



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday 7th January 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 7th – 14th 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 6th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 7th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Special Intention /</i>
	11.00 am	Mass	<i>Robert John Mulhern (RIP) / John McCann (Ann.)</i>
Monday 8th	12.30 pm	Senior Parishioners' Christmas Dinner in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ For the Parish</i>
Tuesday 9th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Francis James McNally (Ann.)</i>
Wednesday 10th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Jessie Kelly (Ann.)</i>
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Friday 12th	6.00 pm	Mass	<i>/ Special Intention</i>
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the Parish House	
Saturday 13th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ William James Guy (Snr) (RIP)</i>
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 14th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>/ Pat McKeon (RIP)</i>
	11.00 am	Mass	<i>/ 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.

Please also keep the late Kathleen Chambers, Fr Martin Chamber's mother and the Chambers family in your prayers. The funeral Mass for Kathleen Chambers will take place in St Mary's, Irvine at 12 noon on Thursday 11th January.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: Next Sunday (14th January) 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, please

bring your candles and gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass to walk in the procession.

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 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:** £1,308.15. **Crib:** £62.22.

Christmas Collection: £985.44. Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: This resumes on Tuesday at 11.00 am. Please come and join us for a chat as we as a bowl of soup, sandwiches and cake. All are welcome.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION If your child will be starting primary school in August 2024 you must register them through the East Ayrshire Council website by Friday (12th January).

As a parish, we have close ties with St Andrew's Primary for both Sacramental preparation and Catholic education and would encourage you to strongly consider sending your child there. If you wish to have a look at the P1 classrooms in the school or to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 01563 549549.

CRIB APPEAL: The Crib Appeal supports the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. The pressure of the pandemic led to an increase in need for their services and, at the same time, the restrictions left them facing major funding gaps which threaten their ability to continue to offer these much-needed services. Donations may be left at the crib.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE: This Sunday we will reflect on the justice as an imperative for peace in the world. There will be a special collection for the work of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Please use the gift aid envelopes in your box as appropriate. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS: For those who have signed up already, a Christmas lunch will take place for the senior parishioners today, Sunday 7th January gathering at 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start.

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 or pass the item to the parish house.

SUNDAY COFFEES AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday coffees will resume next Sunday (14th January) and Children's Liturgy will resume the following 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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals are pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at stephenmcgrattan@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Fr Benjamin Mkeri at benjamin.mkeri@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01655 882145. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

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.

- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sun 14 Jan, 11.00 PM
- 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
- Children's Confirmation Retreat – Sat 10 Feb, 10.00 AM (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- 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 6 January 6 pm	G McIntyre, F Donachie, H Rameckers	M Steele, A Gorman, Sr. Juliet, K McGhee, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu	-	-	Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 7 January 11 am	E Maxwell, T Murphy, P Nicholson	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel	<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Holiday</i>	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters
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