



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

## THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th September 2023

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### LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 17th – 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Hugh & Moira McCluskey (RIP)
Sunday 17th	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	
Monday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Catherine O'Hare (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 19th	10.00 am	Mass	Janice Gallagher (RIP) / Jo Jarvis (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 20th	*9.00 am	TIME CHANGE Mass	Mary Ellen Woriskey (RIP) / Eric Dougan (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 21st	6.00 pm	Mass	Jean & Ron Campbell (Ann) / Margaret Skillen (RIP)
Friday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Isabella McAvooy (RIP)
Saturday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Liam Clarke (Ann.)
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
	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.

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND** A special collection will be taken for the Retired Priests' Fund at Masses this weekend.

**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. **The first meeting of the RCIA group will take place on Thursday 26th October at 6.30 pm in the church house.** 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?

**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.

**DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS** The Diocesan Education Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Thursday 28th September at 7.00 pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

**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 p.m. on 17th September in St Marnock's Church halls. The entrance to the halls is at the side of the church. The format

**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:** £1,145.51. **Building fund:** £15. **Organ Recital:** £231.49.

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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.

**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 £400 deposit is due by 30th October. Full details on parish website or from Fr Stephen.

**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](mailto:david.robinson.mj@gmail.com) or on 07714 340854.

**OCTOBER MONTH OF MISSION TALKS** These take place in St Matthew's Church on Thursdays during October at 7 pm. All are welcome.

*Thursday 5th October*  
Archbishop Leo Cushley, **The Mission of the Church**

*Thursday 12th October*  
Fr Dixie Taylor, **The Mission and Scripture**

*Thursday 19th October*  
Marianne Luchessi, **The Mission and Prayer**

*Thursday 26th October*  
Lizzie Rea, **The Mission and Young People**

**AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS** These take place in Ayr Town Hall on the Lewis organ:

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

Monday 25 September, 12 noon: Dr Malcolm Sim (Glasgow Cathedral)

**CATHOLIC CHURCH CALLS ON PARISHIONERS TO LOBBY MSPS AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE** The Catholic Parliamentary Office calls on parishioners in 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.

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.

**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.

### HYMN: NINIAN OF GALLOWAY

Ninian of Galloway, homage we fondly pay  
and tribute bring;  
Saint by our Church proclaimed, Scotland's apostle named.  
Thy praise we sing, thy praise we sing.  
Born of our Scottish race, God led thee forth by grace  
to find in Rome;  
that pearl so richly priced, that faultless creed of Christ.  
And bear it home, and bear it home.  
Softly the Christian morn, dawned o'er the lone Whithorn,  
like kindly sun.  
Nobly thy loyal band, led by thy sure command.  
Our kingdom won, our kingdom won.  
Where once thy footsteps trod, unquenched the fires of God,  
await thy hand;  
renew thy fervent care, tender to God our prayer.  
To bless our land, to bless our land.

Words: Mgr Joseph McHardy. Music: Mgr Francis Duffy.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 23 September 6 pm	F Donachie, R Heron, E Heron	C McGowan, M McGrath, M Steele, F Donachie, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	Hugh Matthews
Sunday 24 September 11 am	P Nicholson, E Maxwell, L Hand	H Matthews, P Chigbo, R Murphy, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Theresa, Alan	Hugh Matthews