



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday  
Sunday 28th May 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 28th MAY – 4th JUNE 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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
	1.00 pm	Mass for the Sick	Special Intention / Special Intention
Monday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Edward Joseph & John McCaffrey (RIP) / Hanlon (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	John Murphy (RIP) / Peter Murphy (RIP)
	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 1st	6.00 pm	Mass	Marie McCarron (RIP) /
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention /
Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John Murphy (RIP) /
Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Mass	Bridget Farren (Ann) /

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

**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.

**APPEAL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** If any young people who have received their First Holy Communion would like to become altar servers please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. Training will be provided.

**MINIBUS TRIP TO ROSSLYN CHAPEL:** The next minibus trip will take place on Monday 19th June to Rosslyn Chapel. We will leave from St Joseph's after Mass, at 10.30 am, and stop for

lunch at Morton Hall Garden Centre before visiting Rosslyn Chapel and exploring the grounds. We will return to St Joseph's around 6.00 pm. The cost per person is £17.50, payable on the day, which includes lunch and the entrance fee for the Chapel. Please sign up in the porch if you are interested. **To keep these excursions viable, it would help to have more volunteer minibus drivers who will be fully trained to drive the vehicles. If this is something you would be able to help with please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SCOTS SEMINARY IN SCALAN AT THE BRAES OF GLENLIVET, 2nd JULY:** At the Reformation, the Penal Laws were passed which prohibited the Mass being celebrated in Scotland, priests were forbidden to be in our country at all, and clearly, preparing people for the priesthood would also be against the law. Seminaries had to be set up abroad in territories

**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:** £706.39. **Weekly collection:** £1,377.64. **Building Fund:** £90. **Communications Sunday:** £497.41.

**SCIAF:** £140. **Pipe organ donations:** £420.

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which were friendly, and we eventually had some in Rome, Spain, France and Bavaria. We only have two of these operating at the present time, in Rome and in Salamanca, but we still have priests in Scotland who were trained in Paris and other places in Northern France, and in Valladolid in Spain.

However, in the early 1700s it was felt by the bishops that they were losing too many students who went abroad, because they were not well enough prepared for going there and they needed to do some preparation with them at home before they went. There was also a desire to train priests here at home without sending them abroad at all. This led to the foundation of a seminary on an island in Loch Morar in the Western Highlands but it was destroyed two years later after the 1715 Jacobite Rising. A safer place had to be found and Scalán in the remote Braes of Glenlivet, near Tomintoul, was chosen. It was not immune from attack either and suffered greatly, most notably after Bonnie Prince Charlie's 1745 Jacobite Rising. The seminary building was the last of several that were built. It is the most substantial relic we have of the Penal Times and it is truly a holy place of pilgrimage. Scalán operated from 1716 until 1799. Here boys and young men were secretly trained for the Priesthood with between 60 and 70 priests eventually being ordained, at a crucial time for the revival of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Every year, on the first Sunday of July, faithful gather for the celebration of Mass.

A group from our parishes will be travel on pilgrimage this year, on Sunday, 2nd July. Those taking part will learn about the sacrifices made in this country in times past to revive the Catholic faith after a time of great persecution.

A minibus will leave from the Church at 10.00 am, stopping en-route to eat a packed lunch. We will then join the celebration of the annual Scalán Mass at 4.00 pm (Note: There is approximately a 10-minute walk from the car park to the Mass). The minibus will then return to Kilmarnock, stopping en-route for fish and chips (probably in Pitlochry), and arriving at St Joseph's at approximately 10.00 pm. The cost per person for the bus is £15. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up in the porch if you wish a place.

**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.

**DAY FOR LIFE:** There will be a special collection next weekend to support the Church in Scotland in her efforts to defend and protect life from conception to natural death. Please use the special envelope in the envelope set if you wish gift aid to be reclaimed on your donation. **Please note that the special collection envelopes are at the back of the envelope sets and not inserted by date as in previous years – sorry for the inconvenience.**



*We had another successful minibus trip to Dumfries House on Tuesday of this week where the group enjoyed a fascinating tour of the house and an opportunity to enjoy the grounds. The next trip will take place to Rosslyn Chapel on Monday 19th June.*

**FR KEVIN'S SPONSORED CYCLE:** Fr Kevin is grateful to everyone who donated in support of his sponsored cycle. Having counted all donations online and in the parish, a total of £2,135 was raised in aid of Youth for Lourdes. Thank you for your generosity.

**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 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
Saturday 3 June 6pm	E Heron, R Heron, F Donachie	C McGowan, J Lennon, M McGrath, M Steele, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 4 June 11am	R Doak, P Nicholson, E Maxwell	H Matthews, P Chigbo, A Smith, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne Mackie, Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson, Margaret McGrath	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers