



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday 11th June 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 11th – 18th JUNE 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 10th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 11th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Shepherd Jnr (RIP) / Phanxicô Luca Bui (RIP) / For the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	
Monday 12th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Charlie Cunningham (Ann) / Special Intention
Tuesday 13th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	11.00 am	Requiem Mass for Phanxicô Luca Bui, RIP	Phanxicô Luca Bui (RIP) / Phanxicô Luca Bui (RIP)
Wednesday 14th	10.00 am	No Community Café in the hall today	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Thursday 15th	10.30 am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Peter Murphy (RIP)
Friday 16th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	10.00 am	IHM Sisters' Patronal Feast Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
Saturday 17th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Janet McPartland (RIP)
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Mass	Agnes Devine (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.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE:** The Requiem Mass for young Phanxicô Luca Bui will take place on Tuesday 13th June at 11.00 am followed by a burial in Kilmarnock Cemetery at 12.45 am. Our prayers and condolences are extended in a special way to his mother, father and sisters, and to all who grieve his loss. May Jesus, his Saviour and friend, receive him lovingly to heaven.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Emily who receives her first Holy Communion this Sunday.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** Please note that the Community Café will be closed for one week only on Tuesday 13th June. Normal service resumes on Tuesday 20th June.

**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: NB This trip is now full.** The minibus leaves promptly after 10 am Mass (at 10.30 am) on Monday 19th June. We will 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.

**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:** £1,085.60. **Building Fund:** £5. **Apostolate of Life:** £781.89.

**Communications Sunday:** £5. **Church Students Fund:** £5. **Holy Places:** £5. **SCIAF Wee Boxes:** £1,583.50

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



**THE SISTERS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:** On Saturday 17th June, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will celebrate their patronal feast beginning with the celebration of Mass at 10.00 am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church followed by refreshments served in the Norbert Room. Please join the sisters, who will be accompanied by the Perth community, to celebrate their feast and to support and encourage them in their vocation and ministry.

**PILGRIMAGE TO EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SCOTS SEMINARY IN SCALAN AT THE BRAES OF GLENLIVET, 2nd JULY:** This pilgrimage is now full. The minibus will leave on 2nd July from the Church at 10.00 am prompt, stopping en-route to eat a packed lunch. We will then join the celebration of the annual Scalan 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.

**FR MARTIN CHAMBERS:** Fr Martin Chambers will leave Kilmarnock to take up an appointment as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's, Troon. His new appointment takes effect from 30th June. We thank him for his Christ-filled ministry in Kilmarnock and assure him of our prayers for the future. His successor as Parish Priest of St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes will be announced soon.

**THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND REFLECT ON COVID AND PARISH PRACTICE:** At their June meeting the Bishops of Scotland were reflecting on the recovery of parishes since the pandemic. The Bishop's Conference of Scotland

sincerely thanks clergy and parishes for their efforts to cope with the Covid pandemic. Now, since our country has returned to normal, and restrictions have been lifted, all parishes should have returned to pre-pandemic pastoral and liturgical practices. Clergy and parishes still maintaining restrictions should no longer do so. Parishioners who choose to follow restrictive measures should be treated with pastoral sensitivity.

**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**

**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
<b>Saturday 10 June 6 pm</b>	A Davidson, K McGhee, H Rameckers	A Gorman, C Power, F Donachie, C McGowan, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 11 June 11 am</b>	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
<b>Saturday 17 June 6 pm</b>	G McIntyre, M Kirk, E Heron	M McGrath, D Casey, A Gorman, C Power, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne Michael	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 18 June 11 am</b>	G McGee, R Doak, G Smith	H Matthews, P Chigbo, J Shields, A Smith	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	H Matthews