



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th November 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 6th – 13th NOVEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 5th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed
Sunday 6th	11.00 am.....	Mass	Moira Carragher (RIP) / For the parish
Monday 7th	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 8th	11.15 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late Margaret Cusack	Requiem Mass for Margaret Cusack (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
	2.00 pm.....	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
Wednesday 9th	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
	After Mass.....	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 10th	6.00 pm.....	Mass	The faithful departed
Friday 11th	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
Saturday 12th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	Edward & Annie McCaffrey (Ann)
Sunday 13th	11.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed / For the parish

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family of the late Margaret Cusack. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 11.15 am.

CHOIR ADVANCE NOTICE: In the New Year, in anticipation of the return of the restored pipe organ, the Church Choir will commence again with the first practice on **Sunday 19 February**, 6-8 pm, in the church. The Choir will prepare music for Easter 2023 and other significant liturgies, including the Blessing and Inauguration of the restored pipe organ.

IHM SISTERS: Sr Rose Confidence will spend November in Nigeria on holiday, 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.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café has happily become better attended in recent weeks. Come along for homemade soup, sandwich and cakes on Tuesdays between 11 am and 1 pm. **With a busier Café, we appeal for some more home baking to be donated on a weekly basis.** If anyone can help please contact Margaret McGrath on 01563 542130.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): The process of preparing any adults who wish to join

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)

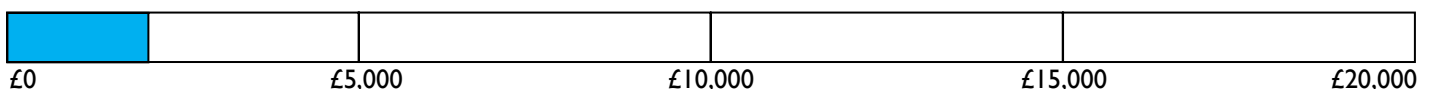
St Andrew's Primary: 01563 549549 **Mount Carmel Primary:** 01563 525897 **St Joseph's Academy:** 01563 526144

Standing orders: £704.62. **Weekly collection:** £1,293.57. **Mission Sunday:** £125.

Retired Priests: £10. **Food bags:** £50. **Organ Fund:** £50. **Scottish Catholic Education Service:** £10. **SCIAF:** £120.

Special Maintenance Fund (including Building Fund): £1,310.

Special Maintenance Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £1,810.



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

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. Lunch will be included in Carfin. Cost £10 to be paid on the bus.

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.

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.

Further advice can be found at <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Community/cost-of-living/cost-of-living.aspx>.

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

Thank you for the donations this week of £1000, £100 and £40.



Hall roof repairs undertaken this week (an area of about 5 metres x 3 metres)

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT: Every year a statement is given about the necessity of a culture of Safeguarding all in the Church. Margaret McGrath, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator will present this statement at Masses next weekend.

CEMETERY MASS: Around 50 people gathered in Kilmarnock Cemetery to remember and pray for the faithful departed buried there and in other places.



MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 12 Nov 6.00 pm.	B Shepherd, A Davidson, H Rameckers	F Donachie	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 13 Nov 11.00 am	T Murphy, E Gallagher, H Matthews	R Murphy	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers