



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 29th October 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER – 5th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	
Monday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Eddie Johnston (Ann) /
	10.00 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention /
	10.00 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 1st	9.30 am	Mass of All Saints in St Matthew's Church	
	11.00 am	Mass of All Saints in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	12.30 pm	Mass of All Saints in St Joseph's Church	Faithful departed / Faithful departed
Thursday 2nd	7.00 pm	Mass of All Saints in St Joseph's Church	Faithful departed / Faithful departed
	6.00 pm	Mass of All Souls	Faithful departed / Faithful departed
Friday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful departed / Faithful departed
	11.00 am	Cemetery Mass at Grassyards Cemetery	
Saturday 4th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed
	11.00 am	Mass	Those who have died during this last year
Sunday 5th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice – New members welcome	

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION On Tuesday, the Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. To help you fulfil the obligation, Masses will be celebrated at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm in St Joseph's, at 9.30 am in St Matthew's and 11.00 am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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. This 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.

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR Choir Practices for Christmas will commence at 6 p.m. in the church on **Sunday 5th November** and continue thereafter each Sunday until 17th December (inclusive). Please note: there will be a final additional practice on Thursday 21st 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.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT CELEBRATION/CEILIDH This will be on Friday 24th November. Three course meal, live music and Ceilidh dancing for those who wish! Tickets available at the shop in the porch. Cost £20.

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:** £1,115.06. **Building fund:** £14. **Mission Sunday:** £1,032.43.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

EXTRAORDINARY (EUCHARISTIC) MINISTERS We are 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 to find out what is required.

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 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.

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH Please note that from Sunday 5th November onwards Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be celebrated at 11.30 am.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRESENTS GUYS AND DOLLS St Joseph's Academy are excited to announce that their summer show for 2024 will be Guys and Dolls, so put Thursday 20th and Friday 21st into your diaries and come and join in the fun! More details and tickets will be available 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:
Nicky Fraser
(Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh)

Tuesday 7 November 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

KILMARNOCK FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES The next Fellowship service will feature a speaker from **Mission Aviation Fellowship** at 3 pm on Sunday 29th October at Winton Place Church. MAF is the world's largest humanitarian air service, which has been flying for over 75 years. MAF pilots fly aircraft in over 25 countries, reaching more remote destinations than any other airline of this kind. This charity delivers relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines – everything that can only be safely and speedily transported by air.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY There's lots coming up in the coming weeks, so save the date and join us when you can.

- Choir Rehearsals begin – Sunday 5th November
- St Andrew's Day Dinner – Friday 24th November
- Defibrillator Training – Sunday 3rd December
- Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December
- Altar Servers' Panto Trip – Friday 29th December
- Senior parishioners' Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th Jan

AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS Monday 30th 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 28 October 6 pm	E Heron, R Heron, G McIntyre	F Donachie, G Rankin, L Rankin, K McGhee, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 29 October 11 am	B Shepherd, T Murphy, G Smith	I Love, A Neil, E Cunningham, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters
Saturday 4 November 6 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, A Davidson	M Steele, Sr Mabel, A Gorman, F Donachie, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Saturday 5 November 11 am	R Doak, G McGee, P Nicholson	R Murphy, H Matthews, P Chigbo, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath