



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th February 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 11th – 18th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 10th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Church (This week only)	/ Holly Fallon (RIP)
	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)	
Sunday 11th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Paddy McGarvey (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Tom Gallagher (Ann) & Joe Davidson (RIP)
	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	
Monday 12th	6.00 pm	Choir Practices Begin (New members welcome)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Agnes Colgan (RIP) / Kate Morran (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 13th	6.30 – 7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Lenten Discussion Series on The Community of the Church in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Wednesday 14th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.30 pm	Mass for Ash Wednesday	William Gallagher (Ann) /
Thursday 15th	7.00 pm	Mass for Ash Wednesday	/ McGlone Family (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Mass	John & Cathy Murphy (Ann) / Corry Family (RIP)
Friday 16th	7.00 pm	Confirmation Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Lawrence Stewart (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.50 am	Station of the Cross	
Saturday 17th	10.50 – 4.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 18th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Peter & Janette Campbell (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee 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.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday, 14th February, marks the beginning of Lent. Masses in St Joseph's will take place at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm. Please make an effort to begin Lent with Mass and the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Irene McDonnell has died. May she rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are extended to Irene's family. Irene's mortal remains will be received into the Church on Monday 19th February at 6 pm, her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 20th February at 10 am.

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:

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: £683.31. **Weekly collection:** £1,220.36. **Building Fund:** £85.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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: 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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE: On Friday at Mass there will be an act of atonement with prayers for those who have suffered abuse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MARTIN CHAMBERS: On Friday 2nd February it was announced, that Pope Francis has nominated Fr. Martin Chambers as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld. He will succeed Bishop Stephen Robson who was Bishop of Dunkeld from 2013 to 2022 when he retired on health grounds, since when it has been administered by Fr. Kevin Golden.

We wish Fr. Martin well and assure him of our prayers as he prepares to embark on his new ministry in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

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, Ardrrossan. 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.

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



LENT EXTRA MAGAZINE: In this year’s *Lent Extra* magazine you will find: 47 daily reflections to help you get ready, remain hopeful and faithful this Lent; discussion points that pose practical guidance for thoughtful prayer; and engaging articles. You will be offered a magazine as you leave church today.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Choir Practices for Holy Week and Easter commence tonight at 6 pm 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).

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 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.

- 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 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
Saturday 17 February 6 pm	M McGrath, K McGhee, M Kirk	G Rankin, E Rankin, Sr Mabel, D Casey, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 18 February 11 am	M Andrew, F McCann, E Bohan	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, P Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anne & Gerry Smith	Pauline Ferguson, Sophie Crawford	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews