



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 14th January 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 14th – 21st JANUARY 2024

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Gathering</i>	<i>Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)</i>
Saturday 13th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 14th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Pat McKeon (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
Monday 15th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Tuesday 16th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ John McCluskey (RIP)
Wednesday 17th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Gerry Kelly (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Friday 19th	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Tommy Carolan (RIP)
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the Parish House	
Saturday 20th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Ellen & Andy Clark (Ann.)
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 21st	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention /
	11.00 am	Mass (Children's Liturgy resumes today)	Special Intention /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Service in St Marnock's Church	
	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:** With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Agnes Colgan has died. May she rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are extended to Agnes' family. The Requiem Mass for Agnes will be on Monday 29th January at 10 am.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY:** Today our young parishioners continue their preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion with another of the special "Do this in Memory" Sundays. Children are asked to please bring your candles and gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass to walk in the procession.

We continue to pray for the children as they prepare to receive the sacraments later this year.

### BURNS NIGHT – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!:

Following the success of last year's Burns Night this year's will take place in the hall on **Saturday 27th January** at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the church hall. The programme is not too formal and there will be live music, entertainment, a three-course meal and the bar will be open. Tickets are available from the shop in the porch at £7 for adults, £5 for school children, under 10's are free. Tickets limited to 50 so please buy them soon. Donations of raffle prizes are welcome and can be left in the shop/Church house.

**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:** £674.08. **Weekly collection:** £1,460.81. **Justice & Peace:** £698.47. **Building Fund:** £55.

**Scottish Catholic Education Service:** £25. **Crib:** £30.70.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** Fr Stephen, Fr Kevin, and the Sisters visit Catholic patients in Crosshouse Hospital typically twice weekly. If you know of anyone in the hospital, please let us know by phone or email and they will be visited during our routine visiting. We are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted to hospital and so we rely on receiving the information from family and friends.

For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at [benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or on 01655 882145.

For urgent or emergency assistance from a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

**REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION:** If you have a child in primary three and would like for them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during 2024 and 2025 please register with the parish by email. When emailing, please include the name of your child, where you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion, and a statement of commitment to attend Sunday Mass with your child during the time of preparation and also after First Communion is received. Please do so no later than Tuesday 23rd January.

On Tuesday 30th January there will be a parents' meeting here in St Joseph's at 7.00 pm to explain more about the sacraments and the process of preparation. Attendance at this meeting is very important.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** The Community Café has resumed following the Christmas break. Come along for homemade soup, sandwich and cakes on Tuesdays between 11 am and 1 pm. **With a busier Café, we appeal for some more home baking to be donated on a weekly basis.** If anyone can help please contact Margaret McGrath on 01563 542130.

**ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT FRANK DOUGAN:** This will take place in St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan on Saturday 9th March at 11 am. More details regarding tickets will be available through the parish in due course. For those unable to attend the Ordination, there will be a ceremony in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Sunday 10th March, and, again, more details to follow.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 22nd January at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or pass the item to the parish house.

**SUNDAY COFFEES AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday coffees resume today. Please join us in the hall after Mass for a coffee and a chat. Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday (21st January).

**FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES:** St Marnock's Church will host a service at 3 pm on Sunday 21st January. The service this year has been prepared by Christians in Burkino Faso. A poor country even by West African standards, landlocked Burkina Faso has suffered from recurring droughts and military coups. Despite this troubled background, Christians there have chosen the theme of the Good Samaritan, reflecting the bonds that unite the whole human family, wherever we may live in the world. Please let Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin know if you would be willing to participate by leading a reading.

**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.

**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 – Sun 21 Jan, 6.00 PM (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- PPC Meeting – Mon 22 Jan, 6.30 PM
- Parish Burns' Supper – Sat 27 Jan, 7.00 PM
- First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting – Tue 30th Jan, 7.00 PM
- Childrens' Confirmation Retreat – Sat 10 Feb, 10.00 AM
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sun 11 Feb, 11.00 PM
- Ash Wednesday – Wed 14 Feb
- Confirmation Service – Thu 15 Feb, 7.00 PM (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kilmarnock*)

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 13 January 6 pm	R Heron, A Davidson, E Heron	F Donachie, M McGrath, Sr. Mabel, J Lennon, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu	-	-	Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 14 January 11 am	G Smith, B Shepherd, H Matthews	A Neil, J Shields, A Smith, P Chigbo	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	-	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers
Saturday 20 January 6 pm	M McGrath, M Kirk, K McGhee	E Rankin, G Rankin, M Steele, A Gorman, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu		-	Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 21 January 11 am	G McGee, E Bohan, M Cunningham	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	Anne & Gerry Smith	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath