



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

## THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 10th March 2024

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### LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 10th – 17th MARCH 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 9th	11.00 am	<b>Ordination of Fr Frank Dougan as Bishop</b>	in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	/ Alex McGarrity (RIP)
Sunday 10th	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	in St Joseph's Hall
	3.00 pm	<b>Mass of Reception of the Cathedral</b>	for Bishop Dougan in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
	6.00 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Monday 11th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	
	6.30 – 7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	7.00 – 8.00 pm	<b>Lenten Discussion Series</b>	on The Christian Vocations in St Joseph's Hall
Tuesday 12th	10.00 am	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	for Vincent Cygan, RIP / Vincent Cygan (RIP)
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b>	in St Joseph's Hall
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Fitzpatrick (RIP) / William James Guy, Snr (RIP)
	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
Thursday 14th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Msgr. Edward Traynor (Ann) / Agnes Nicholson (Ann)
	6.30 pm	<b>RCIA</b>	in the Parish House
Friday 15th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	/ Special Intention
	10.30 am	<b>Parish Minibus Trip</b>	to New Abbey
	10.30 – 10.50 am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	10.50 – 4.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	in St Matthew's Church
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Helen McMahon (Ann) /
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	in St Joseph's Hall
	6.00 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	

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 parishioners Vincent Cygan and Patsy Doherty have died. May they rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are extended to their families and friends. Vincent's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 12th March at 10 am. Patsy's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 20th March at 10 am. May they rest in peace.

**SCIAF SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The annual SCIAF collection will be taken this weekend. Please give generously and complete the gift aid envelope if you wish SCIAF to reclaim 25% of tax already paid on your donation – **you must write your details on the envelope for this.**

**LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES:** On Mondays 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 follows 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. All are welcome. The topics are:

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

**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:** £683.31. **Weekly collection:** £1,556.31. **Building Fund:** £5. **Holy Places:** £10.

**Xaverian Fathers Mission:** £10. **SCIAF:** £22.02.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Please note that there will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday of this week since the organ is undergoing tuning and essential maintenance. Adoration will be as normal on 22nd March.

**MINIBUS TRIP:** There are still a few spaces available, if you would like to come, please add your name to the list. **We will leave on Friday 15th March from St Joseph's at 10.30 am (Please note the later departure time),** please arrive by 10.20 am to allow us to leave in good time. The cost is £15.00 per person, payable on the day.

**ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT FRANK DOUGAN:** We were delighted to celebrate the ordination of Bishop Francis Dougan as the ninth bishop of Galloway yesterday in St-Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. We welcome him to the Diocese and pray for him as he embarks on his new ministry. Saint Ninian, pray for him.



**SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY:** Our patronal feast this year falls on Tuesday 19th March. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am where we will be joined by student representatives from St Andrew's primary school. There will also be the inaugural Organ Recital in our 2024 series by Ciaran Walker at 12.00 pm.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** The Kilmarnock Churches Lenten Penance Service will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th March at 7.00 pm in St Matthew's Church, Grassyards Road.

Lent is a wonderful time to rediscover the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation through which God forgives us our sins, without condition and without reserve. It is not only for those times when we may commit grave sin, but for all times – no matter the gravity of our sins, they always harm our relationship with God in some way. This harm is then restored and healed through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you are unable to attend, there are also regular opportunities for the sacrament here in St Joseph's on Monday mornings after Mass, and on Saturday evenings between 5.30 – 5.45 pm – you can also approach Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin any time to request the sacrament and to arrange a time.

**MESSAGE FROM KIERAN AND MARK O'NEILL:** The Lourdes quiz night fundraiser for group 138 as part of HCPT charity took place on 24th February. The night was a big success as we managed to raise £1,100, which is the total fare for one young person. On behalf of group 138, a special thanks goes out to Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin for allowing us to hold the fundraiser in the hall. A big thanks to Margaret McGrath for her help in setting up and keeping us right on the night! Thank you also to St Joseph's Parishioner Lily Rosa for her help on the night too! Finally, thanks to all of those who attended and donated from St Joseph's, our fellow Kilmarnock parish's, our local community and family and friends. The support we receive from our wider community is truly humbling. Thank you!

**EASTER EGG APPEAL:** Joseph Davidson, altar server and Head Boy of the Junior School at St. Joseph's Academy, is collecting Easter eggs for families in the local community. Any donations would be gratefully appreciated and can be left in the box in the porch.

**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](mailto: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](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.

**ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK—THE RESTORED  
HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903, 2023)**

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2024**

**Special St Joseph's Day Recital**



*Recitalist:*  
**Ciaran Walker**  
*(St Michael's Church, Inveresk)*

Tuesday 19 March at 12 noon  
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA3 IHB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of music on the church's recently restored 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

**Admission Free - Retiral Collection**

*Soup, sandwiches and cakes available in the church hall from 11 am*

**No booking required - Just come along**

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

- Parish Minibus Trip to New Abbey – Fri 15th Mar
- Kilmarnock Churches Penance Service – Tue 19th Mar, 7.00 pm (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sun 24th Mar, 11.00 am
- First Reconciliation – Mon 25th Mar, 7.00 pm
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 14th Apr, 6.00 pm (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)

**SAVE Us, SAVIOR**

*Mass of St. Gregory the Great  
Luke Mayernik*



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MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 9 March</b> 6 pm	A Davidson, M Kirk, E Heron	Sr Mabel, D Casey, F Donachie, A Gorman, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 10 March</b> 11 am	G Smith, G McGee, B Shepherd	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, P Dorrian	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anne & Gerry Smith	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath
<b>Saturday 16 March</b> 6 pm	F Donachie, H Rameckers, M Kirk	C Power, J Lennon, M McGrath, M Steele, K McGhee	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 17 March</b> 11 am	H Matthews, M Andrew, F McCann	M Andrew, F McCann, R Murphy, J Shields	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters, Emma O'Connell	Paul, Libby	H Matthews