



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 26th March 2023

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## LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 26th MARCH – 2nd APRIL 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)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Michael McKeen (Ann)
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Mass	Martin Simpson (RIP)
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 27th	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Choir Practice in the church	
	9.40 – 9.55 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Lexi/Alex Campbell (Ann) / Special Intention
Tuesday 28th	10.30 – 11 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00 am	Mass	McKie family (RIP) / Ellen Cunningham (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	McKie family (RIP) / Rollie Delos Santos (Ann)
Thursday 30th	6.00 pm	Mass	Agnes Nicholson (RIP) / Holy Souls
Friday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Patricia Carson (RIP) / Special Intention
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Passion/Palm Sunday	Patrick McGurk (RIP)
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am	Mass of Passion/Palm Sunday	Robert Kerr (RIP) / For the Parish

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.

**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.

**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.

**NEW DONATION ENVELOPES:** Weekly collection envelopes for use from 9th April 2023 will be distributed from this weekend. Please collect them as you enter the church to reduce queues at the end of Mass. If your address details or tax

**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: £1,040.29. SCIAF: £1,816.11.

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

status have changed, please inform the church secretary in order to update our records. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.

Especially since the pandemic began, many people have set up a standing order for the benefit of the parish. Thank you for making this arrangement. If you pay by standing order, you will still receive an envelope set which will only include envelopes for special collections for your convenience and to allow a gift aid claim to be made where applicable.

People may also wish to consider increasing the amount of their standing order if they are able. 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)

**RECOVERING LITURGICAL PRACTICES RESTRICTED BY THE PANDEMIC:** While most liturgical practices have been restored as we exit the pandemic, there are two which have remained restricted: the physical handshake of peace and the reception of Communion from the chalice. Easter is a moment of new life and new beginnings. Since by Easter we are moving out of winter with less possibility of spreading respiratory viruses, Easter seems to be a pragmatic and symbolic moment to reinstate these last two restricted practices. From this Sunday, you are invited to share peace using the handshake as before, and from Holy Thursday the opportunity to drink from the chalice will be available for those who choose. Intinction (the “dipping” of the host in the chalice) is not permitted for reasons of general hygiene: those who wish to receive the Precious Blood should drink from the chalice.

**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)

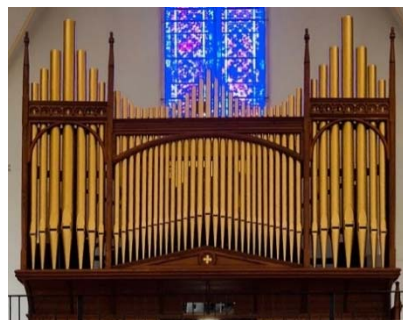
**SECURITY SAFE AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME:** A security safe is available should anyone be able to use it. It is locked with a key (although the digital keypad is broken) and is perfectly serviceable. It is about 40 cm x 30 cm x 20 cm and can be screwed to a surface. If anyone would like the safe, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

**MASS OF CHRISM:** Archbishop Nolan will return to St Margaret's Cathedral on Tuesday 4th April to celebrate the Mass

of Chrism at 7.30 pm. At this Mass the oils for use in the Sacraments will be blessed and consecrated. All welcome.

**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.

**BRECBANNOCH PILGRIMAGE:** The annual Breccbannoch Pilgrimage will take place 9 -12 June 2023. With the permission of Bishop Brian McGee, pilgrims will traverse the 43 miles from Oban to Iona on foot, praying for a new evangelisation in Scotland, which once rang with Catholic faith from sea to sea. Along the way we will not only invoke the special intercession of the holy men and women of Scotland, but we will carry the relics of St Columba, St Andrew, an St Margaret. Sign up as soon as places are running out: <https://www.brecbannoch.org/book>



**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.

The voicing team from Harrison and Harrison, Andrew and Daniel, arrived at St Joseph's on Monday and are to be thanked for their professionalism and friendly demeanour. 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.



### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 25 March 6.00 pm	R Heron, F Donachie, A Davidson	J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 26 March 11.00 am	G Smith, L Hand, E Bohan	G McGee	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers
Saturday 1 April 6.00 pm	G McIntyre, B Shepherd, F Donachie [R Heron, K McGhee, Choir]	M Steele (Choir)	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 2 April 11.00 am	P Nicholson, H Matthews, G Smith [T Murphy, L Hand, Choir]	J Shields (Choir)	Luca, Aidan, Mark, Marilyn, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Paul, Libby	M McGrath