



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The First Sunday of Lent
Sunday 26th February 2023

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY – 5th MARCH 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 25th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 26th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Holy Souls
	11.00 am	Mass	Josephine Traynor (RIP) / For the Parish
Monday 27th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Choir Practice in the church	
Tuesday 28th	9.40 – 9.55 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Agnes McLeod (RIP) / Special Intention
Wednesday 1st	10.30 – 11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00 am	Mass	John McCluskey (RIP) / Anne McLean (RIP)
Thursday 2nd	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Peter Mason (RIP) / Special Intention
Friday 3rd	6.00 pm	Mass	Jean Quigley (RIP) / Lorraine Clarke (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass	Eileen White (RIP) / John Oswald (RIP)
Saturday 4th	After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 5th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John Wilson (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Helen McCallum (RIP) / For the Parish

The church will be closed on weekdays outside of Mass times during the organ restoration project until around mid-March. Sorry for the inconvenience.

GENERAL

CHOIR PRACTICES: Choir Practices have begun and take place on Sundays from 6-8 pm, in the church. Music will be prepared for Holy Week and Easter 2023 as well as for the service of Blessing and Dedication of the restored pipe organ.

ECUMENICAL MEETING ON SHARED MISSION: After discussions with some local ministers, a meeting to discuss ways we can collaborate with our Christian brothers and sisters will take place on Sunday 5th March from 2.30 – 4.00 pm in St

Joseph's Hall. We are seeking to gather a group of 15 parishioners to take part. If you are interested please contact Fr Stephen.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 3: There will be a meeting of parents on Tuesday 7th March at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church. This meeting is for all the Kilmarnock parishes and attendance is very important.

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)

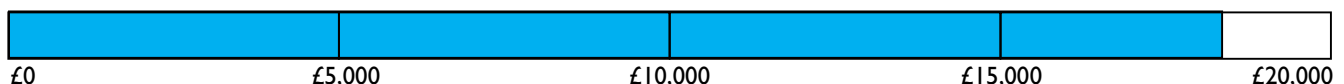
Ayr Hospital: Fr Benjamin Mkeri (benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or 01655 882145)

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

Standing orders: £706.85. **Weekly collection:** £915.22. **SCIAF:** £170.

Special Maintenance Fund (including Building Fund): £1,065 (+£261.25 gift aid).

Special Maintenance Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £18,250.37



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

PRE-LOVED FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES: The Parent Council at St Andrew's have a selection of pre-loved communion dresses which can be viewed in the church hall. If anyone is interested then contact the school on 01563 549549 or email the parent council on pcstandrew@aol.com.

LIVING LENT

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE – SCIAF LENTEN APPEAL 2023: On Ash Wednesday SCIAF launched the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Zambia, where hunger is killing all hope. Right now, millions of families are suffering from devastating hunger and urgently need your help. Your donations will help families to grow their own food by providing the training and tools they need. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. To find out more please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox.

SCIAF TALK: To mark the season of Lent and to prepare for SCIAF Sunday, there will be a talk in St Matthew's Church Hall on Thursday 9th March at 7 pm. Siobhan Wright from SCIAF will lead the presentation and there will be a prayerful reflection afterwards in the church. All welcome.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 even on an occasional basis, please contact Margaret McGrath on 01563 542130.

BURNS NIGHT: A Burns Night will take place in the hall on **Saturday 11th March** at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the church hall. The programme is not too formal and there will be live music, entertainment, a three-course meal and the bar will be open. Tickets are available from the shop in the porch at £7 for adults, £5 for school children, under 10's are free. Tickets limited to 50 so please buy them soon. Raffle prizes include: a signed Kilmarnock FC strip, USA Nails vouchers, Voucher for Kilmarnock College restaurant and Da Vinci Restaurant, Afternoon Tea voucher for Café City, Personal Trainer sessions, 3 months membership for KAMMA Gym, Skating and Swimming voucher for the Galleon Centre and more.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: During the summer three young people from our parish will embark on a pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal to celebrate the World Youth Day with Pope Francis and young people from across the world. As well as raising our fare, they are trying to raise the fare of a young person from a mission country. In order to do this we have planned a fundraising Quiz Night and Raffle.

World Youth Day Quiz night and raffle

Saturday 25th March at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Church hall. Maximum 6 people per team. £6 team entry. £2 entry on the night. Raffle prize donations welcome. Raffle donations can be brought on the night or left in the porch after masses. Bring your own bottle. To enter your team please sing up on the sheet at the back of the church. Alternatively contact Kieran with your name and team size on 07931974095. Thank you.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED PIPE ORGAN: To celebrate the restoration of the Harrison and Harrison (1903) pipe organ, the Mass of **Sunday 16th April** (a week after Easter) will be offered in thanksgiving. The choir will sing with the organ at Mass. Then, in the evening of the same day, at 6.00 pm, a Service of Blessing and Dedication followed by a recital will take place. The recitalist will be

Andrew Reid, formerly Managing Director of Harrison and Harrison who also performed a recital in St Joseph's in November 2021.

PARISH DINNER TO MARK THE 175th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: A dinner will take place in the church hall on **Friday 28th April** at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm to celebrate the 175th anniversary year. A three-course meal will be served and there will be live music. Tables will be arranged to seat eight people and if you wish to book a full table, please indicate this when buying tickets; otherwise a seating arrangement will be in place. Tickets are on sale from the shop in the porch, cost £20.

PARISH TRIP TO SILVERBURN: This trip is cancelled.

PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This year's pilgrimage takes place from 3rd – 10th July by air from Prestwick Airport. The cost is £949 per person Single room occupancy costs £39 per night. Travel insurance not included. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0808 1890468 or info@joewalstours.co.uk or www.joewalstours.co.uk. Booking forms also available from the sacristy.

Pilgrims with a medical condition who wish to travel as a registered assisted pilgrim should obtain an application form from Janie Agnew on 07739 399222.

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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – OCTOBER 2023: Fr David Borland is putting together a small group Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 15th – 22nd 2023, flying with British Airways from Glasgow to Tel Aviv via London Heathrow. The cost of the Pilgrimage is approximately £1,850 per pilgrim (exact fare will depend on the price of the airfare at your time of booking) based on two people sharing a twin room for 7 nights on a half-board basis in three-star hotels. Single rooms are limited in number and unfortunately carry a supplement of £440. For more information on how to book please visit www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage or email Fr David on david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

MAINTENANCE AND FUNDRAISING

PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION: Organ builders 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.

The organ builders will work from 7.00 am until 7.30 pm each day to complete the project as quickly as possible. The organ builders will work until 10 minutes before each weekday Mass and there may be noise as they work.

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. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Fr Stephen.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 25 Feb 6.00 pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, M Kirk	M McGrath	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 26 Feb 11.00 am	T Murphy, E Maxwell, H Matthews	I Love	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	E Cunningham, Lizzie Heron	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers
Saturday 4 March 6.00 pm	A Davidson, G McIntyre, F Donachie	A Gorman	Joseph, Ben, Sofie, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 5 March 11.00 am	E Bohan, G Smith, L Hand	L Dorrian	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath