



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 17th March 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 17th – 24th MARCH 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 17th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Helen McMahon (Ann) / For the Parish / For the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	
Monday 18th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm	Choir Practic	
	10.00 am	Mass	Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP) / Spec Intention
Tuesday 19th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.30 – 7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Lenten Discussion Series on The Social Teaching of the Church in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph	Msgr E Traynor (RIP) / David Robertson (RIP)
Wednesday 20th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.00 pm	Inaugural Organ Recital by Ciaran Walker	
	7.00 pm	Penance Service in St Matthew's Church	
Thursday 21st	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Patsy Doherty, RIP	Patsy Doherty (RIP) / Patsy Doherty (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Mass	Bob McCloskey (Ann) / Agnes Colgan (RIP)
Friday 22nd	6.30 pm	RCIA in the Parish House	
	10.00 am	Mass	Brian Farren (RIP) / Msgr James Cunningham (RIP)
Saturday 23rd	10.30 – 10.50 am	Stations of the Cross	
	10.50 – 4.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 24th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Passion/Palm Sunday	Francis Farren (Ann) / Mary Murray (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass of Passion/Palm Sunday	John McGill (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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Patsy Doherty has died. Our condolences and prayers are extended to her family and friends. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 20th March at 10 am. May she rest in peace.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES:** The final evening in our Lenten Discussion series will take place tomorrow night, this week looking at The Social Teaching of the Church. Even if you've not been along so far, please feel free to join us in the Hall at 7.00 pm, or for Adoration beforehand from 6.30 pm.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY:** Our patronal feast falls on Tuesday of this week. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank at 10.00 am where we will also 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.

Please make a special effort to attend Mass on our patronal feast.

**MASS OF CHRISM:** Bishop Frank will celebrate his first Mass of Christ as our new Bishop in St Margaret's Cathedral on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 pm. At this Mass the oils for use in the Sacraments will be blessed and consecrated. All welcome.

**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:** £1,030.21. **SCIAF:** £1,496.94.

**Xaverian Fathers Mission:** £10. **Peter's Pence:** £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



**ORDINATION OF BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN:** We were delighted to celebrate the ordination of Bishop Francis Dougan as the ninth bishop of Galloway on Saturday 9th March in St-Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. We welcome him to the Diocese and look forward to welcoming him to the Parish on St Joseph's Day. There are still commemorative prayer cards available in the porch for you to take away after Masses

this weekend. We continue to pray for him as he embarks on his new ministry. Saint Ninian, pray for him.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** The times of the liturgies are:

**Palm Sunday, 23rd /24th March:** 6 pm (Vigil) and 11 am

**Holy Thursday, 28th March:** 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, 29th March:** 12 noon – Stations for Children

10.45 am: Walk of Witness, starting at the Salvation Army Hall

12 noon – 3 pm: Ecumenical Vigil at New Laigh Kirk

3 pm: Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

7 pm: Stations of the Cross

**Easter, 30th/31st March:** 8.00 pm (Easter Vigil), 11 am (Sunday)

**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.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY:** Next Sunday (24th March) 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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St Paul's Church, Hurlford on Sunday 7th April at 2 pm. This service will include the Sacrament of reconciliation, veneration of image and mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend. For more information, contact Isobel on 07827796779.

**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 1HB

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.

- 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
- Parish Minibus Trip to New Lanark – Mon 8th April
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 14th Apr, 6.00 pm (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)

SAVE US, SAVIOR

*Mass of St. Gregory the Great  
Luke Mayernik*



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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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 16 March 6 pm</b>	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 11 am</b>	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
<b>Saturday 23 March 6 pm</b>	A Davidson, E Heron, K McGhee <b>Passion:</b> F Donachie N, G McIntyre C, Choir [C], Fr Stephen Jesus	E Rankin, G Rankin, Sr Juliet, Sr Mabel, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Maia, Antoni, Ravindu			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 24 March 11 am</b>	E Bohan, M Andrew, G McGee <b>Passion:</b> F McCann N, G Smith C, Choir [C], Fr Stephen Jesus	A Neil, A Smith, P Chigbo, E Cunningham	Luca, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Ryan	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters