



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 22nd – 29th JANUARY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 21st	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 22nd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Mr & Mrs R McDaid (RIP) / For the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	George McArthur (RIP) / Catherine Colman (Ann.)
Monday 23rd	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Teresa Donaldson (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 24th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception of Dennis Hassan, RIP	
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Dennis Hassan, RIP	Special Intention / Dennis Hassan (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	Rena McCann (RIP) / Jeremi Bonowicz (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 27th	6.00 pm	Mass	Rosemary Grant (RIP) / Charlie Stewart (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Ubald Overmars (RIP)
Saturday 28th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 29th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Robert McWhinnie
	11.00 am	Mass	Joan Giffney (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.

YOUTH GROUP: We are keen to start a Parish Youth Group during the season of Lent. If you are in late Primary School into Secondary School, please sign up on the sheet in the porch to indicate your interest and the evening(s) which would be suitable.

If any parishioners would be interested in volunteering as leaders to help run this exciting new initiative, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more information.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: This weekend is another of the special "Do this in Memory" Sundays for the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy

Communion. Children, please bring your candles and gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass to walk in the procession.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday at 6.30 pm in the church hall. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or pass the item to the parish house.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioner Dennis Hassan has died: may he rest in peace. Dennis's body will be received into the Church on Monday evening at 6 pm, his Requiem Mass will follow on Tuesday at 10 am.

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:

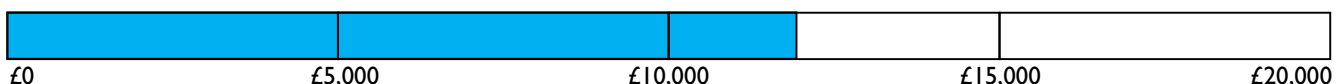
Crosshouse Hospital: Fr Stephen McGrattan (stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01563 521832)

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: £706.85. **Weekly collection:** £875.69. **Justice & Peace:** £38. **Crib:** £12.02

Special Maintenance Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £12,187.93



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Café has happily become better attended in recent months. 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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 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 Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for visits. If you're interested, please speak to Clare Power, Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more information.

CHOIR ADVANCE NOTICE: In anticipation of the return of the restored pipe organ, the Church Choir will commence again with the first practice on **Sunday 19th 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.

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 stephenmcgrattan@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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER: The Youth Office are organising two opportunities for young people this summer:

Youth for Lourdes: This will run from the 3rd-10th July 2023 as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, with the youth travelling by air this year. The cost per person is £650 however this is reduced through fundraising. Young parishioners (aged 16-23) are invited to sign up to join the group to help out with the assisted pilgrims in Lourdes. The next meeting takes place on Sunday 29th January, a free minibus will run from the Church.

World Youth Day: This takes place in Lisbon from the 30th July – 8th August, joining other young people from around the world. The cost per person is £950 however this is reduced through fundraising. Young parishioners (aged 16-25) are invited to sign up to join the group.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more information, or email the Diocesan Youth Office at youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES: Hurlford Church will host a service at 3 pm today (Sunday 22nd January). This is an opportunity for churches of all denominations to pray for an end to all forms of discrimination, remembering that all lives matter equally in the sight of God. Churches around the world unite in worship, using a theme prepared by Christians in a different country each year. This

year's service has been prepared by churches in Minnesota after the tragic death of George Floyd, a victim of racial injustice. The format of the service requires readers from the churches of our Fellowship to contribute. Please let Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin know if you would be willing to participate in this way.

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FUND: A Special Maintenance Fund has been launched with hoping to raise £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 gift aid scheme. Perhaps some parishioners can also organise a fundraising activity.

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

BEE BUSY BE FRIEND is a small charity set up by the Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire 11 years ago to work mainly with the elderly who are, for various health or social reasons, experiencing loneliness and isolation. The charity provides a free service to those referred and offers them a volunteer befriender to visit them regularly and share quality time with social engagement. Recently, following lockdowns and the impact of events of recent years, the charity is experiencing an increase in referral and are greatly in need of new volunteers. Full support to volunteers is provided from recruitment to training to mentoring throughout. Volunteers receive expenses for travel, or any other costs incurred. If you are interested in supporting this work as a volunteer please contact Ann Dilaver on 07873 394005 or beebusy@eav.org.uk.

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.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 21 Jan 6.00 pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, G McIntyre	A Gorman	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoj			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 22 Jan 11.00 am	P Nicholson, T Murphy, L Hand	L Dorrian	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews
Saturday 28 Jan 6.00 pm	R Heron, E Heron, B Shepherd	M Steele	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoj			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 29 Jan 11.00 am	G McGee, G Smith, R Doak	G McGee	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	E Cunningham, L Heron	Pauline Ferguson, Margaret McGrath	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters