



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th January 2023

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 29th JANUARY – 5th FEBRUARY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 28th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Robert McWhinnie
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Mass	Joan Giffney (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Edward Heron (Ann) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Ellen Shields (RIP) /
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Mass	George McIntyre (RIP) /
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 2nd	6.00 pm	Mass	Lizzie Johnston (Ann) /
Friday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass	William McKie (Ann) /
Saturday 4th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	James McCaig (RIP) /
Sunday 5th	6.00 pm	Mass	Gerald Brown (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The minutes of last week's Parish Pastoral Council meeting are on the noticeboard and on the parish website.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Sandra Niven has died; may she rest in peace. Sandra's funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 10 am in St Joseph's, after a Vigil Reception on Monday 6th February at 5.30 pm.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Come along for homemade soup, sandwich and cakes on Tuesdays between 11 am and 1 pm. **The café needs some more volunteers to serve at the tables**

and prepare the sandwiches in the kitchen, and donations of home baking – if you are able to 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.

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)

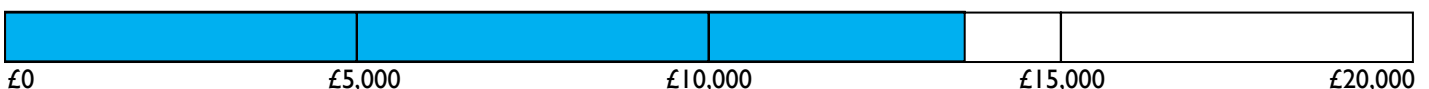
Ayr Hospital: Fr Benjamin Mkeri (benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145)

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

Standing orders: £706.85. **Weekly collection:** £1,463.61. **Justice & Peace:** £15. **SCES:** £10. **SCIAF:** £160

Special Maintenance Fund (including Building Fund): £1,176.34 (+£210.70 gift aid).

Special Maintenance Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £13,574.97



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Choir Practices will re-commence on Sunday 19th February, 6-8 pm, in the church. Music will be prepared for Holy Week and Easter 2023 as well as for a special service of Blessing and Dedication of the restored Harrison & Harrison pipe organ. The ability to read music is helpful but not essential. All are very welcome. After a hiatus of three years, we look forward to practices commencing again. If you enjoy singing and would look forward to making music with others to the greater glory of God, then please come along and be a part of St Joseph's longstanding choral tradition.

RETREAT DAY FOR PRIMARY 4 CHILDREN: For the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be a retreat in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 11th February beginning with Mass at 10.00 am and lasting until 2.00 pm. Children should bring a packed lunch. Attendance at the retreat is an important part of preparation to receive the Sacrament. At the end of the retreat, from 2.00 pm, there will be a short parents' meeting to discuss arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, to take place in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Thursday 16th February at 7.00 pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: The Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass will be held on Sunday 12th February at 4 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Hospitalité looks forward to welcoming you, if you wish to be anointed please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on arrival. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the hall and the AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité.

Any adult pilgrimage volunteers should attend St Margaret's Hall from 2-3.30pm for our sign-up, PVG and safeguarding session.

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.

YOUTH GROUP: We are keen to develop 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.

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FUND: A Special Maintenance Fund has been launched 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.

FABRIC AND WORKS: You may have noticed some of the floor tiles have been lifted in the porch. This was done to correct a problem of water ingress. The new doors have been sealed and are now watertight, and the floor tiles will be reinstated as soon as possible.

Organ builders from Harrison & Harrison will return on 6th February to begin the reconstruction of the restored pipe organ. They expect to complete the reinstallation and voicing by the end of March at the latest, ensuring the organ is in place and in good voice for the Easter liturgies.

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 28 Jan 6.00 pm	R Heron, E Heron, B Shepherd	M Steele	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			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
Saturday 4 Feb 6.00 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, G McIntyre	C McGowan	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 5 Feb 11.00 am	H Matthews, T Murphy, E Maxwell	A Smith	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers