



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday 12th June 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 12th – 19th JUNE 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 11th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm.....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	Brigid Rooney (RIP)
	7.30 pm.....	<b>175th Anniversary Organ Recital by Martin Baker</b>	
Sunday 12th	11.00 am.....	<b>Mass (with Children's Liturgy)</b> .....	Moira McCluskey (RIP)
Monday 13th	<b>No morning Mass today</b>		
	7.00 pm.....	<b>175th Anniversary Mass of the Solemn Opening of St Joseph's</b>	
			<i>Our forebears at St Joseph's</i> Joseph McArdle (Ann)
Tuesday 14th	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	
	After Mass.....	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> until 10.45 am	
	11 am – 1 pm.....	<b>Community Café in St Joseph's Hall</b>	
	2.00 pm.....	<b>Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace</b>	
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am.....	<b>Requiem Mass for Annette Brown</b> .....	Annette Brown (RIP)
	After Mass.....	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>	
Thursday 16th	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass at St Matthew's Church</b>	
	<b>No Mass at St Joseph's today</b>		
Friday 17th	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Olive Gammie (Ann)
Saturday 18th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm.....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	Anthony Rogers (RIP)
Sunday 19th	11.00 am.....	<b>Mass (with Children's Liturgy)</b> .....	Isa Duffy (Ann)

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



**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 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. Many priests who have served here and other invited guests will be present.

A photographic exhibition will be on display in the church hall from Monday. Please visit the hall and share your memories as you remember the people who have given us the gift of faith.

**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:

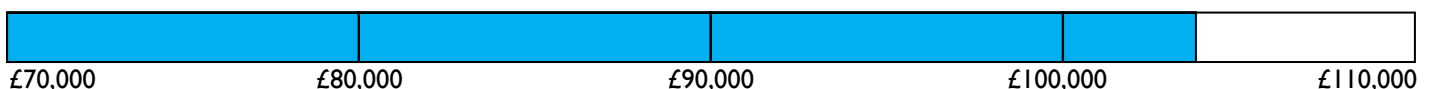
*Crosshouse Hospital:* Fr Stephen McGrattan ([crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

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

**Standing orders:** £734.92. **Weekly collection:** £1,366.65. **Students' Fund:** £67. **Apostolate of Life:** £5.

**SCIAF:** £100. **Communications:** £83. **Xaverian Fathers:** £30. **Peter's Pence:** £5.

**Organ Restoration Fund total to date:** £103,568.76.



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS:** We were moved to receive a kind message received from the Session Clerk of Kay Park Church: *“On behalf of Kay Park Church, I would like to offer congratulations to St Joseph’s on your 175th anniversary, a truly amazing milestone. My husband and I are looking forward to joining you on Monday 13th June for your special commemoration service and we will bring Kay Park’s good wishes with us.”*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** A special collection will be taken for the Apostolate of Life this weekend for the promotion of life from conception to natural death in the Church in Scotland. Please see the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen Robson about Caring for the Older Person. This Prayer was offered for the First World Day for Grandparents:

**Prayer for the Elderly**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!  
I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.  
Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.  
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.  
Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.  
Amen.

**DEACON KEVIN RENNIE** will be ordained a Priest for Galloway Diocese on 1st July 2022 (7 pm) in St Teresa’s Church, Dumfries. All are welcome. Please pray for Kevin in these last remaining weeks before his Ordination.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Fr Benjamin Mkeri on 01655 882145. 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:

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

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

**MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children’s Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 11 June 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, F Donachie	M Steele	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 12 June 11.00 am	L Hand, E Bohan, G Smith	A Neil	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Gerry Smith	IHM Sisters, Emma O’Connell	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers
Saturday 18 June 6.00 pm	K McGhee, G McIntyre, M Kirk	J Lennon	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		Children in church	Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 19 June 11.00 am	G McGee, M McGrath, E Maxwell	L Dorrian	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Mike Timmons	Julia & Helena Rameckers	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath