



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Sunday 24th April 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 24th APRIL – SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering
Saturday 23rd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)
NO WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST JOSEPH'S ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY		
Monday 25th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Valerie Holmes, RIP in St Paul's Church
Tuesday 26th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace in St Joseph's Church
Wednesday 27th	No Mass today in Kilmarnock	
Thursday 28th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for James McCluskey, RIP in St Joseph's Church
Friday 29th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Saturday 30th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Children's Liturgy)
Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)

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

FR STEPHEN: Fr Stephen will be away from the parish until 4th May. Should you need the service of a priest during this time please contact Fr Martin Chambers on 01563 533587.

WELCOME: Welcome to Fr Eddie McGhee who will celebrate the Masses this weekend.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioner James McCluskey had died. The Requiem Mass for James will be offered on Thursday 28th April at 10 am in St Joseph's. Please keep James and his family in your prayers.

RETREAT FOR PRIMARY 4 CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS: The children preparing to receive Holy Communion on 22nd May will take part in a retreat from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 7th May in St Joseph's Church and hall. The retreat will begin with 10 am Mass and parents are welcome at Mass before leaving their children for the retreat. Children are asked to bring a packed lunch.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café which was open on Tuesdays in the parish hall before the pandemic will restart on **Tuesday 26th 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.

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.

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:

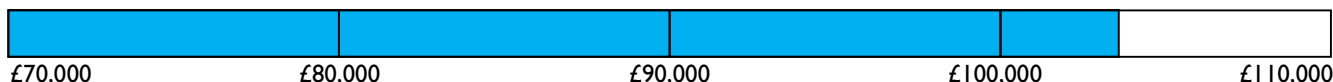
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £710. **Weekly collection:** £1,215.55. **Building fund:** £20. **Holy Places:** £728.50

SCIAF: £60. **SCIAF Wee Boxes:** £1,417.11. **Xaverian Fathers:** £103.

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



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

- 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.

SCIAF BOXES: If you have collected money in a SCIAF Wee Box then please return it to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

APPEAL FOR FOOD PARCELS: We appeal again for food parcels to be delivered to the church. 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.

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 visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For 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.

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

ANOTHER SYNOD ENCOUNTER: After the successful Synod encounter in February, the diocesan steering group has identified some of the main themes and invites people to come together again to discuss a way to implement the findings of the first Synod encounter. The meeting will take place on Monday 9th May at 7 pm in St Joseph's Church hall. You are encouraged to take part and, even if you did not attend the first encounter, your contribution will be valued and appreciated.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 23 April 6.00 pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, J Rameckers	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Jolanta Pietrowska	Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 24 April 11.00 am	T Murphy, M McGrath, L Hand	G McGee	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika, Aidan	Anne Dorrian	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath
Saturday 30 April 6.00 pm	B Shepherd, V Dagostino, A Davidson	J Lennon	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 1 May 11.00 am	G Smith, E Maxwell, E Gallagher	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Dominika, Aidan	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Paul, Libby	H Matthews