



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 4th June 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 4th – 11th JUNE 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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) / Bridget Farren (Ann) / For the Parish
Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Mass	
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	McCloskey family (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Michael Strain (Ann) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 7th	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 8th	6.00 pm	Mass	James McCaig (RIP) / Theresa Corry (RIP) /
Friday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	
Saturday 10th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Shepherd Jnr (RIP) Luca Bui (RIP) / For the Parish
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	Mass	

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

CONDOLENCES: With great sadness we inform you that our young parishioner, Luca Bui, aged 7, died suddenly on Tuesday after a short illness. Our prayers and condolences are extended in a special way to his mother, father and sister, and to all who grieve his loss. May Jesus, his friend, receive him lovingly in heaven. Funeral arrangements will be made in due course.

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.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE HERE IN ST JOSEPH'S: The next Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches service will take place here at St Joseph's on Sunday 25th June at 3.00 pm. I ask you to attend in good number to welcome our Christian brothers and sisters as we pray together.

MINIBUS TRIP TO ROSSLYN CHAPEL: This trip is now full. If you are still interested, please sign up on the waiting list. If it is not possible to fit you in on this trip, you will get priority for the next trip on July 14th. 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.**

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:** £1,087.23. **Communications Sunday:** £8. **Church Students Fund:** £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of 22nd May are available at www.rckilmarnock.org.uk/parish-pastoral-council.

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.

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

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023



Recitalist:

Aaron Hawthorne

Tuesday 20 June at 12 noon

St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

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

Admission Free

Retiral Collection

No booking required - Just come along

DAY FOR LIFE: There will be a special collection this 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.**

SPECIAL 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 or all 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 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
Saturday 10 June 6pm	A Davidson, K McGhee, H Rameckers	A Gorman, C Power, F Donachie, C McGowan, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 11 June 11am	L Hand, M Cunningham, B Shepherd	G McGee, I Love, A Neil, R Murphy	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	Emma Woods, Karen Cassidy	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath