



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd October 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 22nd – 29th OCTOBER 2023

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

| Date           | Time            | Gathering  | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)       |
|----------------|-----------------|--|---|
| 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                                   |   |
| Monday 23rd    | 10.00 am        | Mass   | Rosemary Grant (RIP) / Special Intention        |
|                | 6.00 pm         | Vigil Reception of Peter Taylor, RIP                                 |   |
| Tuesday 24th   | 6.30 pm         | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall                  |   |
|                | 10.00 am        | Requiem Mass for Peter Taylor, RIP                                   | Peter Taylor (RIP) / Peter Taylor (RIP)         |
|                | 11.00 – 1.00 pm | Community Café in St Joseph's Hall                                   |   |
| Wednesday 25th | 7.00 pm         | Meeting of Parents of P4 children for Sacraments in St Joseph's Hall |   |
|                | 10.00 am        | Mass   | Isobel Hanlon (RIP) / Fr George Donaldson (RIP) |
|                | After Mass      | Recitation of the Rosary   |   |
| Thursday 26th  | 6.00 pm         | Mass   | Agnes Cameron (RIP) / Elizabeth Reid (RIP)      |
|                | 7.00 pm         | Mission Talk by Lizzie Rea at St Matthew's Church                    |   |
| Friday 27th    | 10.00 am        | Mass   | Peter Murphy (RIP) / Anne Sinforiani (RIP)      |
| Saturday 28th  | 10.00 am        | Mass at St Matthew's Church  |   |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm  | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)                             |   |
| Sunday 29th    | 6.00 pm         | Vigil Mass   | Jim Carr (RIP) /                                |
|                | 11.00 am        | Mass   | John McGill (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.

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! Take home a copy of the Mission Month magazine and read about the projects Missio Scotland is supporting in Sri Lanka, such as: nourishing children physically and educationally, providing women who have suffered greatly in their lives with the chance to earn a livelihood as well as literally and spiritually building the Church there. Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer us the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor, and remind us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our Faith. The World Mission Sunday collection, taken up worldwide, ensures

that this life-saving and life-giving work can continue. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to the Church's work in mission countries and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity. See more at [www.missioscotland.com](http://www.missioscotland.com)

**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.

**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:** £1,013.91. **Building fund:** £40. **Mission Sunday:** £1. **Organ recital:** £332.20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 23rd October at 6.30 pm in the church hall.

**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. Few tickets have been sold so please buy them this weekend if you can support this event – any change to the event will be confirmed after the weekend on Facebook.

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

**OCTOBER MONTH OF MISSION TALKS** The last talk takes place in St Matthew's Church on Thursday at 7.00 pm.

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

**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.

**NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED** During the month of November the Masses will be offered for the faithful departed of the parishes. November Lists are available in the bulletin this weekend and more lists can be found at the back of the church. Please add the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month with a Mass offering, and place your list in the basket in front of the altar. The names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month will be inserted within the album at the altar.

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER** At 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 5th November, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. A letter will be sent to their families inviting them to attend.

**CEMETERY MASS** As we have done in previous years, Mass will be celebrated in Kilmarnock Cemetery (Grassyards Road) on Saturday 4th November at 11 am for all who are buried there. Dress appropriately for the weather, and you may wish to bring a deck chair or similar for those who are less able to stand. If the weather is particularly bad, Mass will be celebrated in St Matthew's church instead.

**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.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY:** We continue to pray for our young people and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. Next weekend we do this in a particular way as we begin the **Do This in Memory** programme at Sunday Mass. P4 children preparing for the sacraments are asked to gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass.

**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.

**ORGAN RECITAL** The next organ recital in St Joseph's is on Tuesday 7th November at 12 noon. It will be performed by Nicky Fraser of Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.

**AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS** Monday 23 October by Andrew Macintosh (Assistant Organist, St Andrews University). Monday 3- October by Alan Tavener BEM (St Bride's Episcopal Church, Kelvinside).

| MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK |                                  |   |                                       |                            |                                      |                     |                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|  | Readers                          | Minister of Communion                                 | Altar Servers                         | Sunday Teas                | Children's Liturgy                   | Welcomers           | Bidding Prayers |
| Saturday 21 October<br>6 pm                | F Donachie, M Kirk,<br>K McGhee  | C Power, J Lennon, A Gorman,<br>Sr Juliet, M McGrath  | Joseph, Lexi,<br>Maia, Antoni         |                            |                                      | Anne,<br>Michael    | H Matthews      |
| Sunday 22 October<br>11 am                 | G McGee, M Cunningham,<br>L Hand | R Murphy, H Matthews,<br>P Chigbo, J Shields          | Luca, Marilyn, Aidan,<br>Mark, Rachel | Anne & Mike<br>Timmons     | Anne & Lucie<br>Dorrian              | Paul,<br>Libby      | H Matthews      |
| Saturday 28 October<br>6 pm                | E Heron, R Heron,<br>G McIntyre  | F Donachie, G Rankin, L Rankin,<br>K McGhee, J Lennon | Joseph, Lexi,<br>Maia, Antoni         |                            |                                      | Claire,<br>Margaret | IHM Sisters     |
| Sunday 29 October<br>11 am                 | B Shepherd, T Murphy,<br>G Smith | I Love, A Neil, E Cunningham,<br>L Dorrian            | Luca, Marilyn, Aidan,<br>Mark, Rachel | E Cunningham,<br>Liz Heron | Pauline Ferguson,<br>Sophie Crawford | Eileen,<br>Dennis   | IHM Sisters     |