



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th September 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 4th – 11th SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr Stephen/Fr Kevin)
Saturday 3rd	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Agnes Drew (RIP) / Special Intention
Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Mass	John Freeman (RIP) / For the parish
Monday 5th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's	Beata Borzecka (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 6th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's	Jean Campbell (Ann) / Peter Ham (Spec Int)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in the Church Hall	
	2.00 pm	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 7th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	For the parish / Robert Kim (Spec Int)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 8th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Joseph Pak (Spec Int)
Friday 9th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Fr Andrew Coleman (RIP)
Saturday 10th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Maria Satera (RIP) / For the parish
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	Mass	John McGill (Ann) / M & G McGhee (Spec Int)

The church will be closed during the day until mid-October due to renovation work taking place.

Please note the location of weekday Masses.

AGNES MCLEOD RIP: Our parishioner, Agnes McLeod has died. We extend our prayer and condolences to her family. A Requiem Mass for Agnes will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church on Friday 16th September at 10 am.

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.

FR KEVIN RENNIE: Welcome to Fr Kevin Rennie who has taken up his appointment as Assistant Priest at St Joseph's. 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)

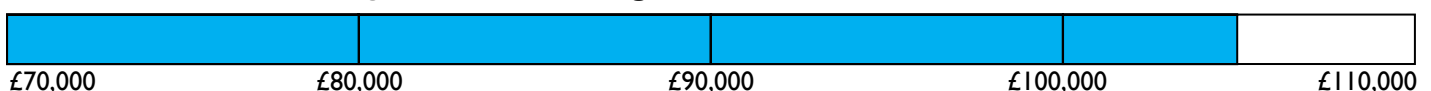
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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: £1,273.89. Building Fund: £215. Organ Fund: £90.

Hall Hire: £75. Organ Recital: £215. Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,714.26



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

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!

AT THE END OF SUNDAY MASS

After the final blessing, all **sit** for the singing of "Ite ad Joseph!"

Gallery Singers A church rises at the top of a hill;
simple yet high, dignified and sound.
It is the year 1847.
Behold the new portal to heav'n!

Remember us well, you who will come.
We were poor and life was not always kind.
Do not forget our great sacrifices
when you pray in the church which we built.
Our gift to you. Ite ad Joseph! Ite ad Joseph!

Congregation **Ite ad Joseph! Ite ad Joseph!** (sing 4 times)

Following "Ite ad Joseph!" all **stand** for the congregational singing of "Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle".

Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle

Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle, guardian of the Saviour child,
treading with the Virgin mother, Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

*Hail, St Joseph, spouse of Mary, blessed above all saints on high,
when the death shades round us gather,
teach, oh, teach us how to die, teach, oh, teach us how to die.*

He who rested on thy bosom is by countless saints adored;
prostrate angels in his presence sing hosannas to their Lord.

Now to thee no gift refusing, Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling, give to us a father's care.

Dear St Joseph, kind and loving, stretch to us a helping hand;
guide us through life's toils and sorrows, safely to the distant land.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 3 Sept 6.00 pm	G McIntyre, B Shepherd, A Davidson	C McGowan	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
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	H Matthews
Saturday 10 Sept 6.00 pm	F Donachie, M Kirk, H Rameckers	M Steele	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 11 Sept 11.00 am	T Murphy, H Matthews, L Hand	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath

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 £215.

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 10th September**.

BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR: The 2022 National Pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 18th September from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 2 pm Rosary; 2.20 pm Confessions/Adoration/Benediction; 3.15 pm Talk by Dr John Watts; 3.30 pm Free time; 4.30 pm Holy Mass. Refreshments available.

CANON PAT MCSORLEY: Canon McSorley has moved from Troon to Omagh to stay with his brother and family. His new address is Canon Patrick McSorley, 168 Killadroy Road, Eskra, Omagh, County Tyrone, BT78 2SJ. Telephone 02885 548939.

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.

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: "Walking together in Safeguarding" is the title of the 2022 National Safeguarding Conference to take place on Saturday 1st October from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the University of Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow. The conference, for all who are responsible for Safeguarding in the Catholic Church, provides an opportunity to learn about the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) and to express aspirations for its work. Areas of improving safeguarding practice will be highlighted at local, national and international levels. For more information and to book visit <https://bit.ly/39dsFPq>.

THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: A motion was offered in the Scottish Parliament to congratulate clergy and parishioners of St Joseph's on the occasion of our 175th anniversary. The text of the motion is printed in full in this newsletter. Thank you to Willie Coffey MSP for lodging this motion.



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Motion Number: S6M-05089
Lodged By: Willie Coffey, MSP
Date Lodged: 20/06/2022

Title: Congratulations to St Joseph's Church Clergy
and Parishioners, Kilmarnock

Motion Text:

That the Parliament offers its warmest congratulations to the clergy and parishioners of the magnificent St Joseph's Church in Kilmarnock on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the solemn opening of the Church on 13 June 1847; notes that the Church was built by Irish immigrants, many of whom, it understands, had come to Scotland seeking sanctuary from difficult circumstances and seeking work to support their families; recalls that the first priest in the town was the Reverend Thomas Wallace who worked tirelessly to construct and pay for the Church, sited at the top of what is now Hill Street; notes the "do anything they can do" attitude of the Irish in Kilmarnock, which lives on today in a spirit of generosity, forgiveness and concern for those in need; congratulates Father Stephen McGrattan and all of the clergy and parishioners for organising a wonderful commemorative Mass of Thanksgiving at St Joseph's involving other Christian denominations in the town; notes in particular the beautiful composition, *Ite ad Joseph (Go to Joseph)*, by Dr Raymond McCluskey, which was performed for the first time, and wishes all of the community associated with St Joseph's many more years of peaceful and respectful worship.

Supported as of 08/08/2022 by the following MSPs:

Clare Adamson (SNP), Jeremy Balfour (CON), Colin Beattie (SNP), Siobhian Brown (SNP), Alexander Burnett (CON), Jackie Dunbar (SNP), Annabelle Ewing (SNP), Kenneth Gibson (SNP), Pam Gosal (CON), Bill Kidd (SNP), Monica Lennon (LAB), Stuart McMillan (SNP), Marie McNair (SNP), Audrey Nicoll (SNP), Paul Sweeney (LAB), David Torrance (SNP), Evelyn Tween (SNP)

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>



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

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.

World Youth Day falls into two parts. The first days will be spent visiting Santiago de Compostela and Fatima while spending time socially, praying together, 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.

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE 2022

Whithorn was a famous place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages but the pilgrimages ceased after the Reformation. Revived in 1924, they are now held annually on the last Sunday of August. It was in September 1953 that Mass was celebrated for the first time at Saint Ninian's Cave. Bishop Joseph McGee said Mass at the altar set within the Cave in front of a large banner of Saint Ninian. Canon McQuillan of Troon told the story of Saint Ninian to what was estimated to be the largest pilgrimage since the war. Over fifty buses and several private cars conveyed more than 2,000 pilgrims. The organisation was by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Next year, 2023, sees the 70th anniversary of this modern pilgrimage. 2024 marks the centenary of the first Whithorn pilgrimage since the Reformation. It seems important to celebrate both of these significant anniversaries in a special way.

On Sunday 28th August 2022, some 250 pilgrims gathered on the shore near St Ninian's Cave to celebrate Mass. The pilgrimages of the last two years have been curtailed as a result of the pandemic. In 2020 there was no public Mass but some faithful pilgrims came to the cave to pray to keep alive the unbroken tradition of recent years. In 2021 a smaller pilgrimage took place of around 160 or so pilgrims. This year nearly 250 pilgrims gathered for Mass on the shore, with another 30 or so attending Mass in the church in Whithorn – the green shoots are beginning to grow larger again! Many travelled by coach from their parishes. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles. In the homily he spoke about the Christian life as an ongoing encounter with the person of Jesus who desires to live in close relationship with us. The weather was kind to the pilgrims with gentle clouds shielding them from the sun on a warm afternoon. St Andrew's Deanery coordinated the liturgy and led the music. The 91st Ayrshire Scouts from St Joseph's, Kilmarnock steadfastly fulfilled their commitment to preparing the path to the beach, cutting back the shrubs, trees and bushes, and setting up the altar and shelters for the celebration of Mass.

The upcoming pilgrimages of 2023 and 2024 mark special anniversaries in the recent history of the influence of St Ninian. Please keep the date of the last Sunday in August (27 August 2023 and 25 August 2024) when we hope to see you at Mass near St Ninian's Cave.

