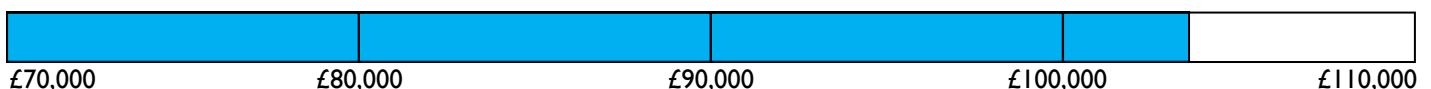
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £710. Weekly collection: £1,199.87. Building fund: £10. Holy Places: £132.50 SCIAF: £500.

Food Parcels: £40. Xaverian Fathers: £50.83.

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



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

RESTORATION OF THE PEWS: At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, surfaces were disinfected after every gathering in the church. This has resulted in a drying out of the wood on the pews and a need to nourish and restore them. The task is not onerous, although many hands make light work, and will involve applying Danish Oil or similar to the pews. A number of people volunteered to help with this earlier in the year. There will be a short meeting in the church after Mass on Wednesday 13th April to demonstrate what is involved and organise the application of the oil to the pews. Please come along if you can help. Thank you.

175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLEMN OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: The church was solemnly opened at a Mass celebrated by Bishop John Murdoch, Vicar Apostolic of the Western District, on Sunday 13th June 1847.

The 175th anniversary of this date will be marked by celebrating Mass on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00 pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

In addition to marking the date of the anniversary, a number of events are being planned during the 175th anniversary year. These include:

- A talk on the history of the parish by Dr Raymond McCluskey early in June – details to follow.
- A video record of interviews of parishioners about the life of the parish.
- A photographic exhibition in the church hall (see appeal below).
- A Family Fun Day in August 2022.
- The restoration of the pipe organ (September-December 2022) and organ recitals as indicated below, as well as another organ recital series in 2023 on the newly restored instrument.
- A parish pilgrimage to view the organ restoration process in the Harrison & Harrison factory in Durham, and hopefully another pilgrimage to a holy place abroad.
- A dinner dance towards the end of the anniversary year in Spring 2023.
- A drama to be performed depicting our parish story.
- Faith renewal and outreach to those most in need.

The Parish Pastoral Council with Fr McGrattan will be drawing the anniversary programme together throughout the year and inviting people to participate as fully as possible. It is hoped that these events will help rebuild community life in St Joseph's as the pandemic restrictions are reduced.

Other suggestions to celebrate well this anniversary year are welcomed. Please let Fr McGrattan know.

Appeal for the 175th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition: A photographic display will be exhibited during the month of June in the church hall. You are invited to contribute photographs old and new, of the building and of social and religious events, which tell the story of the life of St Joseph's parish. All photographs will be returned. Please place photographs in an envelope with your name and address clearly indicated, and also write your name, even in pencil, on the back of the photographs. They can be handed in either to the parish house, or at the shop in the porch.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café which was open on Tuesdays in the parish hall before the pandemic will restart on **Tuesday 19th April**. The Community Café provides a welcome opportunity to meet and share home-made soup, sandwiches and home baking and to chat. It will be open on Tuesdays from 11 am until 1 pm and all are welcome. Your


support will help others as we seek to re-open opportunities for people to meet as pandemic restrictions reduce.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES: The rehearsal for Holy Thursday Mass will take place at 6.30 pm (i.e. before Mass) on Holy Thursday, 14th April. The rehearsal for Good Friday will take place at 2.00 pm on Good Friday, 15th April. The rehearsal for the Easter Vigil will take place at 11.45 am on Holy Saturday, 16th April.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: We are pleased to be able to extend the 2022 Organ Recital Series into August. The upcoming recitals for your diary are:

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

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2022



Recitalist:
Andrew Forbes
(Glasgow Cathedral)

Tuesday 10 May at 12 noon
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of 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

Thereafter,
Saturday 11 June at 7.30 pm
Martin Baker, President (2017-19), Royal College of Organists

Saturday 16 July at 7.30 pm
Alessandro Bianchi, St Edward's Church, Lugano, Switzerland

Tuesday 23 August at 12 noon
Greg Abrahams, Freelance Recitalist

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 are 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.

FACE COVERINGS: The legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland was removed on Monday 4th April. Individuals may continue to wear face coverings if they wish to do so, and this should be respected.

HOLY WEEK IS AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR

Holy Thursday



Holy Thursday begins the *Triduum*. The oldest and still official name of this day is "Thursday of the Lord's Supper". It commemorates the historical Gospel events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. "Maundy Thursday," a popular title in English-speaking countries, comes from the solemn ritual of washing of feet in imitation of Jesus at his Last Supper. The name is a corruption of *mandatum* (Latin for "commandment") from the words of Jesus sung as the washing begins; "A new commandment I give to you" (Jn 13:34).

Parish liturgies take place in the evening, with joyful overtones. Bells ring and festive colors are used for vestments and decorations. The Gloria, not prayed since Ash Wednesday (except for solemnities such as the Feast of the Annunciation), returns for this brief moment. The tabernacle is empty so that all might receive the Eucharist from bread consecrated at this Mass.

The Holy Thursday ritual has included a ceremonial washing of feet by the presider since the 5th century. This ritual imitates Jesus' Last Supper action of humility and service. Appropriate songs are sung during this symbolic washing. Usually, twelve participants are chosen from the parish at large.

At the end of the Holy Thursday liturgy, consecrated Hosts are carried in procession, with incense and song, to a chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Communion. After placing the Hosts in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. It is common for people to spend a Holy Hour sometime before midnight in the adoration chapel.

Good Friday



The second day of the *Triduum* is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the anniversary of the death of Jesus on the cross just outside the walls of Jerusalem. The origin of the term "Good" for this day is unknown, but probably emphasises the saving value of the historical event of the crucifixion of Jesus. The theme of this day throughout history has been one

of quiet sadness and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus.

On this one day of the entire year, the Mass is not celebrated. The Church's Good Friday liturgy takes place in the afternoon. The emphasis of the liturgy is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist from the Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting from the earliest centuries. The day has no liturgy or religious traditions of its own. There is an atmosphere of anticipation for the coming of night and for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.

Adults preparing for Baptism or reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil often spend some time in a mini-retreat, with fasting and prayer as the hours of the Easter Vigil approach.

Easter Vigil



The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The late 20th-century restoration of the adult catechumenate (RCIA) first developed in the early Church has added an important feature to the Easter Vigil that had not existed for centuries: the public Baptism of adults, and reception of the other sacraments of initiation by them and by already-Baptised adults being received into full communion with the Church.

The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil calls for extensive preparation by the parish team and many other parishioners. The church is decorated; sacramentals of oil, incense, water, and fire are readied; and the liturgy is rehearsed. Adult Elect and Candidates begin their final hours of preparation. The Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation, and the Eucharist. The service of light begins with a fully darkened church. The presider and other celebrants begin outside or at the back of the church, striking the Paschal flame and lighting the Paschal candle (the symbol of Christ's Resurrection), which is inscribed and adorned with appropriate symbols. Once the Paschal candle is lit to the chant of *Lumen Christi* ("light of Christ"), its flame is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation. The Paschal candle is processed to the altar, during which *Lumen Christi* is sung twice more at intervals.

Following the arrival of the procession, the *Exultet*, a recounting of the saving actions of Christ, is sung. Then the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, are interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers by the celebrant. The Liturgy of the Word is far lengthier than in any other Mass of the Church, consisting of as many as seven readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The prayer at the end of this part of the Liturgy of the Word is the Easter Proclamation, immediately after which the lights are turned on suddenly, and the Gloria is sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish.

Following the proclamation of the Gospel and the preaching of the homily, the celebration of Baptism of the Elect begins, followed by a rite to receive already-baptised Candidates, and Confirmation of all those just received into the Church. The Mass concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus is raised from the dead, and is Lord. Those who believe and are baptised share in this resurrection to new life. This theme will continue for the next fifty days of the Easter Season, which does not end until Pentecost Sunday. It was natural that the very first followers of Jesus would hold the moment of Jesus' Resurrection sacred. It was the anniversary of that wonderful time when they experienced him risen and still among them. His death had occurred on the most important of all Jewish feasts: the Passover. His Resurrection fulfilled all that the Passover had meant to them as Jews. It was an *exodus*, or passage, from the old times and the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. Jesus himself was the Paschal Lamb, slain to achieve this freedom.

During this week, the heart of the Church year, the drama of God's love for us unfolds before our eyes. We celebrate and thank God for the very essence of our faith this week. Please make a special effort to play an active part in all of the services this week, and to bring your children along too.

UNVEILING A STATUE OF SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA, PATRON SAINT OF UNBORN CHILDREN: *“As to the past, let us entrust it to God’s mercy, the future to divine Providence. Our task is to live holy the present moment.”*

Join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children as we ask for Saint Gianna’s intercession for the pro-life movement in the UK. Saint Gianna was a 20th century wife, mother, and doctor, most often remembered for her sacrificial love for her unborn daughter. She is a patron for mothers, physicians, and unborn children. To commemorate her holy life, and ask for her intercession, a new statue will be unveiled at Carfin Grotto, Scotland’s National Shrine.

Thursday 28 April 2022

19:00 Unveiling the statue of Saint Gianna

19:30 Mass

Followed by refreshments in the Little Flower Hall

Carfin Grotto, 100 Newarthill Road, Motherwell

If you are unable to join us in person, the event will be live streamed on the Carfin Grotto Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/carfingrotto/>

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Go the distance together this spring! We are organising a Pentecost Challenge! Last year, hundreds of our supporters walked the distance from Bethlehem to Nazareth, raising funds to keep children in their schools during the pandemic.

This year, as we help Christian communities get back on their feet in the aftermath of the pandemic, we’re asking how we can build a brighter future for these young people.

We’d love to invite your church to get involved, build a team, and walk, run, cycle or swim the 100 mile distance together. You’ll have fun and help us provide routes into work and training for struggling school leavers and family breadwinners in the Holy Land.

We’ll be sending out a pack in the post shortly with full details of how to get involved. Or if you’d like to find out more and start planning now, you can visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost22.



Kilmarnock Churches

The Good Friday Vigil

New Laigh Kirk

12.00noon – 3.00pm

‘Last words of Jesus on the Cross’

Walk of Witness

begins at 11.00am from

Salvation Army Sturrock Street to The Cross

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE KIDS EASTER TREASURE HUNT

4TH - 11TH APRIL

FIND 9 LOCAL SHOPS AND 9 LETTERS.

MAKE UP A WORD AND YOU COULD WIN A GIANT EASTER HAMPER

YOU CAN COLLECT APPLICATION FORMS FROM:

WWW.CELEBRATEKILMARNOCK.COM
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/COSREACHOUT
CELEBRATE KILMARNOCK OFFICES
YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE HOWARD CENTRE, PORTLAND ROAD

HAPPY HUNTING!

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 9 April 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, B Shepherd A Davidson, K McGhee	C McGowan	Joseph, Maia		IHM Sisters	Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 10 April 11.00 am	G McGee, E Maxwell, G Smith H Matthews, T Murphy	A Neil	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	tbc	IHM Sisters	Paul, Libby	H Matthews
Thursday 14 April 7.00 pm	T Murphy, G Smith, F Donachie	A Gorman	Luca, Matthew, Ben, Sofie, Lexi				IHM Sisters
Friday 15 April 3.00 pm	E Maxwell, G McGee P Nicholson, J Rameckers	R Murphy	Ben, Sofie, Marilyn, Lexi				
Saturday 16 April 6.00 pm	E Heron, H Rameckers, H Matthews, B Shepherd, R Heron	F Donachie	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi		Children in church	Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 17 April 11.00 am	E Bohan, P Nicholson, H Matthews	L Dorrian	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers