



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Sunday 31st March 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 31st MARCH – 7th APRIL 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 30th	8.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday</b>	John Lennon (RIP) / Robert McWhinnie (RIP)
		<i>Reminder: The clocks go forward one hour on Easter Sunday morning.</i>	
Sunday 31st	11.00 am	<b>Mass of Easter Sunday</b>	For the Parish / For the Parish
Monday 1st	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Kathleen Loughray (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Tuesday 2nd	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	/ Sarah Ellen McCann (Ann)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 3rd		<b>No Mass in St Joseph's this morning</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	
Thursday 4th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Jim McClue (RIP) /
Friday 5th	10.00 am	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary McGowne</b>	Mary McGowne (RIP) /
Saturday 6th	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>	/ Fr Willie Slavin (RIP)
Sunday 7th	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish / For the Parish
	2.00 pm	<b>Divine Mercy Service and Mass</b> in St Paul's, Hurlford	

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



### EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DOUGAN:

On Easter Sunday, I will travel to Lourdes with the HCPT Pilgrimage along with people from this diocese and thousands from the UK, Ireland and beyond.

One important message for any pilgrimage is that the Lord is present the whole

time, not just during the liturgical celebrations and that the most profound moment a person has might just be during a casual conversation over coffee. God is there at all times, and we have to be ready for him. So it is with the Risen Lord at Easter. He is certainly present in the great celebrations of Holy Thursday,

Good Friday and Easter. But he doesn't want us to package him up and leave him in those moments alone. The mystery and the joy of the Resurrection is that the Risen Lord is with us in every moment including the day-to-day. So, don't save your 'Alleluias' for Mass alone. Christ is Risen! The darkness was never able to extinguish his light. This is news that everyone needs to hear, and we are the ones to tell them.

In Lourdes this year, we will celebrate the theme 'Let Your Light Shine'. We are all called to reflect the light of the Risen Christ to all those around us, so be brave and let the joy of Easter into every part of your lives.

Happy Easter. Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

+ Frank Dougan  
Bishop of Galloway

**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:** £1,305.28. **SCIAF:** £200. **Holy Places:** £57. **Organ:** £42.65

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR STEPHEN AND FR KEVIN:** Happy Easter! The celebrations of Holy Week and Easter remind us of the sorrows and joys of our faith. With the disciples on Good Friday we mourn the death of Jesus; on Easter Sunday we rejoice in his resurrection to new life. We take comfort too in knowing that in our sufferings Jesus is with us, and that with Jesus we too will experience resurrection. Whatever sorrows we experience now, we are never abandoned by God. As Jesus bore his cross, may we too bear the heavy cross of suffering that weighs upon our shoulders. May we persevere in faith and never doubt that the joy of Easter eclipses our Good Friday.

The Holy Week and Easter liturgies are the highlight of the Church's year. They have been particularly beautiful and uplifting. This is no accident and has been the fruit of much preparation. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the liturgies: the choir and organists, the altar servers, the readers and Eucharistic ministers, the sacristans, the flower arrangers, the Scouts, and everyone else who has given of their time and talent. May the glory of Easter bring new blessings to you and to your families!

Congratulations to Jasmin Bobko who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (CHORAL MASS):** On Sunday 7th April, the Second Sunday of Easter and the Octave Day of the Easter Feast, the choir will sing once again at the 11 am Sunday Mass. During Mass a new devotional painting of St Michael the Archangel, especially commissioned for St Joseph's Church, will be unveiled and blessed. All are very welcome.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you of the deaths of Mary McGowne and Neil Laird. May they rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are extended to their families and friends. Mary's Requiem Mass will take place at St Joseph's at 10.00 am on Friday 5th April. Neil's Requiem Mass will take place at St Joseph's at 10.00 am on Monday 15th April, with a Vigil Reception on Sunday 14th April at 6 pm.

**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.

**PARISH MINIBUS TRIP TO NEW LANARK:** The next Parish Minibus Trip will take place to New Lanark on Monday 8th April. We will celebrate Mass at 10.00 am in St Joseph's

following which we will leave for New Lanark. On arrival at New Lanark we will have lunch as a group, before having an opportunity to explore the wonderful surroundings of the village. We will return to St Joseph's for approximately 6.00 pm. The cost per person is £20, payable on the day and includes lunch and admission to the village. If you would like to take part, please sign up in the porch.

**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 the Divine Mercy image and mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend.

**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.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Holy Saturday 30 March 8 pm	H Matthews, K McGhee, F McCann, G McGee, M Andrew	F Donachie, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Luca, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Easter Sunday 31 March 11 am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, L Hand	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, P Dorrian	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel			Theresa, Alan	M McGrath
Saturday 6 April 6pm	A Davidson, G McIntyre, M Kirk	M Steele, K McGhee, C McGowan, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 7 April 11am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	M Andrew, F McCann, P Dorrian, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne and Mike Timmons		Paul, Libby	H Rameckers