



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 15th May 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 15th – 22nd MAY 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 14th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<i>Peter Flanagan (RIP)</i>
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b> (with Children's Liturgy)	<i>Stephen Grant (RIP)</i>
Monday 16th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Martin Ryan (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Andrew Carten (RIP)</i>
	After Mass	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> until 10.45 am	
	2.00 pm	<b>Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace</b>	
Wednesday 18th	<b>No Mass or Rosary today in St Joseph's</b>		
Thursday 19th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Sarah Lobban (RIP)</i>
Friday 20th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Helen Forbes (RIP)</i>
Saturday 21st	10.00 am	<b>Mass in St Matthew's Church</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<i>Eddie Doherty (Ann)</i>
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b> (with Children's Liturgy)	<i>Bridie O'Kane (Ann)</i>

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

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** The Community Café has restarted on Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. The Café provides a welcome opportunity to meet and share home-made soup, sandwiches and home baking and to chat and all are welcome. Your support will help others as we seek to create opportunities for people to meet as pandemic restrictions lessen.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Our parishioners Margaret McAllister and Jo Cassidy have died. The funeral Mass for Jo Cassidy will take place on Monday 23rd May at 10 am. The funeral Mass for Margaret McAllister will take place on Monday 30th May at 10 am. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their bereaved families.

**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 a week of events beginning with a talk on the history of the parish by Dr Raymond McCluskey on Monday 6th June at 7.00 pm. The

175th anniversary organ recital will be performed by Martin Baker (President, Royal College of Organists 2017-19) on Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm. The Solemn Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00 pm – all are welcome and refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

**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.

**REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 22nd May at the 11 am Mass. The children and their parents are asked to stay behind after either the Vigil or 11 am Mass this weekend for a short rehearsal.

**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:

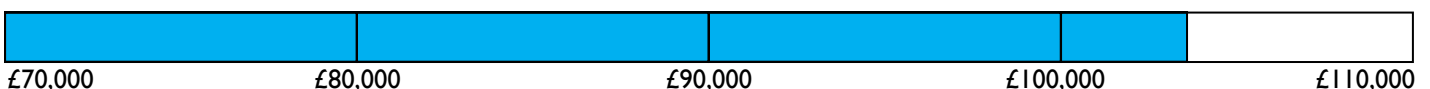
*Crosshouse Hospital:* Fr Stephen McGrattan ([crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

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

**Standing orders:** £725.69. **Weekly collection:** £768.20. **Building fund:** £15. **Holy Places:** £10.

**SCIAF:** £196.81. **Church Students Fund:** £334.81

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



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

## ST JOSEPH'S - THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

### APPEAL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

You are invited to contribute photographs and other memorabilia which tell the story of the life of St Joseph's parish. They will be displayed at the anniversary exhibition.



### THE LAST 175 YEARS 6th June at 7.00 pm



Dr Raymond McCluskey, author of "St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (1847-1997)

A Portrait of a Parish Community will offer a presentation on the history of the parish.

### 175th ANNIVERSARY ORGAN RECITAL 11th June at 7.30 pm



The eminent organist Martin Baker, President of the Royal College of Organists (2017-19) will perform the 175th Anniversary Organ Recital.

### SOLEMN 175th ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING 13th June at 7.00 pm



A celebration of Mass with parishioners past and present on the 175th anniversary of the Solemn Opening of the Church.

**DIOCESAN SYNODAL MEETING:** The Diocesan Synod Team would like to extend a warm welcome to a meeting on Saturday, 28th May, in St Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock, to help bring the first diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality to an end. The meeting will begin at 12.00 noon with a light lunch, and will be opened in prayer at 12.30 pm. There will be an opportunity to feedback on your own experiences of the Synod so far, to read the proposed diocesan report containing the findings of the Synod in our diocese, and to participate in a further "encounter" to shape the final draft of this report. The meeting will end with a liturgical celebration in the church, to finish no later than 4.00 pm. Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes, by emailing [synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@gallowaydiocese.org.uk), or by letting your parish facilitator know you are coming.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AT CARFIN:** The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has not take place this year as planned due to the situation with the pandemic. A diocesan Lourdes Day has been organised on Sunday 12th June in place of the Lourdes Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto, and will include Mass, processions, social time and prayer.

A 49 seat bus has been organised for the Kilmarnock parishes to Carfin on Sunday 12th June, it will leave from St Mathew's Church at 1.45 pm and return to Kilmarnock around 7.30pm the cost of this will be £10 per head. To book your seat please email Suzy Hollywood on [GLHPresident@aol.com](mailto:GLHPresident@aol.com).

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING:** Part 1 Safeguarding Induction training will be held in St Joseph's hall on Sunday, 5th June, 12.30 – 2.00 pm. Anyone who has recently volunteered for a ministry which requires a PVG must attend this training before the diocese can approve them to begin in their ministry. If you are not sure whether you need to attend, please either speak to Margaret McGrath, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, who will be able to advise you, or email Helena Rameckers, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, at [safeguarding.adviser@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.adviser@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).

**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](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie at [ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.

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

**RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS:** From this weekend the collection bags will be passed around to replace the boxes at the back of the church.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD:** To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. Are you thinking about becoming a priest? For more information visit [priestsforScotland.org.uk](http://priestsforScotland.org.uk), speak to Fr Stephen, or contact the Diocesan Vocations' Director Fr Martin Chambers at [martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).

**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:

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 30th May 2022 at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or pass the item to the parish house.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 14 May 8.30 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, H Rameckers	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 15 May 11.00 am	T Murphy, E Bohan, L Hand	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Michael Timmons	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers
Saturday 21 May 6.00 pm	J Rameckers, B Shepherd, V D'Agostino	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 22 May 11.00 am	E Maxwell, G Smith, M McGrath	H Matthews	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Children in church	Paul, Libby	M McGrath