



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th September 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 11th – 18th SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr Stephen/Fr Kevin)
Saturday 10th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's	<i>Maria Satera (RIP) / For the parish</i>
Sunday 11th	11.00 am.....	Mass in St Joseph's	<i>John McGill (Ann) / M & G McGhee (Spec Int)</i>
Monday 12th	10.00 am.....	Mass in St Matthew's	<i>Josephine Cassidy (RIP) / Special Intention</i>
Tuesday 13th	10.00 am.....	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Cathie Ferris (RIP) / Paul McFadden (RIP)</i>
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in the Church Hall	
	7.00 pm.....	Parents' Meeting for P4 children receiving sacraments in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 14th		No Mass in Kilmarnock today	
Thursday 15th	10.00 am.....	Mass in St Matthew's	<i>John McCluskey (RIP)</i>
Friday 16th	10.00 am.....	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Agnes McLeod (RIP) / Special Intention</i>
Saturday 17th	10.00 am.....	Mass in St Matthew's	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	<i>H & M McCluskey (RIP) / Wm James Guy (Ann)</i>
Sunday 18th	11.00 am.....	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	<i>John Cassidy (Ann)</i>

The church building is closed until mid-October due to renovation work taking place.

Please note the location of weekday Masses.

GILDA D'ANDREA RIP: Our parishioner Gilda D'Andrea has died and we pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this time of loss. The Requiem Mass for Gilda will be offered on Wednesday 21st September at 10 am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church.

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.

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.

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.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: The special collection at Masses this weekend is for the Retired Priests' Fund. Please give as generously as you can.

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.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

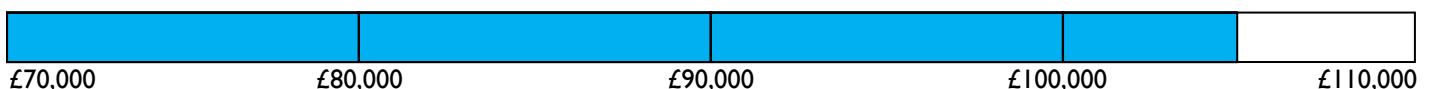
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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: £704.62. Weekly collection: £1,158.96. Building Fund: £60. Organ Fund: £20.

Retired Priests: £50. SCIAF: £140. Food Bags: £90. Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,734.26



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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Together with the people of these islands and others throughout the world we pray for the happy repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and for the bereaved members of her family at their time of loss. We pray also that

His Majesty King Charles III will be granted success in the exercise of his high office and that he may preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace.

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.

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.

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.

APEAL 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.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 10 Sept 6.00 pm	F Donachie, M Kirk, H Rameckers	M Steele	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 11 Sept 11.00 am	T Murphy, H Matthews, L Hand	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews
Saturday 17 Sept 6.00 pm	V Dagostino, K McGhee, G McIntyre	F Donachie	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 18 Sept 11.00 am	E Bohan, G Smith, G McGee	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters