



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th September 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 10th – 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 9th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 10th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Holy Souls
	11.00 am	Mass	John Cassidy (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Pritchard (RIP) / Special Intention
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Tuesday 12th	10.30 – 10.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Rosemary Grant (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
No Community Café today – back next week			
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Gordon Stirling (RIP)
Thursday 14th	6.00 pm	Mass	Catherine Heron (RIP) / Robert Mulhearn (RIP)
Friday 15th	10.00 am	Mass	Robert Stephen Kerr (Ann) / Spec. Int.
	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Martin Chambers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 17th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Hugh & Moira McCluskey (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Mary Gibson (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.30 pm	Disability Sunday Service at St Marnock's Church halls	

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

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. 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 this week as many staff are away. It will return as normal next week.

PARISH OUTING The next minibus trip will take place on Monday 25th September to Dundee. We will leave from St Joseph's at 9.30 am. On arrival in Dundee, we will celebrate Mass and have lunch at St Mary's Lochee before continuing on to the Victoria & Albert Museum (admission free) / RRS Discovery (admission not included). The cost is £15 per person. If you'd like to take part, please sign up in the porch.

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:** £1,007.87. **Building fund:** £45 **Peter's Pence:** £5. **Retired Priests:** £20.

Apostolate of Life: £5. **SCIAF:** £120.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

AYRTOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS These take place in Ayr Town Hall on the Lewis organ:

Monday 11 September, 12 noon: David Hamilton (Strathclyde University Organist)

Monday 18 September, 12 noon: Kevin Duggan (Dunblane Cathedral)

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. The choir supports 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 or on 07714 340854.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA A pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela and Fatima will take place from Monday 9th – Tuesday 17th September 2024. Return coach transfer from Kilmarnock to Edinburgh Airport, flight to Madrid, coach transfer Madrid to Burgos, 3 nights in Burgos including a visit to the Monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, transfer to Leon for 2 nights, and onward to Santiago de Compostela stopping in O Cebreiro. The final night and day will be spent in Fatima. Return from Lisbon to Edinburgh. Budget cost (subject to confirmation) £1,670 per person based on two people sharing. Single supplement £285. To confirm a place a £420 deposit is due by 30th October. Full details in the bulletin insert this week.

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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALLS ON PARISHIONERS TO LOBBY MSPS AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE The Catholic Parliamentary Office has called on parishioners across Scotland to lobby MSPs against dangerous proposals to legalise assisted suicide. A briefing, which has been sent to every Catholic parish in the country, asks parishioners to contact local MSPs, either as individuals or as part of an organised parish group.

Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office, Anthony Horan, urged Catholics to get involved: "The Catholic community in Scotland was key to stopping assisted suicide in 2010 and 2015. We need them to step up once again. Please help us to stop death by prescription in Scotland and to call for better palliative care instead. We should be caring for people, not killing them."

Along the dangers outlined in the briefing is that assisted suicide undermines efforts to provide good palliative care by providing a quick, cheap alternative; that it undermines efforts to prevent suicide by suggesting that sometimes suicide is an appropriate response to an individual's circumstances, worries and anxieties; and that it pressurises vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, to end their lives prematurely through fear of being a burden on family, caregivers and the state.

The church also points out that Assisted suicide is uncontrollable. In every country where assisted suicide and/or euthanasia is legal, safeguards have been eroded and eligibility criteria expanded to now include people with arthritis, anorexia, autism and dementia. It has also been extended to include children. Catholic parishioners and others are urged to visit the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office website for guidance on contacting MSPs: <https://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/>

Liam McArthur MSP is expected to publish a Bill later this year proposing the legalisation of assisted suicide.

APPEAL FOR FOOD PARCELS We have seen a notable uptake in demand and are grateful for any and all support received. We would ask you to donate 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.

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.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS The St Ninian issue of the Galloway Diocese News is now available. It will be distributed as you leave church this weekend. There is a copy for every household.

ROCK CHOIR On Sunday 24th September, the Rock Choir will perform at St Sophia's church, Galston. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets cost £5pp. Please contact Hannah on 07971922631. All welcome.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 9 September 6 pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, G McIntyre	A Gorman, C McGowan, J Lennon, M Steele, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 10 September 11 am	B Shepherd, G McGee, T Murphy	E Cunningham, J Shields, P Chigbo, R Murphy	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers
Saturday 16 September 6 pm	A Davidson, M Kirk, K McGhee	J Lennon, A Gorman, M Steele, C McGowan, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 17 September 11 am	G Smith, H Matthews, R Doak	A Neil, I Love, L Dorrian, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath