



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 30th April 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 30th APRIL – 7th MAY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 29th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	Special Intention / Special Intention
	10 am – 2 pm	Retreat day for children preparing for Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 30th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Robinson (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Theresa Corry (RIP) / Gerard Campbell (Ann)
Monday 1st	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	McKie family (RIP) /
Tuesday 2nd	10.00 am	Parish Minibus Trip to New Abbey	
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Margaret Cusack (RIP) / Jim Smith (RIP)
Wednesday 3rd	10.30 – 11 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention /
Thursday 4th	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	Patricia Carson (RIP) /
Friday 5th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Isabel Hanlon RIP	Isabel Hanlon (RIP) /
Saturday 6th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 7th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Matt Lunardi (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Veronica Duffy (RIP) /

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Isabel 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 EXCURSION TO NEW ABBEY: We will leave from the Church car park at 10.00 am, returning at approximately 6.00 pm. The cost per person is £10, payable on the day. Please arrive punctually to allow the buses to depart on time.

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, please contact Margaret McGrath on 01563 542130.

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 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.

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:** £999.93. **Building fund:** £65. **SCIAF:** £10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK—THE RESTORED
HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903, 2023)

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023



Recitalist:
Raymond McCluskey
(St Joseph's, Kilmarnock)

Friday 19 May at 7.30 pm
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of music
on the church's recently restored Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Admission Free

Retiral Collection

No booking required - Just come along

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people – vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life – while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.
Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Could God be calling you to priesthood. To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So, give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life, but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. For advice or information please approach Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. You may also contact Fr Martin Chambers, Diocesan Vocations Director, on martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

Pope Francis' letter for Vocations Sunday 2023 is available to read at www.vocations.org.uk.

The special collection taken this weekend is for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund. Thank you for your support.

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.



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 with information about how to contact MSPs. Many MSPs are undecided on these issues and pressure from constituents can make a real difference.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:

The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

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
Saturday 29 April 6pm	E Heron, R Heron, H Rameckers	D Casey, F Donachie, C Power, A Gorman, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 30 April 11am	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
Saturday 6 May 6pm	B Shepherd, M Kirk, K McGhee	M McGrath, F Donachie, M Steele, D Casey, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 7 May 11am	M Cunningham, E Maxwell, G McGee	A Smith, H Matthews, L Dorrian, I Love	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters