



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 19th November 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 19th – 26th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	Service of the Word 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	
Monday 20th	6.00 pm	Choir Practice – New members welcome	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed /
Tuesday 21st	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 24th	6.00 pm	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the parish house	
Saturday 25th	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	7.00 pm	St Andrew's Day Dinner in St Joseph's Hall	
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 26th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	The faithful departed /
	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	
	6.00 pm	Diocesan Youth Evening in St Matthew's Church	

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 parishioner Colin McKay. May he rest in peace. 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 Joseph Davidson would like to thank all who supported the raffle which raised £370 from St Joseph's parish. The raffle will be drawn on 1st December.

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR Choir Practices for Christmas commenced 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.

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. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE will take place on Friday 1st December in Mount Carmel Primary School. There will be a wide variety of items on sale as well as a raffle – all are invited to join them. We are kindly looking for donations for the bottle stall, tombola as well as any raffle prizes. Aidan (altar server) and Conor can collect any donations after mass on Sundays.

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:** £1,123.32. **Building fund:** £770.16. **Organ Recital:** £201.70.

Mission Sunday: £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK Next Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Education week and pupils from our schools will assist at Mass and a speaker will address the congregation. There will be a special collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC HERITAGE COLLECTIONS TRUST (SCHCT) is working with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) to create a new museum of Scottish Catholic History. To do this the SCHCT is reviewing and updating its vision along with developing plans for a new museum. We would love your help by spending a few minutes answering a short survey. The survey can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/e/6D7EuB8EvU>.



The survey will be open till the end of the year and will be used to inform the design and vision of the new museum. A QR code has been attached to this email for you to share as well. The Blairs Museum's Facebook will also have a link to the survey which you can share if that is easier. Please feel free to email the SCHCT curator at jackie.masiunas@blairsmuseum.org or respond to this email if you have any additional questions.

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.

YOUTH EVENING: 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 gave 3774 presents to 1887 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?



- 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.

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

- St Andrew's Day Dinner – Friday 24th November, 7.00 pm
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sunday 26th November
- Defibrillator Training – Sunday 3rd December
- Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December, 2.30 – 3 pm
- Penance Service – Monday 18th December at 7 pm
- Christmas Masses: 24th December at 9 pm, 25th December at 11 am
- Altar Servers' Panto Trip – Friday 29th December, 12.30 pm
- Senior parishioners' Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th Jan 2024, 12.30 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 18 November 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
Sunday 19 November 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
Saturday 25 November 6 pm	K McGhee, E Heron, R Heron	F Donachie, J Lennon, A Gorman, C Power, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Saturday 26 November 11 am	P Nicholson, B Shepherd, T Murphy	I Love, A Neil, E Cunningham, L Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers