



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th June 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 18th – 25th JUNE 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 17th	10.00 am	IHM Sisters' Patronal Feast Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	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
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 19th	10.00 am	Mass	Bishop Maurice Taylor (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 20th	10.00 am	Mass	Peter Thomson (Ann) / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.00 noon	Organ Recital by Aaron Hawthorne	
Wednesday 21st	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for Bishop Taylor, RIP at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	
	9.30 am	TIME CHANGE Mass	/ Peter Murphy (RIP)
	11.30 am	Requiem Mass for Bishop Taylor, RIP at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	
Thursday 22nd	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Bishop Maurice Taylor (RIP)
Friday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	Moira McCluskey (RIP) /
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Charles O'Hare /
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	Mass	Marie Hefron, Moira McCluskey, Jessie Kerr (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.

### FR STEPHEN 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION:

On Thursday 6th July, Fr Stephen will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He will celebrate Mass at 7 pm on that day. All are welcome to the Mass and to a reception in the hall afterwards.

**ALEXANDER DILLON, RIP:** Our parishioner Alexander Dillon died this week. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7th July at 10 am in St Joseph's. May he rest in peace.

**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, please check the list if you were on the waiting list as several spaces opened up.** The minibus leaves promptly after 10 am Mass (at 10.30 am) on Monday 19th June.

**LOURDES PRAYER INTENTIONS:** The biennial Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year from Monday 3rd July – Monday 10th July. Fr Kevin and a number of our parishioners are travelling with the Diocese this year. If you have any prayer intentions you would like them to carry with them to Lourdes, please complete and return the sheet in the porch in a sealed envelope. Please do not put any money in the envelopes as these will not be opened and will be burnt in Lourdes. Whilst in Lourdes, Fr Kevin will light a candle for the intentions of the parish community.

**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:** £944.96. **Legacy:** £300. **Apostolate of Life:** £7.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



**BISHOP MAURICE TAYLOR, RIP:** The Bishop Emeritus of Galloway, Maurice Taylor, died peacefully at Dundonald House Care Home, Dundonald, Ayrshire on 14th June 2023. He was 97 years old and a bishop for 42 years.

A Vigil Reception will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 6 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st

June at 11.30 am in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, followed by an interment in Ayr Cemetery at 1.30 pm, thereafter to the Western House Hotel, Ayr.

Maurice Taylor was born in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, on 5th May 1926, the eldest of four children. He attended St Cuthbert's Primary, Burnbank; St Aloysius College, Glasgow and Our Lady's High School, Motherwell. He studied philosophy for two years in Blairs College, Aberdeen. After Military Service in the Royal Army Medical Corps in India and Egypt, he returned to his ecclesiastical studies in Rome where he was ordained a priest on 2nd July 1950 for the newly established Diocese of Motherwell.

After a year as assistant priest in Saint Bartholomew's, Coatbridge, he returned to Rome in 1952 where he received his doctorate in theology in 1954.

Another year as assistant priest followed at Saint Bernadette's, Motherwell, before he was appointed to the staff of Saint Peter's College, Cardross in August 1955. He spent the next ten years there, teaching philosophy and, later, theology.

From 1965 to 1974, he was rector of the Royal Scots College, Valladolid. To mark the bicentenary of the re-establishment of the college in Valladolid in 1771, he published a history entitled 'The Scots College in Spain' in 1971 and, the same year, was named Prelate of Honour to the Holy Father.

On his return to Scotland in 1974, he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride, a position he held until his elevation to bishop.

He was nominated Bishop of Galloway on 4th April 1981 and was ordained by Cardinal Gordon Gray at an open-air Mass in the grounds of Fatima House, Coodham on 9th June 1981, the Feast of St Columba.

With his fluent command of Spanish and initiated by an invitation from the Catholic Institute for International Relations, Bishop Taylor became a regular visitor to Central America, raising awareness of poverty and other suffering experienced by the peoples of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Costa Rica. On several occasions, he served for short periods in Central American parishes, an association which he described as one of the most enriching experiences of his life.

For more than ten years Bishop Taylor served on the Episcopal Board of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy

(ICEL) and was its chairman from 1997-2002.

Bishop Taylor led numerous pilgrimages to the Holy Land, a place for which he had great affection, showing solidarity and establishing friendships with the people who lived there.


In retirement, Bishop Taylor continued to celebrate Masses and deliver talks throughout the diocese of Galloway and beyond. He wrote several books on a variety of topics including an autobiography. Until his death, he was the oldest living Roman Catholic bishop in Great Britain.

**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.

**CLERGY CHANGES:** It has been announced that 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. During July and August, Fr Stan Nwanunobi CSSp will assist in Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's parishes. From Friday 1st September, Fr Jim Hayes, currently in Dumfries, will be the new Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's parishes.

**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**

**MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 17 June 6 pm	G McIntyre, M Kirk, E Heron	M McGrath, D Casey, A Gorman, C Power, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 18 June 11 am	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
Saturday 24 June 6 pm	R Heron, F Donachie, A Davidson	J Lennon, C McGowan, M McGrath, D Casey, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 25 June 11 am	E Maxwell, L Hand, H Matthews	L Dorrian, G McGee, I Love, A Neil	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters