



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th July 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 9th – 16th JULY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Allan Lennon (Ann) /
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	Mass	Stan Harrison (RIP) /
Monday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	King family (RIP) /
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
Wednesday 12th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Stan Harrison (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 13th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Alexander Dillon (RIP)
Friday 14th	9.30 am	TIME CHANGE: Mass	Jim McCaig (RIP) / John Murphy (RIP)
Saturday 15th	After Mass	Parish Minibus Trip to Falkland Palace	
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 16th	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.

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.

FALKLAND PALACE AND GARDENS, 14th JULY: Please note: We are no longer able to have Mass at the Palace, Mass will be offered in St Joseph's at 9.30 am. The next minibus trip takes place on Friday 14th July. We will

leave from St Joseph's at 10.00 am. On arrival we will have lunch before continuing on to Falkland Palace to see 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.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: The annual Mission Appeal will take place to support the missionary work of religious priests and sisters. This year's appeal will be given at Masses on 22nd/23rd July by Fr Bernard Fox on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries. There is a giftaid envelope for the mission appeal at the back of the box of envelopes.

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:** £1,202.89. **Peter's Pence:** £835.81. **SCIAF:** £4.77. **Communications:** £10.

Apostolate of life: £10. **Holy places:** £10. **Students fund:** £10. **Building fund:** £20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



Another successful minibus trip took place on Sunday, this time on pilgrimage to the annual Scalán Mass. The next trip takes place on Friday 14th July to Falkland Palace and Gardens. Signup in the porch if you're interested.

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, Astorga, Leon, O Cebreiro, Santiago de Compostela, and a 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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
Saturday 15 July 6 pm	G McIntyre, K McGhee, G McIntyre	M Steele, A Gorman, C Power, C McGowan, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 16 July 11 am	E Maxwell, T Murphy, M Cunningham	G McGee, J Shields, H Matthews, P Chigbo	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	-	-	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters