



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th August 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 13th – 20th AUGUST 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 12th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 13th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John McCluskey (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Maureen Matthews (Ann) /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 14th	10.00 am	Mass	Agnes Devine (RIP) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 15th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.30 pm	Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Special Intention /
	7.00 pm	Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Canon John Angus MacQueen (RIP)
Wednesday 16th	10.00 am	Mass	
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 17th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Mary McAvoy	Mary McAvoy (RIP) /
	6.00 pm	Mass	Canon Charles Stanley (RIP) /
Friday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Stephen McLinn (RIP) /
Saturday 19th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Evelyn Haughey (RIP) /
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Mass	Madge O'Brien (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.

WELCOME: Welcome to Fr Stan Chukwube who will celebrate the Vigil Mass. Fr McGrattan will be covering Masses in Auchinleck and Muirkirk this weekend for Fr Kitchen who has been ill.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation. To assist you to fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on this feast, there will be Masses in St Joseph's at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm on Tuesday.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Mary McAvoy who has died. Mary's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 17th August at 10 am.

PARISH FUN DAY: Today, 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 on the fun day **at the shop in the church porch or handed in to the parish house**. All donations gratefully received.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available at the back of the church.

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:** £1,055.05. **Church Students Fund:** £5. **Building fund:** £594.15.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

MINIBUS EXCURSION: The excursion on 21st August is to **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. Before the Gallery visit we will celebrate Mass in St Peter's Church, Partick, and eat lunch (sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee will be provided) in the church hall. Please sign up in the porch. The cost will be £15 to include lunch and the contribution to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery.



ORGAN RECITAL SERIES: Thank you to Professor Malcolm Sim for a magnificent recital last Tuesday. The next recital at St Joseph's is on Tuesday 5th September by Andrew Scott, Managing Director of Harrison & Harrison.

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 14th August, 12 noon: (our own) Raymond McCluskey
Monday 21st August, 12 noon: Peter Shepherd (Chesterfield)

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? 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.

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church is invited to make themselves known to Fr Stephen. Meetings to prepare those who wish to join the church will begin in September. Please also let anyone you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic. And why not evangelise and ask people you think are curious whether they would come along and find out more about the Catholic faith?

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 17th September from 12.30 pm – 6 pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.50 pm. Refreshments and sale of candles and goods; 2 pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns and Benediction; 3pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3.30 pm Break for refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 4.30 pm Holy Mass.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES: The next service will be held at St Kentigern's Church in New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock, at 3 pm on Sunday 27th August. The theme will be **Celebration of the World Church**, with news of: Missionary Partner, Fiona Kendall's work with **Mediterranean Hope**, assisting refugees who flee from persecution and poverty by crossing the Mediterranean Sea; Sandy Brown's forthcoming **FaithShare** autumn visit to St Kentigern Church's twinned congregation in Romania; St Kentigern Church's **links with Uganda** through visits by Jim McHardy, Sandy Brown, Ian Rennie and others. This will be a window on the work of churches around the world.

ST SOPHIA'S LADIES FUN QUIZ NIGHT: Ladies get your team together (max 6) and come along to St Sophia's Church Hall on Friday 1st September, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per person, and we will have Music Bingo and a raffle too, BYOB please. For tickets contact Hannah Farley on 07971922631, we would love to have you join us.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 19 August 6 pm	R Heron, E Heron, F Donachie	C Power, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	Margaret McGrath
Sunday 20 August 11 am	G McGee, T Murphy, G Smith	E Cunningham, A Neil, H Matthews, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith		Paul, Libby	Margaret McGrath