



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th October 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER – 23rd OCTOBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 16th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Billy Reid (RIP) / For the parish
	11.00 am	Mass	John Loughran (Ann) / Penelope Brady (Ann)
Monday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	Maureen Murphy (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 18th	8.30 am	Mass	John Morrison (RIP) / Special Intention
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 19th		No Mass in Kilmarnock today	
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm	Mass	Marie Burns (RIP) / Special Intention
Friday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	George McArthur (RIP) / Special Intention
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 23rd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
	11.00 am	Mass	Mary Dourish (Ann) / For the parish

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Please note the earlier time for Mass on Tuesday. There is no Mass in St Joseph's on Wednesday morning this week owing to the parish trip to Durham.

**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. **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 October. If you would like to

join the Church or know someone who does please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

**EXCURSION TO THE MARIAN GROTTA AT CARFIN:** If there is enough interest, we hope to organise a parish outing to Carfin on a weekday in November. Please indicate your interest by signing up at the shop. Once we gauge interest, arrangements will be made in detail.

**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)

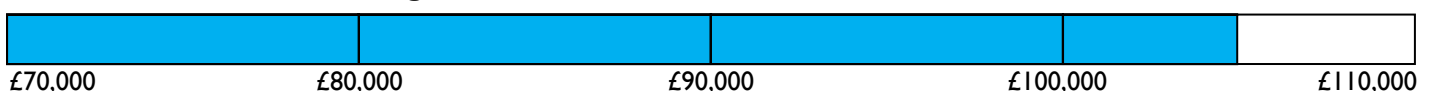
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

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: £987.70. Building Fund: £47.**

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



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 24th October at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage.

Should a parishioner wish an item to be discussed, please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or pass the item to the parish house.

**ADULT EDUCATION TALKS:** The last of the October talks on the Eucharist takes place in St Matthew's Hall this week:

**Thursday 20th October at 7 pm:** Our understanding of the Mass and Pope Francis' recent letter on the Eucharist (Fr Stephen McGrattan).

**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.

**ST JOSEPH'S REOPENS AFTER REFURBISHMENT:**

Returning to the church for the celebration of Mass this weekend after several weeks of closure due to refurbishment, we express gratitude to the staffs of McConnell of Kilmarnock, Telfer Graphics of Glasgow, and Millar Electrical of Cumnock for the very professional contributions to the painting and re-lighting of St Joseph's. Thank you also to all the parishioners who helped clean the church at the end.

The photograph from around 1907 probably displays a number of original features of the 1847 church, and the 2022 redecoration acknowledges a few of these features in a contemporary way. The livestream on YouTube will resume from this weekend.



St Joseph's church, around 1907



St Joseph's church, October 2022

**MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 22 Oct 6.00 pm.	G McIntyre, A Davidson, F Donachie	C Power	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia		IHM Sisters	Anne Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 23 Oct 11.00 am	E Gallagher, H Matthews, T Murphy	G McGee	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	E Cunningham, E Heron	Pauline Ferguson Sophie Crawford	Eileen Dennis	H Rameckers