



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th October 2023

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 8th – 15th OCTOBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	Mass at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Special Intention / Special Intention
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 9th	6.00 pm	<b>Diocesan Youth Evening</b> at St Matthew's Church	
	10.00 am	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Katharina Bell, RIP	Sandra Niven (RIP) / Katharina Bell (RIP)
Tuesday 10th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention / Special Intention
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 11th	12.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Organ Recital</b> by Matthew Hynes	
	10.00 am	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Anne Sinforiani, RIP	Anne Sinforiani (RIP) / Anne Sinforiani (RIP)
Thursday 12th	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Andrea Doogan (RIP) /
Friday 13th	7.00 pm	<b>Mission Talk</b> by Archbishop Leo Cushley at St Matthew's Church	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention /
Saturday 14th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b> at St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 15th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Special Intention /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Pat Quinn (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> 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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE** Our parishioners Katharina Bell, Anne Sinforiani, Peter Taylor and Elizabeth Farren have died. May they rest in peace. Katharina's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10.00 am. Anne's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10.00 am. Arrangements for Peter and Elizabeth have still to be made.

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS** Today after Mass Alice and Anna have prepared fresh scones with jam and cream, please join us in the hall after Mass to enjoy them with a cup of tea or coffee.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENING** Young people from across the Diocese are invited to take part in a Diocesan Youth Evening at St Matthew's tonight. 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.

**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** The final Parish Minibus Trip for this year will take place on Monday 16th 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. 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](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:** £1,348.97. **Building fund:** £5. **Retired Priests:** £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**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**

**CONGRATULATIONS** We pass on our congratulations to Laurinda and José Luis, and Gary and Libby Rankin who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversaries on Monday of this week. Ad multos annos!

**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 12th October*

Archbishop Leo Cushley, **The Mission of the Church**

*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 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.

**The pilgrimage is close to full – when places run out 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.

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

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 7 October</b> 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
<b>Sunday 8 October</b> 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
<b>Saturday 14 October</b> 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
<b>Sunday 15 October</b> 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