



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 19th March 2023

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 19th MARCH – 26th MARCH 2023

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

| Date           | Time           | Gathering                                | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)      |
|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Saturday 18th  | 10.00 am       | Mass at St Matthew's Church              |  |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |  |
|                | 6.00 pm        | Vigil Mass                               | Michael McKeen (Ann) / Anne McWhinnie (Ann.)   |
| Sunday 19th    | 11.00 am       | Mass                                     | John McGill (Ann) / For the Parish             |
|                | After Mass     | Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall       |  |
| Monday 20th    | 6.00 – 8.00 pm | Choir Practice in the church             |  |
|                | 9.40 – 9.55 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |  |
|                | 10.00 am       | Mass of the Solemnity of St Joseph       | McKie family (RIP) / Special Intention         |
| Tuesday 21st   | 10.30 – 11 am  | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament       |  |
|                | 10.00 am       | Mass                                     | Robert McCloskey (Ann) / Lorraine Clarke (RIP) |
| Wednesday 22nd | 11 am – 1 pm   | Community Café in St Joseph's Hall       |  |
|                | 10.00 am       | Mass                                     | McKie family (RIP) / Special Intention         |
| Thursday 23rd  | 6.00 pm        | Mass                                     | John Duffy (Ann) / Special Intention           |
|                | 6.30 pm        | Vigil Reception of Catherine Heron, RIP  |  |
| Friday 24th    | 10.00 am       | Requiem Mass for Catherine Heron, RIP    | Catherine Heron (RIP)                          |
| Saturday 25th  | After Mass     | Stations of the Cross                    |  |
|                | 10.00 am       | Mass at St Matthew's Church              |  |
| Sunday 26th    | 5.30 – 5.45 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |  |
|                | 6.00 pm        | Vigil Mass                               | Michael McKeen (Ann)                           |
|                | 11.00 am       | Mass                                     | Martin Simpson (RIP)                           |

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 3:** This will take place on Tuesday 21st March at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Kilmarnock for the children of all the Kilmarnock parishes.

**PENANCE SERVICE:** There will be a community opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Tuesday 28th March at 7 pm in St Matthew's Church – this is for all the Kilmarnock churches (and anyone else who wishes!).

**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 or add more people, please indicate this when buying tickets. Tickets are on sale from the shop in the porch, cost £20.

**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](mailto:stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

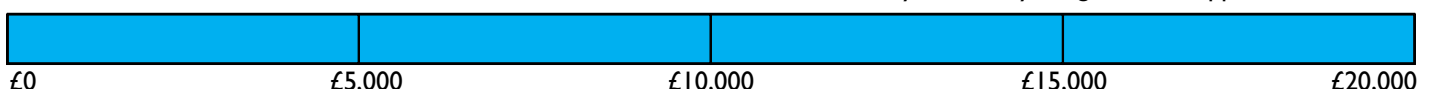
*Ayr Hospital:* Fr Benjamin Mkeri ([benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or 01655 882145)

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

**Standing orders:** £706.85 **Weekly collection:** £1,239.07. **Burns Supper:** £775.

**Special Maintenance Fund (including Building Fund):** £1,558 (+£135 gift aid).

**SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FUND TOTAL REACHED:** Thank you for all your generous support!



Thank you for your generous support of the parish.



**SCIAF:** On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all mothers around the world – that they may realise how special they are to us, their children. We thank you Lord for giving us this precious gift and we thank mothers for the love, care and understanding they have given to us. We especially give thanks for mothers in Zambia, who despite suffering from devastating hunger are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive.

Please give what you can in today's collection for SCIAF. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

Today we welcome Siobhan Wright (Vigil Mass) and Mari Everett (11 am Mass) from SCIAF to speak about their work, especially in Zambia, with families like Julia's (above left) at this time.

**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 their own fare, they are trying to raise the fare of a young person from a mission country. In order to do this, they have planned a fundraising Quiz Night and Raffle on **Saturday 25th March** at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Maximum 6 people per team. £3 entry per team member 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 sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Alternatively contact Kieran with your name and team size on 07931974095. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** The times of the liturgies are:  
**Palm Sunday, 1st/2nd April:** 6 pm (Vigil) and 11 am  
**Holy Thursday, 6th April:** 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday, 7th April:** 12 noon – Stations for Children  
 11 am: Walk of Witness, Salvation Army Hall to New Laigh Kirk  
 12 noon – 3 pm: Ecumenical Vigil at New Laigh Kirk  
 3 pm: Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord  
 7 pm: Stations of the Cross  
**Easter, 8th/9th April:** 8.30 pm (Easter Vigil), 11 am (Sunday)

**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](http://www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage) or email Fr David on [david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk)



**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.

Organ builders, John and Lee (right of photo), completed the rebuilding and tuning of the pipe organ on Thursday and returned to Durham. Thank you to them for their professionalism and friendly demeanour. On Monday, the instrument will be voiced during a period of about 10 days: the voicing process achieves the required tonal quality from each of the 872 pipes and is a specialised task which will return the instrument to its optimal sound – a sound first heard in 1903.



**PILGRIMAGE TO IONA:** This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate its 60th Jubilee. To mark this occasion, we are planning a day's pilgrimage to Iona on Saturday 22nd April. Parishioners from St Joseph's are very welcome to join us. The coach will leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church around 6.00 am and return just after 10.00 pm. We will have approximately 5 hours on the island with Mass in the Abbey at 3.00 pm. There will be several hours free to explore the Abbey precincts, the burial place of Scottish kings and the many fine beaches on the other side of the island, all within easy walking distance. The cost will be approximately £65 which includes coach, ferry tickets and Abbey admission charges. If interested, please contact Brian Murphy on [mlarchbank@hotmail.com](mailto:mlarchbank@hotmail.com) or 07714 981255.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the parish.

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

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

|                              | Readers                            | Minister of Communion | Altar Servers                         | Sunday Teas                   | Children's Liturgy      | Welcomers           | Bidding Prayers |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday 18 March<br>6.00 pm | K McGhee, H Rameckers,<br>M Kirk   | C Power               | Joseph, Lexi, Maia,<br>Antoni         |                               |                         | Claire,<br>Margaret | IHM Sisters     |
| Sunday 19 March<br>11.00 am  | E Maxwell, H Matthews,<br>T Murphy | M McGrath             | Luca, Aidan, Mark,<br>Marilyn, Rachel | E Cunningham,<br>Lizzie Heron | -                       | Eileen,<br>Dennis   | IHM Sisters     |
| Saturday 25 March<br>6.00 pm | R Heron, F Donachie,<br>A Davidson | J Lennon              | Joseph, Lexi, Maia,<br>Antoni         |                               |                         | Anne,<br>Michael    | H Rameckers     |
| Sunday 26 March<br>11.00 am  | G Smith, L Hand, E Bohan           | G McGee               | Luca, Aidan, Mark,<br>Marilyn, Rachel | Anna Mackie,<br>Alice Murphy  | Anne & Lucie<br>Dorrian | Theresa,<br>Alan    | H Rameckers     |