



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th February 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 4th – 11th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 4th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention / Robert Kerr (Ann) /
	11.00 am	Mass	
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 7th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Gerald Donachie (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 8th	6.00 pm	Mass	Mary McAvoy (RIP) / Vaseem Mizra (RIP)
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the Parish House	
Friday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	Neil Murphy (RIP) / Diane Fallon (RIP)
Saturday 10th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Church (This week only)	
	10.30 – 2.00 pm	Children's Retreat Day for Confirmation in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Holly Fallon (RIP)
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	Mass	Tom Gallagher (Ann) & Joe Davidson (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	4.00 pm	World Day of the Sick Mass in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	
	6.00 pm	Choir Practices Begin (New members welcome)	

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9.30 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES: Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February this year. Starting on Monday 12th February and running Mondays thereafter throughout Lent we will be having a Lenten Discussion Series in the Hall. This will run from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. These meetings will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm in the Church for those who are able. The series will follow the popular Sycamore catechetical programme and is an opportunity to grow in Faith and knowledge of God during Lent. Sycamore uses video presentation to share content on a particular theme and then breaks to invite small group discussion. The topics are:

- 12th February – The Community of the Church
- 19th February – Baptism and Confirmation
- 26th February – The Holy Eucharist
- 4th March – Forgiveness, Healing and Mission

11th March – The Christian Vocations
18th March – The Social Teaching of the Church

All are welcome to come along and take part.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT:

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after morning Mass on Fridays during Lent until 4 pm. A list will be on the notice board inviting people to watch for half-hour long periods during the day. People are also welcome to drop in for quiet prayer during the day.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: Next Sunday (11th February) 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

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:** £1,179.06. **Building Fund:** £66.50. **Justice & Peace:** £20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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

RETREAT DAY FOR PRIMARY 4 CHILDREN: For the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be a retreat in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 10th February beginning with Mass at 10.00 am and lasting until 2.00 pm. Children should bring a packed lunch. Attendance at the retreat is an important part of preparation to receive the Sacrament. At the end of the retreat, from 2.00 pm, there will be a short parents' meeting to discuss arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, to take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Kilmarnock on Thursday 15th February at 7.00 pm.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS OF P4 CHILDREN RECEIVING CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024: Fr Stephen has contact details for the parents of Jude, Francesca, Harper, Joshua, Zachary, Eva. Can Sam's parents' contact details be sent to Fr Stephen please, along with the contact details of any other children who will receive First Holy Communion in St Joseph's?

ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT FRANK DOUGAN: On the weekend of 9th-10th March there will be two celebrations associated with the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Frank Dougan.

The Mass of Ordination will take place on Saturday 9th March at 11 am in the Church of St-Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. This venue was chosen on account of its capacity and entry will only be possible for those who have tickets. An allocation of tickets for each parish in the diocese for the Ordination Mass will be made known on Friday 16th February.

The Ordination Mass will also be broadcast live in the parish hall of St Peter-in-Chains and anyone who does not have a ticket will be welcome to attend in the hall until it is filled. Communion from the Ordination Mass will be distributed to the people in the hall and the bishop will go to the hall to impart his blessing on the congregation near the end of the Mass.

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed through the new Diocesan YouTube channel: @RCGallowayDiocese and on the Diocesan Facebook page: @GallowayDiocese.

On Sunday 10th March, Bishop Dougan will be received into St Margaret's Cathedral and will take possession of the Cathedra at a Mass beginning at 3 pm. Once again, an allocation of tickets for each parish in the diocese will be made known on Friday 16th February.

The Mass of Reception to the Cathedral will be livestreamed through the new Diocesan YouTube channel: @RCGallowayDiocese and on the Diocesan Facebook page: @GallowayDiocese.

A ballot will take place to allocate tickets for both Masses. If you would like to enter the ballot for a ticket for these events, please add your name to the list in the porch.

BURNS SUPPER: Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the very successful Burns Supper last Saturday. £839 was raised for the parish.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: Are you thinking about becoming a Priest in the Diocese of Galloway? The Diocese is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for

seminary. For more information please contact Fr Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: The Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass will be held on Sunday 11th of February at 4 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The Hospitalité looks forward to welcoming you, and if you wish to be anointed please make yourself known to a member of the Hospitalité team on arrival. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the hall and the AGM of Galloway Lourdes Hospitalité.

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).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available at the back of the church.

COMPOSITION CONCERT: We are very excited to welcome St Joseph's Academy and the Cumnock Tryst to St Joseph's along with members of the Scottish National Orchestra. Together they will perform an evening concert on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30 pm here in St Joseph's, performing pieces composed by students from St Joseph's Academy in collaboration with the Cumnock Tryst. Tickets are available from the stall in the porch and are free of charge.

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.

LOURDES QUIZ NIGHT AND RAFFLE: During the Easter week, parishioners Mark and Kieran O'Neill will be travelling to Lourdes as part of the HCPT Easter pilgrimage with Group 138 led by Fr Martin Chambers. They are fundraising to help take disabled and disadvantaged children and young people from Ayrshire.

In order to do so they are running a quiz night on 24th February in St Joseph's Church hall. Please come along for 7:30pm. £3 per person. No sign up needed, pay on the night. Teams of up to a maximum of 6 people. Raffle donations welcome. Cash prize to be won. BYOB and snacks!

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

- 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 3 February 6 pm	E Heron, M Kirk, H Rameckers	D Casey, F Donachie, K McGhee, C McGowan, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 4 February 11 am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	M Andrew, F McCann, R Murphy, A Neil	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	IHM Sisters, Emma King	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters
Saturday 10 February 6 pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, K McGhee	A Gorman, Sr Juliet, M Steele, J Lennon, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 11 February 11 am	B Shepherd, H Matthews, G McGee	J Shields, A Smith, P Chigbo, E Cunningham	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anne & Mike Timmons		Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers