



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18th September 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 18th – 25th SEPTEMBER 2022

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 17th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	H & M McCluskey (RIP) & Wm James Guy (Ann)
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	John Cassidy (Ann) / For the parish
Monday 19th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Queen Elizabeth II (RIP)
Tuesday 20th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Paul McFadden (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 21st	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Gilda D'Andrea in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Gilda D'Andrea (RIP)
Thursday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Special Intention
Friday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Agnes McLeod (RIP)
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	Jim Matthews (RIP)
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	For the parish

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

Please note the location of weekday Masses.

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: The children and young people who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion will take part in a Rite of Enrolment on Sunday 2nd October. Please pray for them. Also, for children not attending Catholic schools, there are workbooks available to help them with their

preparation at home. Please ask the priests at Mass this weekend if you need one.

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 to visit to the relics on Tuesday 27th September.



GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS: A copy of the latest edition of our diocesan magazine will be offered as you leave Mass today. There are enough copies for one per family. This edition includes coverage of Fr Kevin Rennie's ordination.

BUILDING FUND: A special collection for the Building Fund will take place at Masses on the weekend of 1st/2nd October. Thank you for your support.

Hall bookings: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

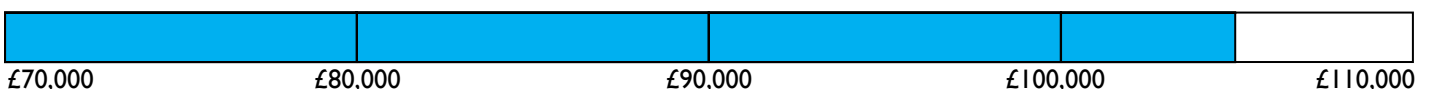
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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: £1,037.57. Building Fund: £3. Retired Priests: £909.03.

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.

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.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (CROSSHOUSE HOSPITAL TEA ROOM): How many times when visiting Crosshouse Hospital have we been glad to pause for a cup of tea or coffee and collect our thoughts? Until recently that facility has not been available, but at last the tea bar has re-opened. This is possible, however, only if volunteers keep the tea bar and the shop running. There are three shifts: 9.30 am to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm. Two people would work in the shop and three in the tea bar. Volunteers are emailed the previous week to find out their availability. These opportunities are open to both men and women.

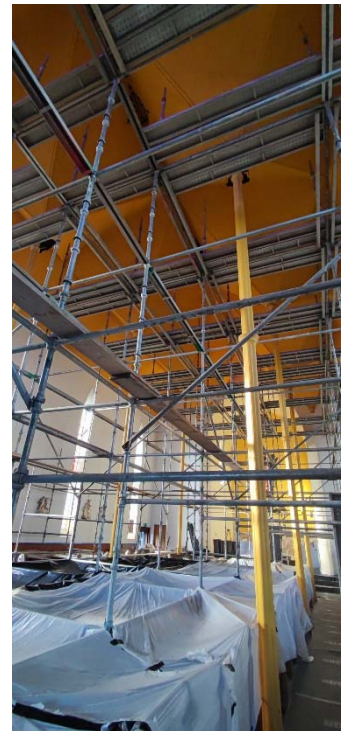
If anyone is interested, please contact Helen Colman, preferably by email at helenmcolman@gmail.com. If this is not possible, they can telephone on 01563 524259.

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.

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.



RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH: With the organ dismantled, scaffolding has been erected last week to begin painting the church this week.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 24 Sept 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, B Shepherd	J Lennon	Joseph, Julia, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 25 Sept 11.00 am	E Gallagher, J Kavanagh, E Maxwell	I Love	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Paul, Libby	H Rameckers