



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Sunday 16th April 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 16th – 23rd APRIL 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 15th	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday.....	/ For the Parish
Sunday 16th	11.00 am.....	Divine Mercy Sunday.....	Hugh & Moira McCluskey (RIP) / Catherine Heron (RIP)
	After Mass.....	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm.....	Blessing and Dedication of the Pipe Organ	
Monday 17th	10.00 am.....	Mass.....	/ Teddy Kelly (Ann)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for Winifred Kirkwood RIP.....	/ Winifred Kirkwood (RIP)
	11 am – 1 pm.....	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am.....	Mass.....	/ Agnes Lennon (Ann)
	10.30 am.....	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm.....	Mass.....	/ Stephen McLinn (Ann)
Friday 21st	10.00 am.....	Mass.....	/ Special Intention
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am.....	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass.....	/ Special Intention
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am.....	Mass.....	/ For the Parish

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9.30 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioner Winifred (Freda) Kirkwood has died: may she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 18th April at 10 am.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held in St Paul's Church, Hurlford, on Sunday 16th April at 2 pm. This liturgy will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy and holy Mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend. For information please contact Isobel on 07827 796779.

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 2023 seems to be a

pragmatic and symbolic moment to reinstate these last two restricted practices. From Palm Sunday, you were invited to share peace using the handshake, and from Holy Thursday the opportunity to drink from the chalice was reinstated for those who choose. Intinction (the "dipping" of the host in the chalice) is not permitted: those who wish to receive the Precious Blood should drink from the chalice. The sacred host may also be received on the tongue.

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. **Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.**

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:** £1,578.01. **Building fund:** £30. **Holy Places:** £973.26.

Xaverian Fathers: £10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK
THE NEWLY RESTORED
HARRISON & HARRISON
PIPE ORGAN (1903)



SOLEMN BLESSING AND DEDICATION



Recitalist:
Andrew Reid, FRCO

Sunday 16 April at 6 pm
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

The 1903 Harrison & Harrison organ, restored for Easter 2023, will be solemnly blessed and dedicated using the traditional French Blessing of a Pipe Organ whereby the organist improvises eight themes in response to invocations for the organ to sing the praises of God and honour the mysteries of salvation.

Followed by an inaugural recital also by Andrew Reid.

Admission Free

No booking required - Just come along - All very welcome

To celebrate the restoration of the Harrison and Harrison (1903) pipe organ, the Mass today will be celebrated in thanksgiving. The choir will sing with the organ at Mass.

Thank you for all your support towards the remarkable achievement of restoring this instrument which has left an indelible musical impression on the souls of generations of parishioners during the last 120 years. The organ has fittingly accompanied the Holy Week and Easter liturgies as a symphonic expression of the Resurrection!

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: A defibrillator has been installed beside the door of the church hall. The location was chosen so that, as well as being able to be used in any emergency when people are gathered in the church and in the hall, it could also be available to the wider public should there be an emergency in the more public vicinity of the church.

Margaret McGrath will deliver training on the use of the defibrillator on Sunday 16th April in the hall after 11 am Mass (i.e. around 12.00 noon). The training is for parishioners who wish to have the skills to assist in a cardiac emergency while paramedic support is awaited. It would be good to have a number of people at every Mass who have had this training. If you would like more information please speak to Margaret McGrath (or call her on 01563 542130). Otherwise just turn up on Sunday 16th in the hall.

RETREAT DAY FOR PRIMARY 4 CHILDREN: For the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion there will be a retreat in St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 29th April, 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.

PARISH EXCURSION TO NEW ABBEY: The next minibus trip to New Abbey will take place on Monday 1st May, leaving the Church at 10.00 am and returning at approximately 6.00 pm. We will celebrate Mass in New Abbey before having afternoon tea and an opportunity to explore the village and ruins of Sweetheart Abbey. The cost per person is £10, payable on the day. Due to high demand a second minibus will travel and there are several places still left – but sign up on the list in the porch soon to avoid disappointment.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE BAKE SALE: Thank you to everyone who purchased goods in support of Julia's fundraising for Lourdes. She is grateful for all of the support and raised a total of £473.19.

FR KEVIN'S SPONSORED CYCLE:

Fr Kevin will be taking part in a sponsored cycle in aid of Youth for Lourdes on Saturday 13th May (rescheduled from 15th April). He and Stuart Clark from Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be cycling 60 miles around the island of Millport – the equivalent distance from Ayr to Dumfries. If you're able to donate in support, please scan the QR code or complete the sponsor form at the Parish Stall.



SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC):

There are two existing major threats against life in Scotland. Firstly, Gillian McKay MSP is introducing a Bill to introduce so called buffer zones around abortion clinics which will prevent peaceful prayer groups gathering to pray for unborn children and to provide hope for women who want to keep their baby but feel they have no other choice than abortion. Secondly, at the other end of life, Liam McArthur MSP is planning to table a Bill to legalise assisted suicide.

SPUC has resources at the back of the church and also online at www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns with information about how to contact MSPs. Many MSPs are undecided on these issues and pressure from constituents can make a real difference.

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 15 April, 6pm	H Rameckers, G McIntyre, M Kirk	F Donachie, M McGrath, A Gorman, J Lennon, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 16 April, 11am	T Murphy, E Maxwell, G McGee	M McGrath, L Dorrian, H Matthews, J Shields, A Neil	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, L Heron		Paul, Libby	H Rameckers
Saturday 22 April, 6pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	M Steele, M McGrath, D Casey, A Gorman, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 23 April, 11am	R Doak, P Nicholson, L Hand	R Murphy, I Love, G McGee, P Chigbo, A Smith	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons		Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath