



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th November 2023 – Remembrance Sunday

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 12th – 19th NOVEMBER 2023

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

| Date           | Time             | Gathering                                | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)     |
|----------------|------------------|--|---|
| Saturday 11th  | 10.00 am         | Mass at St Matthew's Church              |   |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm   | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |   |
| Sunday 12th    | 6.00 pm          | Vigil Mass                               | The faithful departed /                       |
|                | 11.00 am         | Mass                                     | The faithful departed / The faithful departed |
| Monday 13th    | After Mass       | Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall       |   |
|                | 6.00 pm          | Choir Practice – New members welcome     |   |
| Tuesday 14th   | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | The faithful departed / The faithful departed |
|                | 10.30 – 10.45 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |   |
| Wednesday 15th | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | /The faithful departed                        |
|                | 10.30 – 11.00 am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament       |   |
| Thursday 16th  | 11.00 – 1.00 pm  | Community Café in St Joseph's Hall       |   |
|                | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | /The faithful departed                        |
| Friday 17th    | After Mass       | Recitation of the Holy Rosary            |   |
|                | 6.00 pm          | Mass                                     | The faithful departed /                       |
| Saturday 18th  | 6.30 pm          | Vigil Reception of Rose Allardyce, RIP   |   |
|                | 10.00 am         | Requiem Mass for Rose Allardyce, RIP     | Rose Allardyce (RIP)                          |
| Sunday 19th    | 10.00 am         | Mass in St Matthew's Church              |   |
|                | 5.30 – 5.45 pm   | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |   |
| Sunday 19th    | 6.00 pm          | Vigil Mass                               | The faithful departed /                       |
|                | 11.00 am         | Mass                                     | 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** It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of parishioners Rose Allardyce and Colin McKay. May they rest in peace. Rose's Requiem Mass will be offered on Friday 17th November at 10.00 am, with a Vigil Reception at 6.30 pm on Thursday 16th November. Colin's Requiem Mass will be offered on Wednesday 13th December at 10.00 am with a Vigil Reception on Tuesday 12th December at 6.00 pm.

**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 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 JOSEPH'S CHOIR** Choir Practices for Christmas commenced on Sunday 5th November and continue each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church 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.



**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:** £1,305.36. **Building fund:** £10. **Scottish Catholic Education:** £10.

**SCIAF:** £6.24.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

## 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.

**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.

**SCIAF'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS** will be Celebrated by Bishop McGee, Bishop President of SCIAF and held at St Andrew's Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY on Thursday 23rd November at 1 pm. There will be light refreshments served in the Eyre Hall after the Mass.

Please join us to remember those who have shown so much support for SCIAF throughout their lives and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world in need of our help at this time.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the Mass, even if you are unable to attend, please contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email [getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto: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.



## HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN:

Last year Hillhouse supported 1,722 young people in East Ayrshire aged 16 and under by providing Christmas gifts to those most in need. When you are buying Christmas presents, can you



please remember the Hillhouse outreach? Most needed are:

- toys for children aged 7-16 years,
- pyjamas for 0 -16 year olds,
- boxer shorts and socks for teenage boys,
- toiletries for teenage girls (e.g. perfume, deodorant and make up)
- toiletries for teenage boys (e.g. shower gel, after shave, deodorant).

Please donate items in the box in the porch unwrapped before the beginning of December.

**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](mailto: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 13th November by Ciaran Walker (St Michael's Parish Church, Inveresk).

## MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

|                                      | Readers                              | Minister of Communion                              | Altar Servers                       | Sunday Teas         | Children's Liturgy          | Welcomers        | Bidding Prayers |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday 11 November</b><br>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      |
| <b>Sunday 12 November</b><br>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      |
| <b>Saturday 18 November</b><br>6 pm  | G McIntyre, A Davidson, F Donachie   | G Rankin, L Rankin, Sr Mabel, M Steele, K McGhee   | Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu |                     |                             | Anne, Michael    | IHM Sisters     |
| <b>Saturday 19 November</b><br>11 am | L Hand, G Smith, G McGee             | R Murphy, I love, P Chigbo, J Shields              | Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel  | Anne & Mike Timmons | Anne & Lucie Dorrian        | Eileen, Dennis   | IHM Sisters     |