



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21st January 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 21st – 28th 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 20th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Sandra Niven & Alex McDaid (Ann) /</i>
Sunday 21st	11.00 am	Mass (Children's Liturgy resumes today)	<i>Kathleen Chambers (RIP) / For the Parish</i>
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Service in St Marnock's Church	
Monday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Gordon Waddell (RIP) /</i>
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 – 6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
Tuesday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP) / John McKenna (RIP)</i>
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 24th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Peter Mason (Ann) / Margaret Cassidy (RIP)</i>
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 25th	6.00 pm	Mass	<i>Lizzie Johnston (Ann) / David Robertson (RIP)</i>
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the Parish House	
Friday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Mary McAvoy (RIP) / Catherine Colman (Ann)</i>
Saturday 27th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>/ Daniel Cannon (RIP)</i>
	7.00 pm	Burns Night in St Joseph's Hall	
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Mass	<i>For the Parish / For the Parish</i>
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	

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.

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 stall in the porch/Church house.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENING: The Diocesan Youth Evening originally scheduled for today (Sunday 21st January) **has been cancelled.** The next gathering will take place on Sunday 18th February at 6.00 PM in St Matthew's Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet tomorrow (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.

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: £674.08. **Weekly collection:** £1,024.25. **Justice & Peace:** £55. **SCIAF:** £120.

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 email (stephen.mcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or phone 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 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.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

Choir Practices for Holy Week and Easter will commence at 6 p.m. in the church on **Sunday 11 February** and continue thereafter each Sunday until 24 March (inclusive). Please note: there will be a final additional practice on **Wednesday 27 March** at 7 pm. New members welcome. The ability to read music, while helpful, is not a requirement of joining the choir. The choir will sing at the liturgies of: Holy Thursday (28 March); Easter Vigil (30 March); 11 am Mass on Easter Sunday (31 March); 11 am Mass on Second Sunday of Easter (7 April).

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: 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 early in February. 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.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES:

St Marnock's Church will host a service at 3 pm today (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.

HILLHOUSE THANK YOU:

We would like to thank everyone for all the pyjamas and gifts received in the run up to Christmas. In December 2023, we distributed 3,218 presents to 1,609 children living in Ayrshire, which we couldn't have done without the support of our community. We really appreciate the continued support from everyone at St Joseph's Church.

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

- 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
- Choir Practices begin – Sun 11 Feb, 6.00 pm
- Ash Wednesday – Wed 14 Feb, Masses in St Joseph's will be at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm.
- Confirmation Service – Thu 15 Feb, 7.00 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kilmarnock*)
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 18 Feb, 6.00 pm (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- Composition Concert by St Joseph's Academy and the Cumnock Tryst – Tue 20 Feb

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 27 January 6 pm	F Donachie, H Rameckers, A Davidson	C Power, K McGhee, J Lennon, C McGowan, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 28 January 11 am	R Doak, L Hand, E Maxwell	R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, A Smith	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	E Cunningham, L Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews