



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st May 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 21st – 28th MAY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 20th	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 21st	11.00 am	Mass	Robert McWhinnie (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass	Anne McWhinnie (Ann) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Donnelly (RIP) / Michael & Elizabeth Flynn (Ann)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 24th	1.00 pm prompt	Minibus Trip departs for Dumfries House	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 25th	6.00 pm	Mass	Charlie Stewart (RIP) / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
Friday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	Patrick Bradley (RIP) / Special Intention
Saturday 27th	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 28th	11.00 am	Mass	Charlie Cunningham (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.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: Today is the 57th World Communications Day.

This year Pope Francis has chosen, as the theme for Communications Sunday: **Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15).**

The theme, which connects with that of 2022 – "Listen with the ear of the heart" is intended to form part of the path that will lead the entire Church to the celebration of the Synod in October 2023. Speaking with the heart, means giving "a reason for your hope" and by doing so gently, "using the gift of communication as a bridge and not as a wall."

It is an invitation to "go against the grain" at a time characterised by polarisation and heated debates that exacerbate tempers – even in ecclesial life. In the dramatic context of conflicts in different regions of the globe, the theme affirms the importance

of non-hostile communication and promotes, "a communication open to dialogue with the other, that fosters "integral disarmament". In his message, the Pope calls on everyone, and in particular those who work in the field of communications to exercise their profession "as a mission for building a more just, more fraternal and more human future."

Through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church.

There will be a special collection taken at Masses this weekend to support the work of communications for the Church in Scotland. Please use the gift aid envelope in your set as appropriate. Thank you for your support.

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:** £1,128.92. **Building Fund:** £15. **Church Students fund:** £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



Congratulations to the young people who received Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday. May they always remain friends and followers of Jesus.

PARISH EXCURSION TO DUMFRIES HOUSE: This trip is now full. Please gather in the hall for lunch at the Community Café from 12 noon. The buses will then depart for Dumfries House at 1.00 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.

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.

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 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
Saturday 27 May 6pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, F Donachie	C McGowan, J Lennon, D Casey, M McGrath, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 28 May 11am	H Matthews, G McGee, T Murphy	I Love, R Murphy, J Shields, A Neil	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	-	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters