



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 27th August 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 27th AUGUST – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

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

| Date           | Time            | Gathering   | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie) |
|----------------|-----------------|---|---|
| Saturday 26th  | 10.00 am        | Mass at St Matthew's Church                                 |   |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm  | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)                    |   |
| Sunday 27th    | 6.00 pm         | Vigil Mass  | Ian Monan (RIP) /                         |
|                | 11.00 am        | Mass  | Mary McAvoy (RIP) /                       |
|                | After Mass      | Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall                          |   |
|                | 3.00 pm         | Celebration of the World Church Ecumenical Service          | St Kentigern's Church                     |
| Monday 28th    | 4.00 pm         | Pilgrimage Mass on the beach at Whithorn                    |   |
|                | 4.30 pm         | Pilgrimage Mass in St Martin & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn |   |
|                | 10.00 am        | Requiem Mass for Hugh Paterson, RIP                         | Hugh Paterson (RIP) /                     |
| Tuesday 29th   | 10.00 am        | Mass  | Special Intention /                       |
|                | 11.00 – 1.00 pm | Community Café in St Joseph's Hall                          |   |
| Wednesday 30th | 10.00 am        | Mass  | Joe McKay (RIP) /                         |
|                | After Mass      | Recitation of the Holy Rosary                               |   |
| Thursday 31st  | 6.00 pm         | Mass  | Mary McAvoy (RIP) /                       |
| Friday 1st     | 10.00 am        | Mass  | Pat Quinn (RIP) /                         |
| Saturday 2nd   | 10.00 am        | Mass at St Matthew's Church                                 |   |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm  | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)                    |   |
|                | 6.00 pm         | Vigil Mass  | Frank Farren Snr (RIP) /                  |
| Sunday 3rd     | 11.00 am        | Mass  | Shiela Kerrigan (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.

**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.

**FR MARTIN CHAMBERS:** To thank Fr Martin for his ministry in Kilmarnock, a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church on 15th September at 7 pm. All are welcome.

**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?

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** There will be no Community Café on the 12th September as many staff are away that week.

**AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS:** These have returned to Ayr Town Hall after the closure for painting:

Monday 28th August, 12 noon: Sam Austin (York Oratory)  
Monday 4 September, 12 noon: Andrew Scott (Managing Director, Harrison & Harrison)

**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:** £1,675.87. **Building fund:** £505. **Organ fund:** £75.

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**

**GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR:** The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 23 years. They lead the music at diocesan events at least two times a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 20th September at 7.15 pm. When a new bishop is appointed to Galloway Diocese it will be the task of the choir to support the singing at the bishop's ordination Mass. If you are interested in joining or for more information contact: David Robinson at [david.robinson.mj@gmail.com](mailto:david.robinson.mj@gmail.com) or on 07714 340854.

**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 - 4 pm, and 10th September from 12 noon - 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.

**WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE:** On Sunday 27th August, the coach will pick up at Galston Tesco at 10.45 am, at St Paul's Church, Hurlford at 10.50 am, and at St Joseph's Church at 11.00 am. Cost £10 to be paid on the day, under 16s free. Please take

a packed lunch to eat in Girvan on the journey down. Orders can be placed on the bus for fish and chips sitting in at the Harbour Cafe Restaurant, Girvan. Please note that **every** seat on the coach is taken – **please do not board the coach if you have not put your name on the list by last Sunday.** Thank you.

**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 leaving at 1 pm, returning around 6.00 pm. You will be in Carfin for the Mass at 3.00 pm. No catering is available so please take a packed lunch. Cost £10 to be paid on the day, under 16s free. 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.

**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.

**DISABILITY SUNDAY SERVICE:** Reachout Together disability Inclusion project invites everyone who thinks that churches which want people with disabilities to feel welcome in their churches to come to a Disability Sunday afternoon service at 3.30 pm on 17th September in St Marnock's Church halls. The entrance to the halls is at the side of the church.

The format will include Bible storytelling and opportunities to reflect on the Bible message of the day through various activities. Over refreshments after the service, you can meet people from churches which are trying to remove barriers which people with disabilities may encounter.

**HILLHOUSE LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA:** Hillhouse is hosting 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 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday 26 August<br/>6 pm</b>   | K McGhee, H Rameckers,<br>M Kirk   | F Donachie, M McGrath,<br>C Power, A Gorman, J Lennon | Joseph, Lexi,<br>Maia, Antoni         |                              |                                     | Anne,<br>Michael    | H Matthews      |
| <b>Sunday 27 August<br/>11 am</b>    | H Matthews, R Doak,<br>P Nicholson | I Love, J Shields, P Chigbo,<br>R Murphy              | Luca, Marilyn, Aidan,<br>Mark, Rachel | Anne & Mike<br>Timmons       | Emma Boyd,<br>Karen Cassidy         | Eileen,<br>Dennis   | H Matthews      |
| <b>Saturday 2 September<br/>6 pm</b> | E Heron, A Davidson,<br>R Heron    | C McGowan, M Steele,<br>J Lennon, C Power, F Donachie | Joseph, Lexi,<br>Maia, Antoni         |                              |                                     | Claire,<br>Margaret | IHM Sisters     |
| <b>Sunday 3 September<br/>11 am</b>  | E Maxwell, L Hand,<br>M Cunningham | A Neil, H Matthews, L Dorrian,<br>I Love              | Luca, Marilyn, Aidan,<br>Mark, Rachel | Anna Mackie,<br>Alice Murphy | Pauline Ferguson,<br>Emma O'Connell | Theresa,<br>Alan    | IHM Sisters     |