



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th October 2022

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER – 6th NOVEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 29th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm.....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	Jim Buchanan (Ann) /
Sunday 30th	11.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	John & Margaret Carolan (RIP) / For the parish
Monday 31st	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	João Branco (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Tuesday 1st	12.30 pm.....	<b>Mass of All Saints</b> (Holy Day of Obligation).....	The faithful departed
	11 am – 1 pm.....	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Church Hall	
	7.00 pm.....	<b>Mass of All Saints</b> (Holy Day of Obligation).....	The faithful departed
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass of All Souls</b> .....	The faithful departed
	After Mass.....	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>	
Thursday 3rd	10.00 am.....	<b>Requiem Mass for Dennis Trodden, RIP</b> .....	Dennis Trodden (RIP)
		<b>No evening Mass in St Joseph's today</b>	
Friday 4th	10.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	The faithful departed
Saturday 5th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm.....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	The faithful departed
Sunday 6th	11.00 am.....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Moira Carragher (RIP) / For the parish

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

**DO THIS IN MEMORY:** We continue to pray for our young people and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. This weekend we do this in a particular way as we continue with the **Do This in Memory** programme at both the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Children are asked to bring their candles and to gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** On Tuesday, the Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. To help you fulfil the obligation, Masses will be celebrated at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm in St Joseph's, at 9.30 am in St Matthew's and 11.00 am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Our condolences and prayers are extended to the families of Dennis Trodden, Margaret Cusack and James Manson who died recently. Dennis' Requiem

Mass will take place on Thursday 3rd November at 10 am. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 11.15 am. James' committal will take place on Friday 4th December at 2.00 pm in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

**BISHOP MAURICE TAYLOR:** Bishop Taylor is now resident in Dundonald House Care Home, Dundonald. Please pray for him, especially since he is in poor health.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting of last Monday are available on the parish website.

**IHM SISTERS:** Sr Rose Confidence will be returning to Nigeria for a month's holiday this week and the other Sisters are still learning to drive. If you can help transport the Sisters to weekday and weekend Masses at St Joseph's and St Matthew's, please call them on 01563 523822.

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

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

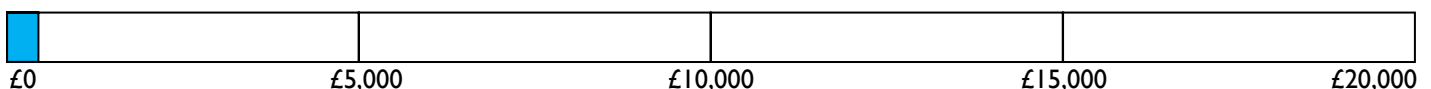
**Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:** In emergencies ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain. For regular visiting:

*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: £897.22. Building Fund: £20. Mission Sunday: £906.98.**

**Special Maintenance Fund (see climbing total on the bar below): £500.**



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** The process of preparing any adults who wish to join the Catholic Church will begin in November. 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 GROTTO AT CARFIN:** The trip is now full and leaves from the church on Monday 7th November at 10 am.

**NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED:** During the month of November the Masses will be offered for the faithful departed of the parishes. November Lists are available at the back of the church. Please add the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month with a Mass offering, and place your list in the basket in front of the altar. The names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month will be recorded in the album at the altar.

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER:** At 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 6th November, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. A letter has been sent to their families inviting them to attend.

**CEMETERY MASS:** As we have done in previous years, Mass will be celebrated in Kilmarnock Cemetery (Grassyards Road) on Saturday 5th November at 11 am for all who are buried there. Dress appropriately for the weather, and you may wish to bring a deck chair or similar for those who are less able to stand. If the weather is particularly bad, Mass will be celebrated in St Matthew's church instead.

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS – GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:** A document from the Catholic Parliamentary Office sets out the support currently available from the UK and Scottish Governments, including weblinks. The document can be viewed on the parish website or on [rcpolitics.org](http://rcpolitics.org).

**SAFEGUARDING MATTERS:** The October 2022 issue of the *Safeguarding Matters Newsletter*, published by the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Agency (SCSSA) is available on the parish website.

**FREE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS:** The Billings Ovulation Method® of Natural Fertility Regulation is a successful family planning method for couples having difficulty conceiving or simply wanting to plan a family safely and naturally. It is proven to be 99% effective in spacing pregnancy with no side effects. It also strengthens marriages and focuses on couples successfully planning a family together in equal partnership. Fertility Care Scotland offers free instruction in-person and virtually. Interested in sharing this knowledge with others? Apply for our flexible, online Teacher Training Course to become an accredited teacher today! For further information – or for details of a tutor in your area – please contact Fertility Care Scotland at [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk).

**SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Over the last six years extensive refurbishment, restoration and maintenance has been undertaken on the church buildings. This has been possible because of your generous donations, legacies left to the parish, grants from funding bodies and substantial giftaid claims. Over

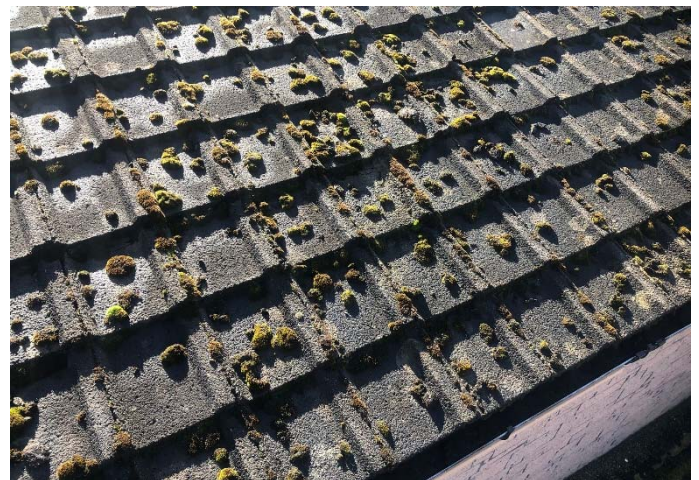
the last three years we have had to draw down our savings to finance the maintenance work, particularly for external pointing of the stonework, the structural repair and renovation of the porch, painting and re-lighting. Unforeseen expenditure has accrued from finding asbestos in the organ components, roof repairs on the church, and urgent roof repairs to be undertaken this week on the hall which is suffering from damaging water ingress. Our savings reserves will be fully depleted early in 2023, and the matter was discussed, and a response agreed at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday.

I am keenly aware of the cost-of-living crisis hitting many particularly hard at this time, and the request which follows is not made to those who have to prioritise their spending for their own wellbeing and that of their family.

A Special Maintenance Fund has been launched with the target of raising £20,000 by Easter 2023. We will be grateful for all donations, small or large, from those are in a position to contribute to this fund. If you have paid tax on your donation, please ask us to reclaim this tax for the church using the giftaid scheme. Perhaps some parishioners can also organise a fundraising activity. Thank you for your ongoing generosity, Fr Stephen



Recent church roof repairs



Hall roof in urgent need of repair

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 29 Oct 6.00 pm.	K McGhee, H Rameckers, V Dagostino	M McGrath	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 30 Oct 11.00 am	P Nicholson, L Hand, E Bohan	J Shields	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	A Mackie, A Murphy	Emma Wood, Karen Cassidy	Theresa Alan	M McGrath
Saturday 5 Nov 6.00 pm.	M Kirk, E Heron, R Heron	M Steele	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 6 Nov 11.00 am	G Smith, E Maxwell, M McGrath	A Smith	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Gerry Smith	IHM Sisters, Emma O'Connell	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters