



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th 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 8th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Hall	Robert Smallridge (RIP) / Spec Intention
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Hall	For the parish / For the parish
	3.00 pm	Feed the World Ecumenical Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
Monday 10th	10.00 am	Funeral Mass of Rose Duffy in Mount Carmel	Rose Duffy (RIP) / Spec Intention
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	Stuart Mason (Spec Int) / Spec Intention
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	School Mass in St Matthew's	Spec Int / Students of St Joseph's Academy
Thursday 13th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	/ Special Intention
Friday 14th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Special Intention / Special Intention
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass in St Joseph's (Church)	Billy Reid (RIP) / Special Intention
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's (Church)	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.

MASSES THIS WEEK: Please note the change of location for Mass on Wednesday. On Wednesday we will be joined by students from St Joseph's Academy's Carlo Acutis House to mark his Feast day.

LIFE TEEN: Life Teen is a faith formation programme for young people. It involves regular meetings and faith activities and prayer in an appropriate and engaging way. All activity is closely connected to the celebration of the weekly Mass. We would like to make this programme available to young parishioners. To do this we need to form a leadership group of adults, especially parents of teenage children. All the resources needed to lead the programme are provided.

There is a training session on Zoom led by the Archdiocese of Glasgow on Thursday 13th October from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. It would be good if some of our parishioners could join the meeting to gather information. **Please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin if you are interested and able to support this important project for our young parishioners.**

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.

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)

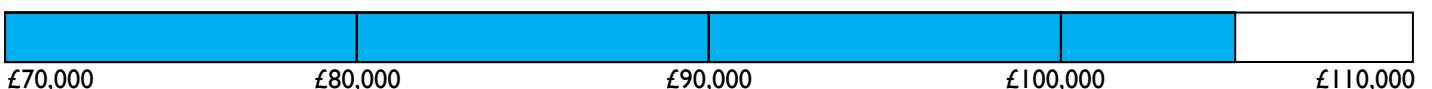
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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

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

Standing orders: £704.62. Weekly collection: £1093.92. Building Fund: £1,119.73. Retired Priests: £25.

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 – Part 1 (Fr Martin Chambers);

Thursday, 13th October: Vision of the Church from Vatican II onwards – Part 2 (Fr Martin Chambers);

Thursday 20th October: Our understanding of the Mass and Pope Francis' recent letter on the Eucharist (Fr Stephen McGrattan).

You are invited to take part in 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 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: High-level painting and installation of lighting is complete. The scaffold will be dismantled this weekend. Some final low-level painting will be completed early this week and lower-level lighting installed. The church will be deep-cleaned and Masses will take place in church again next weekend, 15/16th October.

In the meantime, weekday Masses are arranged in the other Kilmarnock churches as indicated in the timetable.

KILMARNOCK FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES: A service to pray for the spiritual and physical nourishment of the nations of the world will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church on Sunday 9th October at 3.00 pm. All are welcome – please represent St Joseph's parish well.

250 YEARS OF THE SCOTS IN VALLADOLID: Fr Stephen joined some 20 former students of the Royal Scots College, Spain to mark the 250th anniversary of the Scots moving to Valladolid in 1971. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Old Scots College (now Valladolid Archdiocesan Spirituality Centre) by the new Archbishop of Valladolid, Monseñor Luis Argüello. You can watch the anniversary Mass on the "Iglesia en Valladolid" YouTube channel as "250 Aniversario Real Colegio Escoceses en Valladolid".



MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 8 Oct 6.00 pm.	H Rameckers, V D'Agostino, M Kirk	J Lennon	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 9 Oct 11.00 am	L Hand, E Bohan, G Smith	A Neil	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark			Theresa, Alan	H Matthews
Saturday 15 Oct 6.00 pm.	E Heron, R Heron, B Shepherd	A Gorman	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 16 Oct 11.00 am	G McGee, M McGrath, E Maxwell	L Dorrian	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark		Ann Dorrian, Lucy Dorrian	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters