



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 6th August 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 6th – 13th AUGUST 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	
Monday 7th	10.00 am	Mass	James Heron (Ann) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 8th	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
		No Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's today	
	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 9th	12 noon	Organ Recital by Professor Malcolm Sim	
	10.00 am	Mass	
Thursday 10th	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	Fr Damian Gilhooley (RIP) /
Friday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Jim McCaig (RIP) /
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 12th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	
	11.00 am	Mass	Maureen Matthews (Ann) /
Sunday 13th	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.

WELCOME: Welcome to Fr Stephen Latham who will celebrate the Vigil Mass, and to Fr Brian McNaught who will celebrate 11 am Mass. Fr McGrattan will be covering Masses in Auchinleck, Cumnock and Muirkirk this weekend for Fr Kitchen who has been ill.

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.

MINIBUS EXCURSION: Unfortunately, the scheduled visit to Drumlanrig Castle on 21st August has fallen through for reasons beyond our control.

However, the excursion on 21st August has been rearranged to visit **Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow**, leaving St Joseph's at 10 am. The visit to the Art Gallery will take in the lunchtime organ recital at 1 pm by Ciaran Walker on the famous Lewis organ. Arrangements are being made to celebrate Mass in a local parish, followed by lunch. Please sign up in the porch. The cost will be made known with fuller arrangements for the trip next weekend.

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:** £1,122.99. **Holy Places:** £20. **SCIAF:** £120. **Building fund:** £30.

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

AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS: While Ayr Town Hall is closed for maintenance, this organ recital series will take place in **St Columba's Church**, Midton Road, Ayr, KA7 2SL.

Upcoming recitals:

Monday 7th August, 12 noon: Aaron Hawthorne

Monday 14th August, 12 noon: (our own) Raymond McCluskey

Note the venue is **St Columba's Church, Ayr**, and not Ayr Town Hall.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PUPILS RESPOND TO COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS: Altar server, Joseph Davidson would like to thank the parishioners for their support for his collection of toiletries during July. It is greatly appreciated.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Four of our young parishioners, Sr Mabel 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.



The St Joseph's team at World Youth Day in Lisbon

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy		Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews
Saturday 12 August 6 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, A Davidson	J Lennon, C McGowan, F Donachie, M Steele, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 13 August 11 am	M Cunningham, B Shepherd, L Hand	I Love, J Shields, P Chigbo, R Murphy	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Lizzie Heron		Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters