



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th July 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 16th – 23rd JULY 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
Monday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	Eileen Gallacher (RIP) /
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Tom McCreavy (RIP) / Isabel Hanlon (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Reilly (RIP) / Fr Sean Fitzgerald (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm	Mass	Sandra Niven (RIP) /
Friday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	Canon Denis Quinlan (RIP) /
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Peter Murphy (RIP)
Sunday 23rd	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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**DAB RADIO AND BLUETOOTH SPEAKER:** A digital (DAB) radio with Bluetooth speaker is available to a good home free of charge. Please enquire at the stall in the porch.

**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:** £1,028.61. **Peter's Pence:** £26. **Organ Recital:** £242.05.

**Communications:** £1. **Apostolate of life:** £3. **Missions:** £5. **Building fund:** £20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SEPTEMBER 2024:** Thank you for the expressions of interest in this pilgrimage which indicates that the pilgrimage is viable. A pilgrimage package will be arranged and details made known during Autumn 2023 to which people can commit.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN:** A coach will travel for all Kilmarnock, Hurlford and Galston parishes on **Sunday 27th August**. It will leave Galston (from Tesco) at 10.45 am, pick up at St Paul's Church, Hurlford at 10.50 am and then pick up at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock at 11.00 am. Please bring a packed lunch. The coach will stop in Girvan for toilets and to eat lunch.

On arrival in Whithorn, the Whithorn Experience is an exhibition and visitor centre which has interesting displays and exhibits that tell the Whithorn story. Mass at St Ninian's Cave is at 4.00 pm. There will be Mass in the parish church at 4.30 pm for those unable to walk to the beach. After Mass the coach will leave Whithorn, stopping in Girvan at the Harbour Café for a sit-in fish tea. Bus costs £10, children/young people under 16 free. Fish and chips or alternative to be paid at the café. A great day out for individuals and families. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

**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.

**SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE NEW LAIGH KIRK:**  
**Sunday 23 July concert featuring Alastair McDonald, Scottish Folk singer**, in association with Robert Burns World Federation. Doors open at 6.30 pm. The concert starts at 7 pm.  
**Friday 28 July Back to Broadway concert featuring Loudon Musical Society** in association with Celebrate Kilmarnock. Doors open at 7 pm. The concert starts at 7.30 pm.  
**Sunday 30 July concert of talent featuring Pauline Vallance, clarsach player**, in association with Robert Burns World Federation. Doors open at 6.30 pm. The concert starts at 7 pm. All concerts free.

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES:** The next organ recital at St Joseph's will be performed on Tuesday 8th August at 12 noon by Professor Malcolm Sim (Glasgow Cathedral). All very welcome.

**FROM THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**



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

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 22 July 6 pm	K McGhee, B Shepherd, M Kirk	C McGowan, C Power, M McGrath, J Lennon, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 23 July 11 am	R Doak, L Hand, P Nicholson	I Love, G McGee, R Murphy, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	-	-	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers