



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

## THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 15th October 2023

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### LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 15th – 22nd OCTOBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 14th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 15th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention /
	11.00 am	Mass	Pat Quinn (RIP) / Penelope Brady (Ann)
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 16th	8.15 am	Parish Trip Departs for Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute	
<b>No Mass in Kilmarnock today</b>			
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Eileen Docherty (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 18th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Farren, RIP	/ Elizabeth Farren (RIP)
Thursday 19th	6.00 pm	Mass	Francis Farren (RIP) / Special Intention
	7.00 pm	Mission Talk by Marianne Luchessi at St Matthew's Church	
Friday 20th	10.00 am	Mass	Elizabeth Farren (RIP) / Josephine & Malay Traynor (RIP)
Saturday 21st	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 22nd	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Elizabeth Reid (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	John Loughran (Ann) / 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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE** Our parishioners Peter Taylor and Elizabeth Farren have died. May they rest in peace. Elizabeth's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10.00 am. Peter's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th October (with a Vigil Reception on Monday 23rd at 6 pm).

**ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR** Choir Practices for Christmas will commence at 6 p.m. in the church on **Sunday 5 November** and continue thereafter each Sunday until 17 December (inclusive). Please note: there will be a final additional practice on **Thursday 21 December** at 7 p.m. New members welcome in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). The ability to read music is helpful but not essential.

**PARISH OUTING** This trip is now full. We will depart on Monday at 8.15 am and return to St Joseph's approximately 6.30 pm. The cost per person is £20, payable on the day.

**ANNUAL HALLOWEEN QUIZ** St Joseph's annual Halloween quiz will be held on Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets (£5) are on sale at the shop at the back of the church. Buffet included but bring your own drinks. Fancy dress is optional but encouraged.

**ST ANDREW'S NIGHT CELEBRATION/CEILIDH** This will be on Friday 24th November. Details and tickets available soon.

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

Thursday 19th October

Marianne Luchessi, **The Mission and Prayer**

Thursday 26th October

Lizzie Rea, **The Mission and Young People**

**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:** £1,008.25. **Building fund:** £695.15.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**OPENING OF SANCTUARY GARDEN AT CROSSHOUSE HOSPITAL:** Fathers Stephen and Kevin and Sister Juliet attended the opening of the Sanctuary Garden (next to the hospital Sanctuary [Chapel]) on Wednesday. They are photographed with members of the Ayrshire and Arran Spiritual Care Team. The garden is an oasis in the midst of a busy hospital and provides a calm, natural and beautiful outdoor space for reflection.



**PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA** The pilgrimage is now full – any further applications will go on a waiting list.

**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?

**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.

**FREE**

**Autism Awareness Information Evening**

Monday 23rd October  
7-9 pm

**It is estimated that more than 1 in 100 people have autism. Each has varying individual needs. Come along and find methods to support people with autism and their families within your church.**

**Kay Park Church  
London Rd,  
Kilmarnock KA3 7AA**

For tickets visit our Facebook Page:  
Reachout Together or go to  
<https://ReachoutAUT.eventbrite.co.uk>  
or contact  
[ktempleton@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ktempleton@churchofscotland.org.uk)




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

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 14 October 6 pm	G McIntyre, R Heron, E Heron	C McGowan, M McGrath, J Lennon, A Gorman, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 15 October 11 am	H Matthews, G McGee, P Nicholson	I Love, A Neil, L Dorrian, E Cunningham	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath
Saturday 21 October 6 pm	F Donachie, M Kirk, K McGhee	C Power, J Lennon, A Gorman, M Steele, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 22 October 11 am	G McGee, M Cunningham, L Hand	R Murphy, H Matthews, P Chigbo, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	H Matthews