



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th November 2022

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 13th – 20th NOVEMBER 2022

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	Joanna McCauley (RIP) / For the parish
Monday 14th	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 15th	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
	10.30 – 11 am.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in St Joseph's Church Hall	
Wednesday 16th	2.00 pm.....	Recitation of the Rosary to pray for peace	
	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
Thursday 17th	After Mass.....	Recitation of the Rosary	
	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late Helen McCallum	Helen McCallum (RIP)
Friday 18th	6.00 pm.....	Mass	The faithful departed
	10.00 am.....	Mass	The faithful departed
Saturday 19th	10.00 am.....	Mass at St Matthew's Church	The faithful departed
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 20th	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed
	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.

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. Next 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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We are grateful to those parishioners who volunteer their time to bring the Eucharist to the sick and housebound. As the number of sick and housebound increases, we are keen to recruit more Eucharistic Ministers for visits. If you're interested, please speak to Clare Powers, Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more information.

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)

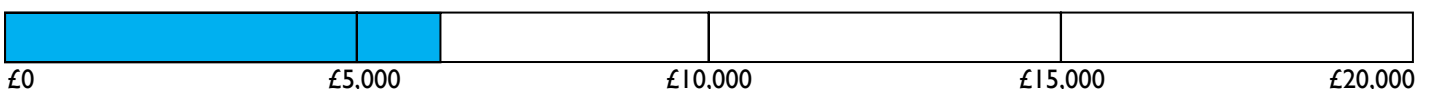
Ayr Hospital: Fr Benjamin Mkeri (benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145)

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

Standing orders: £704.62. **Weekly collection:** £1,363.02. **Mission Sunday:** £15. **SCIAF:** £24.54.

Special Maintenance Fund (including Building Fund): £3,368.

Special Maintenance Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £6,855.



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.”



YOUTH GROUP: We are hoping to start a Youth Group in the Parish during Advent. In order to do so we need to form a group of leaders who would be able to facilitate the evenings. Full training and resources will be provided, the role of the leaders will be principally to present the resources and facilitate the group. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin after Mass for more information.

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.

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.

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE: Next Sunday is Catholic Education Sunday and there will be a special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your support.

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.

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, £1000, £500, £250, £100 and £100, and all other donations to the Building Fund which are directed to the Special Maintenance Fund.



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

CARFIN PILGRIMAGE: Thank-you to all of those who came along to Carfin on Monday, a great pilgrimage was had by all. We are hoping to start running the minibus trips more regularly over the coming months.

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 this weekend.

LOST TOO SOON: Holy Trinity Church on Portland Road warmly invites you to join them for an Afternoon to Remember for families and friends of those who have died as a result of suicide. It takes place on Sunday, 20th November at 3PM.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 19 Nov 6.00 pm.	G McIntyre, M Kirk, E Heron	J Lennon	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 20 Nov 11.00 am	E Bohan, P Nicholson, L Hand	I Love	Matthew, Marilyn, Luca, Aidan, Mark	E Cunningham, L Heron	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath