



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 29th May 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 29th MAY – 5th JUNE 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 28th	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)
Monday 30th	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late Margaret McAllister	Margaret McAllister (RIP)
Tuesday 31st	10.00 am.....	Mass	Jim Thornburn (RIP)
	After Mass.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.45 am	
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 1st	2.00 pm.....	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
	10.00 am.....	Mass	Patricia Byrne (RIP)
	After Mass.....	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 2nd	6.00 pm.....	Mass	Warren Graham (RIP)
Friday 3rd	10.00 am.....	Mass	Joyce Hefron (RIP)
Saturday 4th	10.00 am.....	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	Kathleen Doherty (RIP)
Sunday 5th	11.00 am.....	Mass (with Children's Liturgy)	Anne & Gerry Smith (Spec Int)

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioners Margaret McAllister and Anne Brown have died. The funeral Mass for Margaret McAllister will take place on Monday 30th May at 10 am. The funeral Mass for Anne Brown will take place on Wednesday 15th June 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.

The *Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving* marking the 175th Anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's Church will be a joyous and historic occasion. Members of the parish community who intend to attend the Mass will have opportunities to be introduced to the new music to be sung before the Vigil and Sunday Masses over the next three weekends, around 15 minutes before Mass.

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.

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:

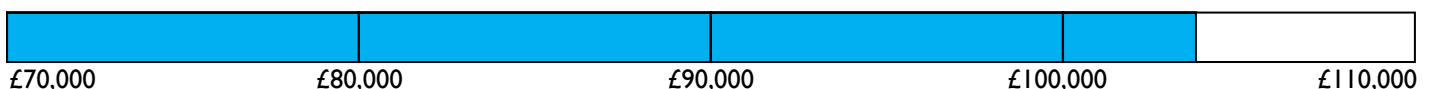
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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

Standing orders: £734.92. **Weekly collection:** £1,356.66. **Building fund:** £115.00.

Apostolate of Life: £10.00. **SCIAF:** £45.00. **Peter's Pence:** £10.00

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)

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: After 11 am Mass today, there will be a First Communion breakfast served in the hall with rolls and sausage/bacon and communion cake for everyone.

IHM SISTERS SILVER JUBILEE: The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will celebrate 25 years of missionary presence in the UK with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Longley in Sacred Heart Parish, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3DB on Saturday 2nd July at 10.00 am. Parishioners are cordially invited to join them for this celebration.

There is also a raffle to support the Sisters' Benevolence Charity Fund used for all the charity work undertaken by the Order throughout the world, e.g. Compassion Kitchen, Heerey Caring Hands, Compassionate Home for Orphans, Widows Apostolate, training of young people especially the less privileged in schools etc. Raffle tickets are available from the shop in the porch.

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 person. To book your seat please email Suzy Hollywood on GLHPresident@aol.com.

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION: During the pandemic we used boxes at the back of the church for the weekly collection. It is safe to pass around the collection bags again, and this helps maximise income and to gather the special collections which dropped dramatically during the pandemic. However, many people have set up standing orders for the collection. **There is no expectation for you to put a donation in the collection bag if you already contribute by standing order.** Just pass the bag on or politely indicate to the passkeeper to pass you by and without any embarrassment.

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.

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 and 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today is Communications Sunday and a special collection will be taken for the work of communications in the Church in Scotland.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 28 May 8.30 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
Saturday 4 June 6.00 pm	V Dagostino, A Davidson, H Rameckers	F Donachie	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 5 June 11.00 am	H Matthews, P Nicholson, T Murphy	P Coyle	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters