



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th August 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 20th – 27th AUGUST 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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) / Madge O'Brien (RIP) /
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Mass	
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 21st	9.30 am	<b>TIME CHANGE.</b> Mass	Special Intention /
Tuesday 22nd	10.00 am	Minibus trip departs for Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum	
	10.00 am	Mass	John McCluskey (RIP) /
Wednesday 23rd	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Robert & Anna Kerr (Sp Int)
Thursday 24th	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 25th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention /
Saturday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention /
	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 27th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Ian Monan (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Mary McAvoy (RIP) /
	3.00 pm	Celebration of the World Church Ecumenical Service	St Kentigern's Church
	4.00 pm	Pilgrimage Mass on the beach at Whithorn	
	4.30 pm	Pilgrimage Mass in St Martin & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn	
	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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Hugh Paterson who has died. Hugh's Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 28th August at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

Please pray also for Fr Kevin's grandmother, Pat McKeon, who died recently and for her family. Fr Kevin has officiated at the funeral in Dublin and he is now on annual leave until the end of August.

**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.

**FR MARTIN CHAMBERS:** To thank Fr Martin for his ministry in Kilmarnock, Masses of thanksgiving will be celebrated in St Matthew's on 25th August at 7 pm and in Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 15th September at 7 pm. All are welcome.

**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:** £1,081.54. **Communications Sunday:** £5. **Building fund:** £90.

**Organ recital:** £258.10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023**



*Recitalist:*  
**Andrew Scott**  
(Managing Director, Harrison & Harrison)

Tuesday 5 September 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**

*Soup, sandwiches and cakes available in the church hall from 11 am*

**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 21st August, 12 noon: Peter Shepherd (Chesterfield)

Monday 28th August, 12 noon: Sam Austin (York Oratory)

NB 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?

**DOORS OPEN DAY:** Doors Open Day takes place each year in September and encourages people to visit buildings of historical and social interest and learn about them. St Joseph's Church will be part of the Ayrshire Doors Open Day programme 2023 which is a prestigious opportunity to showcase our building and parish. The dates are 9th September from 10 am to 4 pm, and 10th September from 12 noon until 4 pm.

We appeal for volunteers to be in the church to welcome visitors during these times and to share some information about the history, architecture and purpose of the building and about our community. Volunteers will be briefed and given written information which they can share with visitors. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you are able to assist with this venture.

**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 today, 20th August, if you wish a place.**

**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.

**HILLHOUSE LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA:** Hillhouse are having a Ladies' Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th September in the Kay Park Parish Church Hall from 2pm-6pm. All tickets are £12 and the price includes an afternoon tea and glass of fizz on arrival. All drinks are £3. There will be a fashion show, ladies' quiz and lots of fun! For tickets, please call 01563 523362 or email [mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk](mailto:mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk). Any donations of home baking would also be gratefully received. Thank you!

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

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 26 August 6 pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, M Kirk	F Donachie, M McGrath, C Power, A Gorman, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 27 August 11 am	H Matthews, R Doak, P Nicholson	I Love, J Shields, P Chigbo, R Murphy	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews