



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 22nd May 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 22nd – 29th MAY 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 21st	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Eddie Doherty (Ann)
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Bridie O'Kane (Ann)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for the late Josephine Cassidy	
Monday 23rd	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Josephine Cassidy	Josephine Cassidy (RIP)
Tuesday 24th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
	After Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.45 am	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 25th		No Mass or Rosary today in St Joseph's	
Thursday 26th	12.00 noon	Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	Jerry Higgins (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	Special Intention
Friday 27th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
Saturday 28th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John Joseph Killen (RIP)
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Mgt & Thos McKinstery (Ann)

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.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the boys and girls who will receive First Holy Communion at 11 am Mass this Sunday. Next Sunday, after 11 am Mass, there will be a First Communion breakfast served in the hall with rolls and sausage/bacon and communion cake for everyone. All welcome!

ASCENSION THURSDAY: 26th May is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 12 noon and 6 pm.

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:

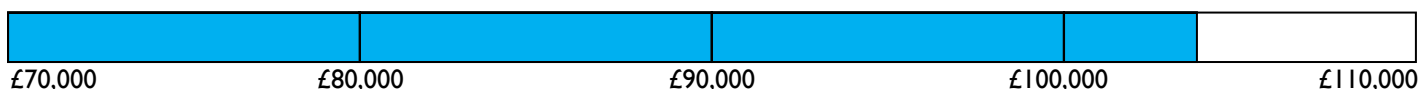
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

Ayr Hospital: Fr Benjamin Mkeri (ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145)

Standing orders: £725.69. **Weekly collection:** £1,022.25. **Building fund:** £111.50.

Organ recital: £260.02. **SCIAF:** £42.00. **Church Students Fund:** £146.50

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £103,548.76.



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)" 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, or by letting your parish facilitator know you are coming.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AT CARFIN: The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has will 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.

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.

TRANSPORT APPEAL: If anyone can drive a parishioner to Mass from the Gange area of town please speak to Clare Power on 07845 927912.

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

supply. 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**. Alternatively, they can be brought to Mass or left in the front porch of the church house. Thank you for your support.

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 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 21 May 8.30 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, Lizzie Heron	Children in church	Paul, Libby	M McGrath
Saturday 28 May 6.00 pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, E Heron	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 29 May 11.00 am	E Gallagher, G McGee, E Bohan	I Love	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne Dorrian	Pauline Ferguson, Robert Sheerins	Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews