



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 21st August 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 21st – 28th AUGUST 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 20th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	McCavery family (RIP)
Sunday 21st	11.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Sam Taylor (RIP)
Monday 22nd	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Paul McKinney (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	John Muir (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm.....	<b>Community Café in the Church Hall</b>	
	12.00 noon .....	<b>Organ Recital by Greg Abrahams</b>	
	2.00 pm .....	<b>Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace</b>	
Wednesday 24th	10.00 am .....	<b>Requiem Mass for the late Margaret Barclay</b> .....	Margaret Barclay (RIP)
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Reception for the late Maureen Matthews</b>	
Thursday 25th	10.00 am .....	<b>Requiem Mass for the late Maureen Matthews</b> .....	Maureen Matthews (RIP)
		<b>No evening Mass in St Joseph's today</b>	
Friday 26th	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Jack Wilkie (RIP)
Saturday 27th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	Maureen Matthews (RIP)
Sunday 28th	11.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b>	

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

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and for their families who mourn them. The Requiem Mass of the late Margaret Barclay will take place on Wednesday 24th August at 10.00 am. The Requiem Mass of the late Maureen Matthews will take place on Thursday 25th August at 10 am (preceded by a Vigil Reception on Wednesday 24th August at 6 pm). The Requiem Mass of the late Bryce Kavanagh will take place on Monday 29th August at 10 am. We pray also for the late John McCluskey – funeral arrangements are not confirmed at the time of printing the newsletter.

**COMMUNITY CAFE:** The Community Café will resume in St Joseph's Church Hall on Tuesday 23rd August from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm, and on Tuesdays thereafter. Come along and enjoy a bowl of home made soup, fresh sandwiches and home baking and tea and coffee. All very welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of 8th August are now available on the website and the church notice-board.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND SUNDAY TEAS:** Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will resume this weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Markus Pazera who will be baptised this weekend.

**PAINTING OF THE CHURCH AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING:** The pipe organ will be dismantled from 5th – 9th September and taken to Durham by Harrison & Harrison for restoration. Thereafter, the interior of the church will be painted. Scaffolding will be erected from Monday 12th September to reach the ceiling, and painting will be complete by Friday 14th October. A full replacement of church lighting will take place at the same time. The Vigil and Sunday Masses will take place in the church hall. Weekdays Masses will not be celebrated in St Joseph's from 12th September until (at the latest) 14th October. Instead you will be able to attend weekday Mass either in Our Lady of Mount Carmel or St Matthew's churches. Funeral Masses may also take place either in St Matthew's or Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the family's preference. Contributions to the Building Fund towards this work will be gratefully received.

**Hall bookings:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

**Safeguarding co-ordinator:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

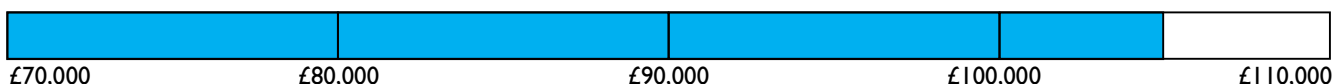
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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

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

**Standing orders: £734.92. Weekly collection: £1,007.64. Building Fund: £92. Peter's Pence: £10.**

**Retired Priests: £40. Apostolate of Life: £10. Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,409.26**



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK  
THE HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903)

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2022



Recitalist:  
**Greg Abrahams**  
(Freelance recitalist)

Tuesday 23 August at 12 noon  
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of entertaining 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

**BUILDING FUND:** A collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who supported our successful Summer Fun Day last Sunday where £400 was raised.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN:** A coach will travel for all Kilmarnock, Hurlford and Galston parishes on **Sunday 28th August**. It will leave Galston (from Tesco) at 10.45 am, pick up at St Paul's Church, Hurlford at 10.50 am and then pick up at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock at 11.00 am. Please bring a packed lunch. The coach will stop in Girvan for toilets and to eat lunch.

On arrival in Whithorn, the Whithorn Experience is an exhibition and visitor centre which has interesting displays and exhibits that tell the Whithorn story. Mass at St Ninian's Cave is at 4.00 pm. There will be Mass in the parish church at 4.30 pm for those unable to walk to the beach. After Mass the coach will leave Whithorn, stopping in Girvan at the Harbour Café for a sit-in fish tea. Bus costs £5, children/young people under 16 free. Fish and chips or alternative to be paid at the café. A great day out for individuals and families. Please add your name to the list in the porch **by 21st August at the latest**.

**FR KEVIN RENNIE:** Fr Kevin will take up his appointment as Assistant Priest at St Joseph's on Thursday 1st September. Rolls and bacon and sausage will be served after 11 am Mass on Sunday 4th September to provide an opportunity to welcome him and for him to meet the parishioners.

**ECUADOR TRUST 200 CLUB:** This new 200 Club is being set up by Father Martin Chambers to support the people of Ecuador particularly through the post-pandemic period. This 200 Club is an online club and each number taken out is £5 per

month. The monthly draw will take place live online in the first week of each month and the prize each month is £150. To register please send an email to: [theecuadortrust200club@hotmail.com](mailto:theecuadortrust200club@hotmail.com). You can also register by posting a request message on the Ecuador Trust Facebook page. Good luck to all who take part!

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The process of preparing any adults who wish to join the Catholic Church will begin in September. If you would like to join the Church or know someone who does please speak to Fr Stephen.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN:** Parents of children in primary 4 who will prepare to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2023 are asked to attend a meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall on Tuesday 13th September at 7 pm. Attendance at this meeting is important, as is regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

**DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS:** The Diocesan Education Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Wednesday 14th September at 7.00 pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

**GALLOWAY LOURDES HELPERS 2023: Have you always wanted to come to Lourdes and volunteer?** Our preparations have now begun for our long-awaited pilgrimage, Galloway Lourdes Hospitalite are holding their first sign-up session for **ADULT** volunteers who are able to work with our assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. Pilgrimage dates are Monday 3rd July – Monday 10th July 2023. We are looking for doctors, nurses and medical assistants; also required are general male and female helpers.

If you'd like to be part of this wonderful experience please join us for our first volunteer sign up session to find out more on Sunday 4th September, 2-3pm at St Margaret's Cathedral Hall, Ayr. If you can't make it along why not register your interest by contacting Suzy Hollywood (President) for future sign-up dates - [glhpresident@aol.com](mailto:glhpresident@aol.com).

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN:** The national pilgrimage to Carfin has been moved to Sunday 25th September to coincide with the visit of the relics of St Bernadette. Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, and in thanksgiving for the 100th anniversary of the grotto, will be celebrated at 3 pm with the Rosary Procession afterwards. All welcome. There will also be a diocesan day visit to the relics on Tuesday 27th September with details to follow.

**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 [stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at [benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 20 August</b> 6.00 pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, V Dagostino	C Power	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 21 August</b> 11.00 am	L Hand, E Bohan, G Smith	L Dorrian	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anna Mackie Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson Robert Sheerins	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters
<b>Saturday 27 August</b> 6.00 pm	M Kirk, E Heron, R Heron	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
<b>Sunday 28 August</b> 11.00 am	J Kavanagh, E Maxwell, E Gallagher	G McGee	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Gerry Smith	Emma Wood Karen Cassidy	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers