



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 26th November 2023

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER – 3rd DECEMBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 25th	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	
	After Mass	Hillhouse Christmas Fayre – all are welcome in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 27th	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	
	6.00 pm	Diocesan Youth Evening in St Matthew's Church	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Tuesday 28th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Wednesday 29th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 1st	6.00 pm	Mass	The faithful departed / The faithful departed
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	Baby Rory Hodge (RIP) / Gerry Campbell (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 3rd	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Lewis Orr (RIP) / Tommy Carolan (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Anne Sinforiani (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	After Mass	Defibrillator Training in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	

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 our parishioners Brian Farren, William McNulty and Colin McKay. May they rest in peace. Brian's Requiem Mass will be offered on Monday 4th December at 10.00 am. William's Requiem Mass will be offered on Wednesday 6th December with a Vigil Reception on Tuesday 5th December at 6.00 pm. 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.

91ST AYRSHIRE ST JOSEPH'S SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: The 91st Ayrshire (St Joseph's) Scout Group will be delivering Christmas cards within the Kilmarnock town area, Hurlford and Crookedholm only. All cards must be correctly addressed to ensure delivery. The cost is 40 pence per card. Collection points are Beaver, Cub and

Scout gatherings on 6th and 7th December; then at all Masses at St Joseph's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's Churches on 9th and 10th December. Deliveries will take place over the weekend of 16th/17th December. This fundraising effort is very important for the success of our Scout Group throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

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

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

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:** £896.18. **Building fund:** £42.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

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.

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS FAYRE: In St Joseph's Hall after Mass on Sunday 26th November. All are welcome.

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.

SPRED CHRISTMAS CAROLS: The Diocesan SPRED (Special Religious Development) team are singing Christmas carols at Ayr Central Shopping Centre on Thursday 21st December from 11 am – 1 pm. They invite you to join them to make a beautiful sound and remind people of the true meaning of Christmas. Please, singers, join them if you can.

OGGIE! OGGIE! OGGIE!: AGAP Theatre present the hit play, "Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!", a modern energetic twist on the Confessions of Saint Augustine. Written and Performed by Stephen Callaghan, the show was a huge hit at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. For one night only the Show will be performed in Saint Paul's Church Hall on Friday December 8th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £5 and are available NOW by calling 07495 347884 or online at www.oggie-ayr.eventbrite.co.uk (online booking fee applies). Tickets will also be available to buy in the parish soon. Suitable for age 12+ due to adult themes.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY FOR ADVENT: The Diocesan Marriage, Family and Life Office is offering an online Advent Rosary which will launch their work in our diocese. If you wish to attend the Rosary please email prolife@gallowaydiocese.org.uk and you will receive a link to join in the online prayer.

Wednesday 29th November at 8 pm – Joyful Mysteries
 Wednesday 6th December – Luminous Mysteries
 Wednesday 13th December – Sorrowful Mysteries
 Wednesday 20th December – Glorious Mysteries

JOB VACANCIES – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACNUK): Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) are looking for a **Community Fundraiser in Scotland** and a **Youth & Events Co-Ordinator in Scotland**. Both roles will raise awareness, generate prayer, and fundraise to support persecuted and forgotten Catholic faithful and other Christians around the world. More details about both vacancies can be found at www.acnuk.org >About Us >jobs at ACN. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to: HR@acnuk.org.

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

- 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

AYR "TOWN HALL" ORGAN RECITALS: The final recital of the 2023 series will take place tomorrow, Monday 27th November in the alternative venue of **St Columba's Church, Midton Road, Ayr**, by Matthew Hynes (Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist).

Matthew Hynes was the consultant for the St Joseph's Organ Restoration Project. You may wish to go along to support him and express our gratitude for his massive contribution to the musical life of St Joseph's.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Minister of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Sunday 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
Saturday 2 December 6 pm	A Davidson, E Heron, R Heron	A Gorman, Sr Mabel, M Steele, K McGhee, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 3 December 11 am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson, Margaret McGrath	Paul, Libby	M McGrath