



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st October 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 1st – 8th OCTOBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 30th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 1st	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Peter Mason (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Francis McNally (Ann.)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 5th	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Katharina Bell (RIP)
	7.00 pm	Mission Talk by Archbishop Leo Cushley at St Matthew's Church	
Friday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Isabel Hanlon (RIP) / William Guy (Snr.) (RIP)
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Fr George Donaldson (RIP) / Spec. Int.
Sunday 8th	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm	Diocesan Youth Evening at St Matthew's Church	

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENING Young people from across the Diocese are invited to take part in a Diocesan Youth Evening at St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock on Sunday 8th October. It'll start with Mass at 6 pm followed by pizzas and games in the Church Hall. There's no cost, just come along and meet other young people from across the Diocese.

PARISH OUTING The final Parish Minibus Trip for this year will take place on Monday 25th October to Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute. We will leave St Joseph's at 8.15 am to get the 10.05 am ferry from Wemyss Bay. On arrival at Mount Stuart we will have time to explore the grounds before lunch and a tour of the house followed by Mass in the Stuart Chapel. We will return to St Joseph's approximately 6.30 pm. The cost per person is £20, payable on the day. If you want to join, please sign up in the porch.

OCTOBER MONTH OF MISSION TALKS These take place in St Matthew's Church on Thursday's at 7.30 pm.

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**

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

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:** £916.18. **Retired Priests:** £40.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

Places are filling fast – please submit forms promptly to secure a place.



We had a very enjoyable Parish Trip to Dundee on Monday. Our final Parish Trip of the year will be to Mount Stuart on Monday 16th October – sign up in the porch, spaces are likely to fill fast!

EXTRAORDINARY (EUCHARISTIC) MINISTERS We are very short of Extraordinary Ministers at the weekend Masses. If you would be willing to assist with distributing the Eucharist at whichever weekend Mass you normally attend, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more information.

We are also looking for more volunteers to visit the sick and housebound with the Eucharist. If you would be able to spare an hour or so each week to visit the housebound please speak to Clare Power, Fr Stephen, or Fr Kevin for more information.

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?

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN: Parents of children in primary 4 who will prepare to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to attend a meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall on Tuesday 24th October at 7 pm. Attendance at this meeting is important, as is regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

If you have not already informed the priests that your child would like to receive these sacraments, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin soon.

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 10.30 – 11.30) / Church House.

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

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2023



Recitalist:
Matthew Hynes
(St Columba's Church, Ayr)

Tuesday 10 October 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

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 30 September 6 pm	M Kirk, G McIntyre, H Rameckers	C Power, J Lennon, M McGrath, A Gorman, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 1 October 11 am	M Cunningham, B Shepherd, G McGee	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, A Neil, I Love	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Lizzie Heron	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters
Saturday 7 October 6 pm	A Davidson, K McGhee, M Kirk	F Donachie, C McGowan, M Steele, A Gorman, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 8 October 11 am	T Murphy, G Smith, R Doak	R Murphy, H Matthews, P Chigbo, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers