



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th July 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 30th JULY – 6th AUGUST 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 29th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Hunter (RIP) /
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish /
Monday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Noreen Anne Lochtie (RIP) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am	Mass	James Heron (RIP) /
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	John Murphy (RIP) /
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm	Mass	Peter Murphy (RIP) /
Friday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	James Agnew (RIP) /
Saturday 5th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Sandra Niven (RIP) /
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Mass	Robert Mulhern (RIP) /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9.30 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PUPILS RESPOND TO COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS: Thank you for your support of this project 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. At the fun day there will a large stall with quality hand-knitted clothing for babies and young children.

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.

EXCURSION TO DRUMLANRIG CASTLE: The next Parish Minibus Trip will take place on Monday 21st August to Drumlanrig Castle. We'll leave from St Joseph's after 10.00 am Mass, before stopping for a soup, sandwich and traybake lunch and visiting the Castle and Grounds. The cost per person (payable on the day) is £28. If you'd like to join, please sign up in the porch.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Five of our young parishioners and Fr Kevin have travelled to Lisbon to join young people from around the world for World Youth Day 2023. Whilst there they will take part in Catechesis, Faith sharing, and Mass with Pope Francis. All of the young parishioners participating are grateful to the Parish for our prayers and support in making their participation possible. You can follow their progress on the Galloway Youth Office Twitter: @galloway_ymo.

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:** £920.27. **Mill Hill Missionaries:** £1,321.16.

Peter's Pence: £20.00. **Building fund:** £81.20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023



Recitalist:

Professor Malcolm Sim

(Glasgow Cathedral)

Tuesday 8 August 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

RCIA: RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process to support and share faith and Catholic teaching with those who are preparing to join the Church. There will be a meeting on Thursday 10th August at 6.30 pm (after evening Mass) for those who are interested in joining this important group in our parish life. We are looking for people who are happy to discuss faith in an informal way as well as people who have experience in teaching about faith (either in a school or other educational setting) or as a parish catechist. Please speak to Fr Stephen for more information. At this initial meeting we will establish a group and discuss how best to deliver RCIA.

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 August 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.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 3rd September with Mass at 3 pm. At this Mass the bishops, priests and people of Scotland will pray for peace in our world, particularly in Ukraine. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in the UK will preach at the Mass, and the Choir of the Ukrainian Catholic Community in Scotland will participate in the Mass along with the Motherwell Diocesan Choir. A bus will run from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock for anyone wishing to participate, leaving around 1 pm. Given the particular need for peace in our world at this time I would encourage as many as possible to take part. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you wish a place on the coach. Cost £10.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR: The 2023 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 17 September from 12.30pm - 6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.50 pm. Refreshments and sale of candles and goods; 2pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns and Benediction; 3pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3.30pm Break for refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 4.30pm Holy Mass.

EAST AYRSHIRE CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION (EACHa) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: We have drop-ins on Mondays and Wednesdays, providing a cooked breakfast on Mondays, and a hot meal, along with sandwiches, cake, fruit, tea and coffee on Wednesdays. We plan to open for breakfast on Fridays in September, but we need help! If you can spare a couple of hours on a rota basis on Monday or Friday mornings we'd love to hear from you. Further information from Janice Grant, tel. 07581 722331 or janice.grant@hotmail.co.uk.

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: 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.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 29 July 6 pm	A Davidson, M Kirk, K McGhee	A Gorman, F Donachie, D Casey, J Lennon, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 30 July 11 am	M Cunningham, G Smith, T Murphy	G McGee, J Shields, H Matthews, P Chigbo	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anna Mackie	Alice Murphy	Paul, Libby	M McGrath
Saturday 5 August 6 pm	F Donachie, G McIntyre, H Rameckers	M Steele, M McGrath, C Power, A Gorman, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Clare, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 6 August 11 am	R Doak, P Nicholson, E Maxwell	I Love, A Neil, H Matthews, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Eileen Cunningham	Elizabeth Heron	Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews