



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd April 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 23rd – 30th APRIL 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 23rd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
Monday 24th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Tuesday 25th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Agnes Ann Cannings (RIP)
Wednesday 26th	10.30 – 11 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 27th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Martin Devine (RIP)
	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 28th	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Frank Farren (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention /
Saturday 29th	7.00 pm	175th Anniversary Dinner in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	Special Intention / Special Intention
	10 am – 2 pm	Retreat day for children preparing for First Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 30th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention /
	11.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / 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 Isobel Hanlon has died: may she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th May at 10 am.

**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 DINNER TO MARK THE 175th ANNIVERSARY YEAR:** This Friday we will continue our 175th anniversary celebrations with a dinner in the hall at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets cost

£20 and are available from the shop in the porch, however today is the last opportunity to buy them. **Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.**

**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. Registration closes today.

**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

**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:** £993.81. **Building fund:** £505.06. **Holy Places:** £15.

**SCIAF:** £140. **Organ fund:** £15,010.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

**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. 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.



**BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED PIPE ORGAN:** Thank-you to everyone who came out in support of this wonderful celebration. After five years of hard work, it was a joy for us all to be able to gather and to welcome guests from around Kilmarnock and further afield who have made the project possible. We look forward now to continuing our 2023 recital series.

**ORGAN RECITALS 2023**  
THE NEWLY RESTORED  
1903 HARRISON & HARRISON PIPE ORGAN

FRIDAY 19 MAY – 7.30 PM  
RAYMOND MCCLUSKEY  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK

TUESDAY 20 JUNE – 12 NOON  
AARON HAWTHORNE  
FREELANCE ORGANIST, GLASGOW

TUESDAY 4 JULY – 12 NOON  
ALESSANDRO BIANCHI  
ST EDWARD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, LUGANO, SWITZERLAND

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST – 12 NOON  
MALCOLM SIM  
GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER – 12 NOON  
ANDREW SCOTT  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, HARRISON & HARRISON, DURHAM

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER – 12 NOON  
MATTHEW HYNES  
ROYAL BURGH OF AYR ORGANIST

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER – 12 NOON  
NICKY FRASER  
JESUIT CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, EDINBURGH

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**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.

**SONGS FOR ALL:** The New Laigh Kirk is having a musical evening in aid of Christian Aid on Friday 28th April starting at 7.30 pm. It will be led by the award winning Songs for All choir. The concert is free and there's no need to book, but voluntary donations to Christian Aid are welcome.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS:** To celebrate sixty years of the Parish, an Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday 12th May at 7pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Kilmarnock. All friends and family from Kilmarnock and beyond are very welcome.

**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](http://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 have seen a notable uptake in demand and are grateful for any and all support received. We would ask, if you are able, to please consider donating some of the following items which go into food parcels and enable us to continue providing this vital service:

- Cans of soup
- Canned meals, e.g. beef bolognese, chilli con carne, chicken supreme, Fray Bentos style pie
- Pasta/ tinned potatoes/ rice
- Tinned fruit/ vegetables/ beans
- Cartons of long-life milk (UHT)
- Tinned hotdog sausages
- Tinned sardines/mackerel fillets/tuna
- Biscuits
- Toilet roll/ bars of soap.

Please ensure canned foods **have a ring pull** for opening. Please also note that tea, coffee and sugar are **not required**. Any donations are gratefully received and can be dropped off in the Church Porch/ Church Hall (Wednesday 1030 – 1130)/ Church House.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 22 April 6pm</b>	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	M Steele, M McGrath, D Casey, A Gorman, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 23 April 11am</b>	R Doak, P Nicholson, L Hand	R Murphy, I Love, G McGee, A Smith	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons		Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath
<b>Saturday 29 April 6pm</b>	E Heron, R Heron, H Rameckers	D Casey, F Donachie, C Power, A Gorman, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 30 April 11am</b>	H Matthews, E Bohan, B Shepherd	L Dorrian, R Murphy, I Love, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne Mackie, Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews