



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd July 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 2nd – 9th JULY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 1st	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am.....	Parish Pilgrimage to Scalán	
	11.00 am.....	Mass	/ For the Parish
	After Mass.....	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 3rd	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late James Smith	James Smith (RIP) /
Tuesday 4th	10.00 am.....	Mass	Sandra Niven (RIP) /
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 5th	12 noon.....	Organ Recital by Alessandro Bianchi	
Thursday 6th	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late Stan Harrison	Stan Harrison (RIP) /
Friday 7th	7.00 pm.....	Mass to celebrate 20th Anniversary of Fr Stephen's Ordination	
Saturday 8th	10.00 am.....	Requiem Mass for the late Alexander Dillon	Alexander Dillon (RIP) /
	5.30 – 5.45 pm....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 9th	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass	Allan Lennon (Ann) /
	11.00 am.....	Mass	Stan Harrison (RIP) /

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.

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. Stan's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 5th July at 10 am in St Joseph's. Alex' Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7th July at 10 am in St Joseph's.

Also, the Requiem Mass of the late Robert Mulhern will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Friday 7th July at 10 am. May they rest in peace.

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.

SUMMER BREAK: The Community Café will take a break during the month of July to resume on Tuesday 1st August. The Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will not take place during July but will resume on Sunday 6th August.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PUPILS RESPOND TO COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS: Altar server, Joseph Davidson is collecting toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, soap and toothpaste – for male and females) to set up a Care Cupboard for those who need them as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. Parishioners are invited to leave donations in the box at the back of the church during July.

PILGRIMAGE TO EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SCOTS SEMINARY IN SCALAN AT THE BRAES OF GLENLIVET, 2nd JULY: This pilgrimage is now full. The

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:** £1,129.30. **Ecumenical Service (for Aid to the Church in Need):** £238.85.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

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.

PARISH FUN DAY: On **Sunday 13th August** there will be a Parish Fun Day after 11 am Mass with a bouncy castle and games for the children, face-painting, home baking, hot rolls and more.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE FUN DAY

Donations of **home baking** to be dropped off to the hall **just before the Vigil or Sunday Mass** on the weekend of 12/13th August will be very welcome. Donations of **bottles** (of all types – alcoholic and soft drinks, sauces etc) for the Bottle Stall can be dropped off between now and the fun day **at the shop in the church porch or handed in to the parish house**. All donations gratefully received.

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION, 2nd JULY: The annual Peter's Pence special collection will be taken up at masses this 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.

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 2024. Depending on the expressions of interest, a package will be put together and offered to parishioners. Please email 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. 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.justicandpeacescotland.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.

**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

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 8 July 6 pm	K McGhee, A Davidson, B Shepherd	D Casey, A Gorman, J Lennon, F Donachie, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 9 July 11 am	G Smith, E Maxwell, P Nicholson	L Dorrian, R Murphy, I Love, H Matthews	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	-	-	Paul, Libby	H Matthews