



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th May 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 14th – 21st MAY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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 with First Communion	Isabel Hanlon (RIP) / For the Parish
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for Peter Murphy, RIP	
Monday 15th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Peter Murphy, RIP	Peter Murphy (RIP) / Peter Murphy (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 16th	10.00 am	Mass	Theresa Corry (RIP) / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 17th	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Thursday 18th	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	12.30 pm	Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	Peter Kapszuk (RIP) /
Friday 19th	7.00 pm	Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	/ Special Intention
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Janet McPartland, RIP	Janet McPartland (RIP) / Janet McPartland (RIP)
Saturday 20th	7.30 pm	Organ Recital by Dr Raymond McCluskey	
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 21st	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
	11.00 am	Mass	Robert McWhinnie (Ann) / 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time at Sunday Mass. Please pray for them and for their families.

ASCENSION THURSDAY: This Thursday, 18th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please make every effort to attend Mass on this feast.

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Janet McPartland has died. May she rest in peace. Janet's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 10.00 am.

MASS FOR THE SICK: There will be Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Sunday 28th May at 1.00 pm followed by a light lunch in the church hall. This is for all those who bear ongoing sickness and ill health of body and mind. Please make an effort to bring those who cannot often get to Church to this celebration of healing of body, mind and spirit.

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: £706.39. **Weekly collection:** £1,046.79. **SCIAF:** £1.03.

Church Students fund: £23. **Annual Mission Appeal:** £1.41

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

FR KEVIN'S SPONSORED CYCLE:

Fr Kevin completed his 60 mile sponsored cycle on Saturday 13th May. He and Stuart Clark are grateful for all of the support received so far, if you still wish to donate, you can scan the QR code or complete the sponsor form at the Parish Stall this weekend.



COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Communications. There will be a special collection taken to support the work of communications for the Church in Scotland. Please use the gift aid envelope in your set as appropriate.

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.

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.

HILLHOUSE RACE NIGHT: Hillhouse are having a Race Night on Saturday 20th May in St Joseph's Church Hall from 7pm-11.30pm. All tickets are £5, and this includes a buffet. All drinks are £3 each. For tickets, please call 01563 523362 or email: mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 20 May 6pm	R Heron, H Rameckers, M Kirk	A Gorman, F Donachie, C Power, M Steele, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 21 May 11am	R Doak, E Bohan, G Smith	P Chigbo, A Smith, H Matthews, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews



NOVENA OF PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we can pray to the Holy Spirit Novena in the days leading up to Feast. It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity. Even though we pray this novena as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost, you can also pray a novena to the Holy Spirit any time that you want. So, let us pray with great confidence and trust in our God who is all Good and Loving. Here are the novena prayers for the Novena to the Holy Spirit that we will be praying together for Pentecost!

Each day: begin with the **Sign of the Cross**.

Continue with this prayer:

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate. Oh Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil.

Then insert the prayer of the day (below) and conclude with the following prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Day 1 – Friday 19th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Charity** within us. The great charity of all the host of Saints is only made possible by your power, Oh Divine Spirit. Increase in me, the virtue of charity that I may love as God loves with the selflessness of the Saints. Amen.

Day 2 – Saturday 20th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Joy** within us. All of the Saints are marked with an uncompromisable Joy in times of trial, difficulty and pain. Give us, Oh Holy Spirit, the

Joy that surpasses all understanding that we may live as a witness to Your love and fidelity! Amen.

Day 3 – Sunday 21st May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Peace** within us. The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are accused by the devil, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials! Amen.

Day 4 – Monday 22nd May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Patience** within us. Oh Holy Spirit, you give lavishly to those who ask. Please give us the patience of the Saints who are now with you in heaven. Help us to endure everything with an eternal patience that is only possible with your help. Amen.

Day 5 – Tuesday 23rd May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Kindness** within us. Jesus approached sinners with immense kindness. Holy Paraclete, please treat us humble sinners with the same kindness and give us the ability to treat all others with that kindness as well. Amen.

Day 6 – Wednesday 24th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Faithfulness** within us. You, oh Lord, are ever faithful. You are faithful until the end. Though we are weak and distracted, please give us the grace to be faithful to You as you are to us! Amen.

Day 7 – Thursday 25th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Gentleness** within us. Despite the gravity of our sins, oh Lord you treat us with Gentleness. Dear Holy Spirit, give us your power to treat all in our lives with the Gentleness of the Saints. Amen.

Day 8 – Friday 26th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of **Self-Control** within us. Your Martyrs had the overwhelming self-control to go joyfully to a painful death without shrinking from the opportunity to join You in heaven. Give us this self-control to have command over our emotions and desires that we may serve You more fully. Amen.

Day 9 – Saturday 27th May

And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for **Goodness** within us. We want to be like your Saints in heaven. Holy Spirit, renew us by your power with your Goodness that we may bring the Good News to the world. Amen.



**NOVENA FOR
THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
(Beginning 19 May 2023)

Day 1

For the gift of **love**. Change my heart and help me to love other people like God loves them.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today love, joy and peace in all that I say. Come Holy Spirit help me today to be good, kind and gentle in every way.
Amen.

Day 2

For the gift of **joy**. Your love protects us from all that is bad. Fill my heart with joy to be shared with everyone I meet.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 3

For the gift of **peace**. The peace of God is a special gift the world cannot give. Give me a peaceful heart and let me bring peace to others.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 4

For the gift of **patience**. Sometimes we have to wait for things. Help us not to give up but to patiently remember you always love us.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 5

For the gift of **kindness**. Help us not to be selfish but generous with our talents and our belongings.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 6

For the gift of **faithfulness**. A faithful person always believes in the goodness of other people and always gives a second chance. Help me to be faithful.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 7

For the gift of **gentleness**. Gentle people are very strong. Help me not to be a bully and hurt others but to be gentle and kind.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 8

For the gift of **self-control**. Help me to control my feelings so I do not hurt others by being careless.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...

Day 9

For the gift of **goodness**. Help me be like the saints in heaven and bring good news to the world.

Come Holy Spirit bring me today...