



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd October 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER – 9th OCTOBER 2022

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr Stephen/Fr Kevin)
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 / For the parish
Monday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Special Intention / Special Intention
Tuesday 4th	10.00 am	School Mass in St Matthew's	Neil Craig (Ann) / Paul McFadden (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 5th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Tom McCann (RIP) / Agnes McLeod & Andrew Wyllie (RIP)
Thursday 6th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	/ Special Intention
Friday 7th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Joseph McArdle (RIP) / Special Intention
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	Robert Smallridge (RIP) /
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	For the parish / For the parish

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

Please note the location of weekday Masses.

**BUILDING FUND:** A special collection for the Building Fund will take place at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support, especially at this time of major renovation.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Please note the change of location for Masses on Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday we will be joined by students from St Joseph's Academy's Francis of Assisi House to mark his Feast day.

**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:** Congratulations to the children and young people who will take

part in a Rite of Enrolment at the 11 am Mass this weekend as they start preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for them and their families. 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.

**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; 9.30 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. These opportunities are open to both men and women. If anyone is interested and wishes more information, please phone Crosshouse Hospital 01563 577311.

**Hall bookings:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

**Safeguarding co-ordinator:** Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

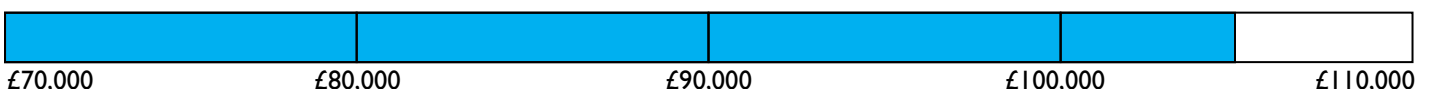
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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

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

**Standing orders: £704.62. Weekly collection: £995.25. SCIAF: £120. Retired Priests: £21.**

**Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £104,734.26**



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**ADULT EDUCATION TALKS:** The Catholic Church in Kilmarnock is arranging the following talks which will both take place in St Matthew's Hall at 7 pm:

Thursday, 6th October: Vision of the Church from Vatican II onwards (Fr Martin Chambers);

Thursday, 13th October: Our understanding of the Mass and Pope Francis' recent letter on the Eucharist (Fr Stephen McGrattan).

You are invited to take part in both these talks.

**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.

**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 [stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at [benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.

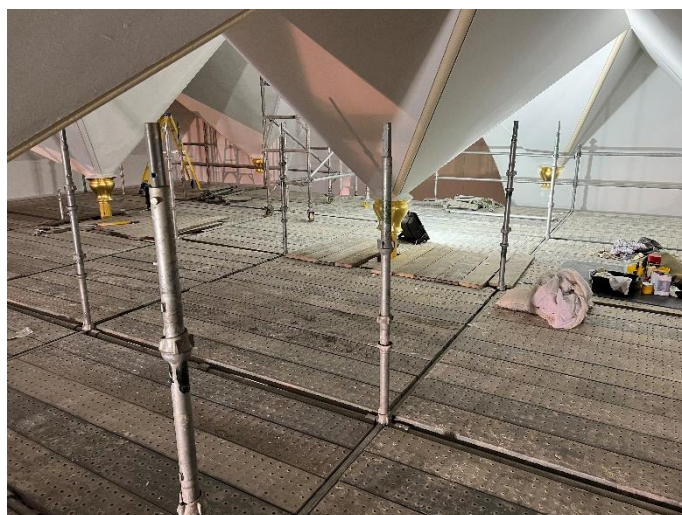
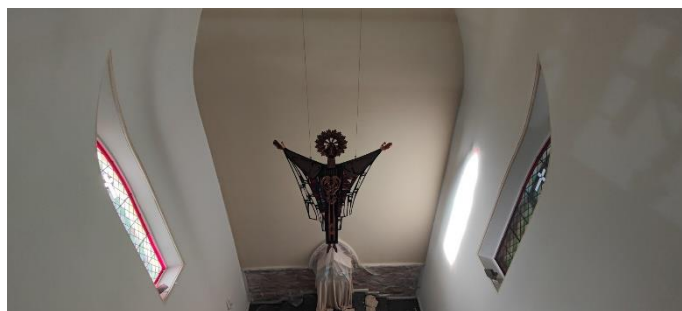
**APPEAL FOR FOOD PARCELS:** We appeal again for food parcels to be delivered to the church to maintain supply. The contents of the food parcel are specific and are to be delivered in a strong plastic or paper bag:

- 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:** Painting of the sanctuary area of the church has now been completed and the image of Christ cleaned and reinstated. New lighting is also being installed. Painting of the ceiling continues to progress well.



### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 1 Oct 6.00 pm</b>	A Davidson, F Donachie, K McGhee	C McGowan	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 2 Oct 11.00 am</b>	H Matthews, T Murphy, P Nicholson	P Coyle	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath
<b>Saturday 8 Oct 6.00 pm.</b>	H Rameckers, V D'Agostino, M Kirk	J Lennon	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 9 Oct 11.00 am</b>	L Hand, E Bohan, G Smith	A Neil	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Theresa, Alan	H Matthews