



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th November 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 5th – 12th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 4th	11.00 am	Cemetery Mass at Grassyards Cemetery	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 5th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed
	11.00 am	Mass	Those who have died during this last year
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 6th	6.00 pm	Choir Practice – New members welcome	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Tuesday 7th	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 8th	12.00 pm	Organ Recital by Nicky Fraser	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 9th	6.00 pm	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Friday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Saturday 11th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed /
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE Our parishioner Rose Allardyce has died. May she rest in peace. Rose's Requiem Mass will be offered on Friday 17th November at 10.00 am.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER At 11.00 am Mass this weekend we remember in our prayers and by name the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year. We welcome as well their families who join us for the Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available at the back of the church.

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 JOSEPH'S ACADEMY CHARITY APPEAL Altar server and Head Boy of the Junior School, Joseph Davidson, will be selling raffle tickets from this weekend and during November to help families in the school community at Christmas time. Prizes include an afternoon tea at Rowallan Castle, a 3-course meal for two at Salt and Barrel, Dominos Pizza, and a tour of Glasgow Central Station. Please support this effort of our local school as you are able.

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.

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.

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:** £1,200.63. **Building fund:** £60. **Mission Sunday:** £185. **SCIAF:** £220.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

**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

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.



NATIONAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE: The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has launched the Commission

for Marriage, Family and Life. The ministry of this Commission will be active in all of the dioceses of Scotland and the website www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk provides a valuable resource to support all families who look to the Church for teaching, pastoral care and inspiration.

WE HAVE, ON SITE, ON THE WALL OF THE CHURCH HALL, A DEFIBRILLATOR TO RESTART A HEART "The clock is ticking but my heart isn't- please give me a fighting chance."

What happens if a loved one or friend suffers a heart attack. Are you ready and able to help? How would you feel if they died in front of you were unable to do anything? With some heart massage (CPR) and use of the defibrillator training you could give them a fighting chance until the emergency services arrive.

Margaret McGrath, as a qualified first aider, will deliver a training session on Sunday 3rd December 2023 after Mass for

all those interested. All are welcome to arrive on the day – if you are able to let us know beforehand that you will attend please email kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE YOUTH

MINISTRY OFFICE: Young people from all parts are invited to come together and share faith and friendship at an event in St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 7SH) on Sunday 26th November. Beginning at 6 pm with Mass, pizza, activities and time together will follow, finishing with Night Prayer. Transport also available from Ayr and Saltcoats: scan the QR code for details. All is provided free of charge.



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.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE PRO-LIFE TEAM The Marriage, Family and Life Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland has established a new initiative to create a positive pro-life culture in our Catholic communities. Each diocese has nominated a representative to coordinate this initiative in their own diocese, and Helena Rameckers will coordinate in Galloway diocese. We are looking for a person/persons to link with this work from our parish and Fathers Stephen and Kevin invite you to speak to them if you feel called to support this ministry in our diocese.

Initially, this is likely to include helping to organise an online Rosary during Advent and attending a few online meetings to gather information and ideas from around the diocese. If you would like to find out more about what would be involved, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

Also, Helena is keen to link in with existing pro-life groups across the diocese and will be very grateful to hear from them. You can also contact Helena, our diocesan co-ordinator, directly by emailing prolife@gallowaydiocese.org.uk.

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
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sunday 26th November
- Defibrillator Training – Sunday 3rd December
- Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December
- Penance Service – Monday 18th December at 7 pm
- Altar Servers' Panto Trip – Friday 29th December
- Senior parishioners' Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th Jan

AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS Monday 6th November by Alan Kitchen (Wellington Church, Glasgow).

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Sunday 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
Saturday 11 November 6 pm	R Heron, E Heron, M Kirk	K McGhee, A Gorman, M McGrath, C Power, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Saturday 12 November 11 am	M Cunningham, H Matthews, B Shepherd	I Love, A Neil, E Cunningham, L Dorrian,	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	IHM Sisters, Emma O'Connell	Paul, Libby	H Matthews