



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th September 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER – 2nd OCTOBER 2022

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	Liam Clarke (Ann)
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	For the parish
Monday 26th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Jim Matthews (RIP)
Tuesday 27th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Sandra McKay (Ann)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 28th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Paul McFadden (RIP)
Thursday 29th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Agnes McLeod (RIP)
Friday 30th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Maureen Murphy (RIP)
Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	Special Intention
Sunday 2nd	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. 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.



GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS: If you didn't get it last week, the latest edition of our diocesan magazine is available on the tables at the back of the Hall. 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)

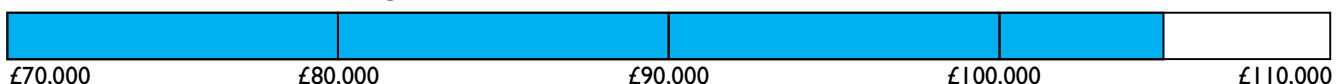
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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: £1,209.57. Building Fund: £30. Retired Priests: £66.

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,734.26



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: As part of the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to Carfin, our own Diocese alongside the Archdiocese of Glasgow will be on pilgrimage to Carfin on Tuesday 27th September. If you are able, please come along in support of this great occasion.

CROSSHOUSE HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS: 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 there are sufficient volunteers to staff the project. There are three shifts; 9.30am to 12noon; 12noon to 2pm; and 2pm to 4pm. Two people would work in the shop and three in the tea bar. These opportunities are open to both men and women. If anyone is interested and wishes more information, please phone Crosshouse Hospital 01563 577311.

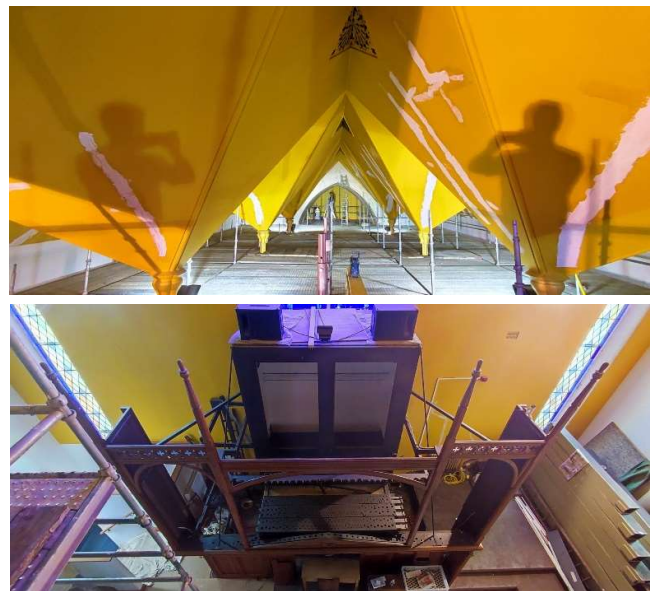
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan 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.

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.

RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH: The scaffolding in the main body of the Church has now been fully erected allowing for the cracks in the ceiling to be re-plastered in anticipation of painting commencing shortly.



MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 24 Sept 6.00 pm	E Heron, R Heron, B Shepherd	J Lennon	Joseph, 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
Saturday 1 Oct 6.00 pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, K McGhee	C McGowan	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 2 Oct 11.00 am	H Matthews, T Murphy, P Nicholson	P Coyle	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath