



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 28th August 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 28th AUGUST – 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 27th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Maureen Matthews (RIP)
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Mass	
	4.00 pm	Mass at St Ninian's Cave, Whithorn	
	4.30 pm	Mass at St Martin's & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn	
Monday 29th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Bryce Kavanagh	Bryce Kavanagh (RIP)
Tuesday 30th	No Mass in Kilmarnock today		
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in the Church Hall	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	P Joseph McKay (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 1st	6.00 pm	Mass	Agnes Lennon (RIP)
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late John McCluskey	John McCluskey (RIP)
Saturday 3rd	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Maureen Matthews (RIP)
Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Mass	John Freeman (RIP)

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

TUESDAY MASS: Fr McGrattan will celebrate a funeral Mass on behalf of Fr Kitchen in Auchinleck on Tuesday so there will be no Mass in Kilmarnock on that day.

COMMUNITY CAFE: The Community Café takes place in St Joseph's Church Hall on Tuesdays from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup, fresh sandwiches and home baking and tea and coffee. All very welcome.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN: The coach leaves St Joseph's at 11 am this Sunday 28th.

FR KEVIN RENNIE: Welcome to Fr Kevin Rennie who takes 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. 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 (RCIA): 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.

We also need to renew the membership of the RCIA group – those already members of the Church who wish to share their faith with those who are preparing to join the Church. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you are interested.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

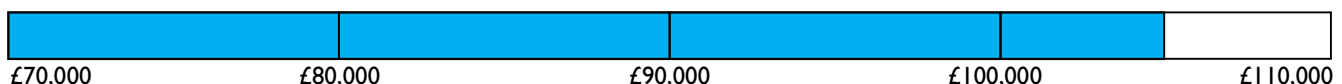
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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

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

Standing orders: £734.92. Weekly collection: £1,068.97. Building Fund: £928.97.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,409.26



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE ORGAN AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH



RESTORATION OF THE PIPE ORGAN: The unrestored pipe organ will sound for the last time on Sunday 4th September. There will be some special music played at the end of 11 am Sunday Mass before the organ is dismantled on Monday 5th September.

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING: 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.

CLOSURE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING: St Joseph's Church will be **closed from Monday 12th September until Friday 14th October.**

The last **Vigil and Sunday Masses** to be celebrated in the church are on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September. From the weekend of 17th/18th September, Masses will be celebrated in the church hall.

The last **weekday Mass** to be celebrated in the church is on Tuesday 6th September. From Wednesday 7th September, weekday Masses will be celebrated in Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's churches, according to the timetable which will be published in the newsletter.

During the period of closure, **Funeral Masses** may take place either in St Matthew's or Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the family's preference.

Thank you for your patience during the inconvenient period of closure.

BUILDING FUND: Thank you for the contributions last weekend of £928.97.

VISIT TO THE HARRISON & HARRISON WORKSHOP DURING THE RESTORATION OF THE PIPE ORGAN: A visit is arranged to see the restoration of the organ in action at the Harrison & Harrison workshop in Durham. The programme includes a visit to the workshop on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th October with a possible evening visit to Durham Cathedral. An evening meal will be arranged.

Then on Wednesday 19th October, after some free time in Durham in the morning, an afternoon organ recital will be performed by Andrew Reid (Emeritus Managing Director of Harrison & Harrison) on the 1885 T.C. Lewis organ (restored 1987 by Harrison & Harrison) at St George's Church, Cullercoats (and the church is on the route back to Scotland).

Please note that participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and accommodation.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk before **Friday 3rd September.**

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 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 or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

GALLOWAY YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE NEWS EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Following the difficult Covid restrictions, the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is up and running again and invites young people to participate in events to take place during the coming year.



NEW DAWN SCOTLAND

Saturday 17th September, St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley

New Dawn Scotland

New Dawn Scotland will be hosting a day for youth (s1-6) at St. Mirin's, Paisley on Saturday 17th September.

The day will begin with Mass in the Cathedral with Bishop John at 10am. This will be followed by two talks by young evangelists, prayer ministry, rosary and workshops. The day will end with a healing service. A lunch of soup and sandwiches will be provided for a donation. Bring food for teatime. Local eateries available for take away. Consent forms will be available to download from the New Dawn Scotland website
<https://newdawninscotland.com/youth>

offer their assistance to accompany the sick and infirm and help them to take part fully in the pilgrimage experience.



Are you age 16-23 (by July 2023) and would you like to assist the sick and infirm in Lourdes from 3rd – 10th July 2023?

Approximate cost £650. For a registration form or further information please contact the Youth for Lourdes Office at youthforlourdes@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or phone 01387 252603.

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 24th September, Dunkeld and Birnam



The pilgrimage this year takes place in the picturesque village of Dunkeld and Birnam where a church and community have gathered since the 13th century. Dunkeld Cathedral stands on the present site on the north bank of the River Tay.

At the pilgrimage young people from across Scotland will gather to celebrate Mass, learn more about the Catholic faith, enjoy walks, scenery, and meet new friends.

The date is Saturday 24th September and a free coach will pick-up at St Joseph's Academy at 10.30 am and bring you home to there at the end of the day. For young people age 14-25. Please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to reserve a seat please contact the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office on youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01387 252603.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES

3rd – 10th July 2023, Lourdes, France

The Galloway Diocesan Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place every two years. People of all ages take part, visiting the place where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in 1858 with a message of hope for those who follow Jesus.

Among the pilgrims are those who are sick and infirm and, together with health professionals and others, young people

WORLD YOUTH DAY

26th July – 9th August 2023, Lisbon, Portugal



World Youth Day is a great meeting of Catholic young people from all over the world gathered around the Holy Father the Pope. It is one of the primary means by which the Church proclaims the message of Christ to young people. In 2023 World Youth Day will be hosted in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Youth Ministry Office, led by Fr Jim Hayes, will accompany a group of young pilgrims from Galloway Diocese from 26th July – 9th August 2023 to Lisbon. The pilgrimage is for people age 16-25 (by July 26th 2023) and will cost approximately £750.

Typically, World Youth Day falls into two parts. The local "Days in the Diocese" are days when the group is hosted by a local parish spending time socially, praying together, learning about each other's cultures, and sharing friendship. The second part takes place in Lisbon city and is a series of large gatherings (probably of well over 1 million people) culminating in an outdoor Mass celebrated by the Pope with young people from throughout the world.

For more information or to register please contact the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office on youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01387 252603.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES: The next Fellowship gathering is on Wednesday 7th September from 7 to 9 pm at the Salvation Army in Sturrock Street, Kilmarnock. This Gathering will be a "swap shop" of information about what churches are doing to help our communities in our area. With so much bad news in daily headlines, let's celebrate the fact that churches are actively trying to make a difference in our corner of the world. We need to be well informed about what all churches are doing locally. No single church can address everyone's needs, but together we can have an impact for good.

We hope that all local churches will send representatives to share an uplifting time together. We encourage you to bring flyers, posters, newsletters or whatever will help us to discover what is happening in and through your church. It will be helpful if you can tell me in advance if you will bring materials so that we can set up tables for a display. Charities such as East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action (EACHa), Reachout Together,

Christians Against Poverty and foodbanks are also welcome to participate and have a space in the display.

Pause for Hope: 11th September, at 3 pm at Kay Park Parish Church, London Road, Kilmarnock. This tranquil service aims to support people who are in any way affected by cancer. Ayrshire Cancer Support and Marie Curie charities will participate in this event. This service will also be live-streamed on Kay Park Church's YouTube channel and website.

Disability Awareness Sunday service: 18th September, at 3 pm in St Marnock's Church, St Marnock Street, Kilmarnock. Katrona Templeton of Reachout Together project will help us to see how full inclusion of people with disabilities in the worship, community life and leadership of churches can benefit everyone. Let's play our part in removing any barriers to inclusion which we may be unaware of in our churches.

Both churches are large and we won't run out of seats - so please come and join us!

HYMN: NINIAN OF GALLOWAY

Ninian of Galloway,
homage we fondly pay
and tribute bring;
Saint by our Church proclaimed,
Scotland's apostle named.
Thy praise we sing, thy praise we sing.

Born of our Scottish race,
God led thee forth by grace
to find in Rome;
that pearl so richly priced,
that faultless creed of Christ.
And bear it home,
and bear it home.

Softly the Christian morn,
dawned o'er the lone Whithorn,
like kindly sun.
Nobly thy loyal band,
led by thy sure command.
Our kingdom won, our kingdom won.

Where once thy footsteps trod,
unquenched the fires of God,
await thy hand;
renew thy fervent care,
tender to God our prayer.
To bless our land, to bless our land.

Words: Mgr Joseph McHardy. Music: Mgr Francis Duffy.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 27 August 6.00 pm	M Kirk, E Heron, R Heron	M McGrath	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 28 August 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
Saturday 3 Sept 6.00 pm	G McIntyre, B Shepherd, A Davidson	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 4 Sept 11.00 am	G McGee, M McGrath, tba	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	TBC	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Paul, Libby	M McGrath