



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th June 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 25th JUNE – 2nd JULY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	M Hefron, M McCluskey, J Kerr (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 26th	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Service at St Joseph's	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Tuesday 27th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 28th	11 am – 1 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
Thursday 29th	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	12.30 pm	Mass of St Peter and St Paul	Special Intention /
<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	7.00 pm	Mass of St Peter and St Paul	/ Bishop Maurice Taylor (RIP)
Friday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention/ Luca Bui (RIP)
Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 2nd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
	11.00 am	Mass	/ 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.

**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.

**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.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Our parishioners James Smith, Alexander Dillon, and Stan Harrison have died. James's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 3rd July at 10 am in St Joseph's. Alex' Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7th July at 10 am in St Joseph's. Arrangements are still to be confirmed for the late Stan Harrison. May they rest in peace.

**BISHOP TAYLOR, RIP:** In memoriam cards for Bishop Taylor are available in the porch. Please take one.

**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.

**FALKLAND PALACE AND GARDENS, 14th JULY:** The next minibus trip takes place on Friday 14th July. We will leave from St Joseph's at 9.30am. On arrival we will have lunch before continuing on to the Chapel Royal and Falkland Palace to celebrate Mass and have a tour of the Palace followed by free time to enjoy the gardens. We will return to St Joseph's approximately 6.00 pm. The cost per person is £22 – which includes admission to the Palace and lunch – payable on the day.

**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:** £1,093.10. **Building Fund:** £50. **Apostolate of Life:** £50. **SCIAF:** £120.

**Organ recital:** £210.23. Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



Another successful minibus trip to Rosslyn Chapel took place on Monday of this week. The next minibus trip will take place on Friday 14th July to Falkland Palace and Gardens.

**PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SEPTEMBER 2024:** We are looking for expressions of interest (with no commitment or financial deposit at this stage) to take part in a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, burial place of the Apostle James, in northern Spain in September 2023. Depending on the expressions of interest, a package will be put together and offered to parishioners. Please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) if you are interested (with no commitment at this stage). Proposed details (subject to alteration) are described below.

Approximately a week-long pilgrimage visiting sites along the ancient Pilgrim way of St James which begins at the Pyrenees, crosses northern Spain and leads to Santiago de Compostela. This pilgrimage will join the pilgrim way at Burgos and travel by coach to Santiago de Compostela visiting Burgos, Astorga, Leon, O Cebreiro, Santiago de Compostela, and an possible overnight visit to Fatima. The outward flight is from Edinburgh to Madrid, the return flight from Lisbon to Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity to walk up to 5 km of the pilgrim way for those who are able – sections. Alternatively, pilgrims can opt to travel the whole journey by coach. Accommodation is at hotels in the cities visited. Board is bed, breakfast and evening meal. Flights and coach transfers and travel, and guided tours in each of the cities and monuments is included in the price. A full spiritual programme is provided. Cost to be determined, estimated around £1400 per person based on two people sharing. A limited number of single supplement places will be available at an additional cost.

**FAIR PAY FOR SOCIAL CARE:** Faith groups in Scotland, including the Catholic Church, have launched a campaign to persuade the Scottish Government to act to increase the pay for those working in **social care** to at least £12.00 per hour immediately to help address the crisis in recruitment and retention of staff in this sector.

Please consider signing the faith leaders' declaration which you can find on the [www.justicandpeacecotland.org.uk](http://www.justicandpeacecotland.org.uk) website. The declaration is open for signing until the end of June after which we will present it (hopefully with a good number of signatories) at a meeting with the Scottish Government.

**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 Scaln 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.

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

### ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023



*Recitalist:*

**Alessandro Bianchi**

*(St Edward's Church, Lugano, Switzerland)*

Tuesday 4 July at 12 noon

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

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of music on the church's recently restored 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

**Admission Free**

*Retiral Collection*

**No booking required - Just come along**

### PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION, 2nd JULY:

The annual Peter's Pence special collection will be taken up at masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd July. For giftaid to be reclaimed please use the special envelope provided in your box. NB The envelope may be at the back of the box rather than being placed in sequence by date.

The aims of Peter's Pence are:

- To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.
- To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

**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 Chukwube 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.

Thank you to Fr Martin for his Christ-filled ministry which has served the parishes of Kilmarnock for the last fourteen years! While you will be missed in Kilmarnock, we pray for the fulfilment of your ministry in Troon.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 1 July 6 pm	G McIntyre, M Kirk, K McGhee	C Power, F Donachie, C McGowan, M Steele, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 2 July 11 am	T Murphy, B Shepherd, R Doak	H Matthews, P Chigbo, J Shields, A Smith	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel			Theresa, Alan	M McGrath