



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7th May 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 7th – 14th MAY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 6th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Matt Lunardi (RIP) /
Sunday 7th	After Mass	Rehearsal for Children receiving First Communion	
	11.00 am	Mass	Veronica Duffy (RIP) /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 8th	After Mass	Rehearsal for Children receiving First Communion	
	No Mass in St Joseph's today		
Tuesday 9th	10.00 am	Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	No Mass in St Joseph's today – St Andrew's Primary 15th Anniversary Mass in St Matthew's		
Wednesday 10th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	Mary Foy (Ann) / Special Intention
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	Robert McMillan (RIP) / Special Intention
Thursday 11th	6.00 pm	Mass	Catherine Heron (RIP) / Fr John Fraser MCCJ (RIP)
Friday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	John Curran (RIP) / Kelechi Ezekwe (Birthday)
Saturday 13th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Angelo Suffredini (RIP) /
Sunday 14th	11.00 am	Mass	Isabel Hanlon (RIP) / 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.

PARISH EXCURSION TO DUMFRIES HOUSE:

Following the success of our recent excursion to New Abbey, the next trip will take place on Tuesday 23rd May to Dumfries House. Gather in the hall for lunch at the Community Café at 11.45 am, the buses will then depart for Dumfries House at 12.30 pm. On arrival a full guided tour of Dumfries House will be given by one of the official guides. There will be free time, thereafter, to enjoy the grounds and flower-filled walled garden. We will return around 5 pm. The cost per person is £10 payable on the day. Please sign up in the porch before Tuesday 16th May.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Our parishioners Peter Murphy and Janette McPartland have died. May they rest in peace. Peter's remains will be received to church on Sunday 14th May at 6 pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Monday 15th May at 10 am. Arrangements for Janette have yet to be finalised.

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:** £1,141.61. **Building fund:** £15. **Church Students fund:** £535.34.


Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY CROWNED MONARCH, KING CHARLES III:

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONNECTION BETWEEN KILMARNOCK AND FORMOSA, TAIWAN:

Dr David Liu from Taiwan will share, in Kay Parish Church, on 1st June at 7 pm, the remarkable story of

missionaries who left Scotland and travelled to work in Taiwan. One of those missionaries was David Landsborough of Kilmarnock who founded the Changhua Christian Hospital in 1896. Come along and hear stories of connected communities grounded in local Christian faith.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 22nd May at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or pass the item to the parish house.

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.

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>

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 13 May 6pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, E Heron	J Lennon, C McGowan, A Gorman, D Casey, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 14 May 11am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, L Hand	R Murphy, J Shields, A Neil, G McGee	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	IHM Sisters, Emma O'Connell	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers