



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 7th April 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 7th – 14th APRIL 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 6th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 7th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Fr Willie Slavin (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
Monday 8th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Service and Mass in St Paul's, Hurlford	
Tuesday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	Josephine Skilling Jarvis (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 am	Parish Minibus Trip to New Lanark departs	
Wednesday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	Sarah Hall (RIP) / Sr Imelda James (Ann.)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 11th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Friday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	Esther Murphy (RIP) / Vincent Cygan (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Saturday 13th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Neil Laird (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass	Noreen Anne Lochtie (RIP) / Murdoch McGuire (RIP)
Sunday 14th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 14th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John Casey (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
Sunday 14th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for Neil Laird, RIP	
Sunday 14th	6.00 pm	Diocesan Youth Evening in St Matthew's Church	

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 of the death of Neil Laird. May he rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are extended to his family and friends. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (CHORAL MASS): Today, 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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: Next Sunday (14th April) 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.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENING: The Diocesan Youth Office invites all young people aged P7 and above to join them for their Easter Youth Evening at St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock on Sunday 14th April at 6.00 pm. The night will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank, followed by pizza and games, and ending with night prayer at 8.30 pm. There is no charge for this event so please come along and join us.

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:** £1,431.71. **Holy Places:** £718.56.

Mission: £45.00. **Building Fund:** £10.00. **SCIAF:** £170.00.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Pope Saint John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter in 2000. On this day we are invited to reflect and to give thanks in a particular way to God for his boundless mercy and goodness, that out of his love for each of us he forgives us our sins and transgressions if we seek his forgiveness with a true and contrite heart.

This Feast builds upon nineteen apparitions of Christ to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The apparitions took place over a period of several years starting in 1931. In one of the early apparitions, Christ asked Saint Faustina to have an image drawn of what she had seen – this image is today the Divine Mercy image. During subsequent apparitions she was encouraged by Christ to spread devotion to and knowledge of his Divine Mercy as widely as she was able.

On this day it is possible to receive a plenary indulgence, that is the remission of temporal punishment for our past sins. In order to receive this indulgence, the faithful have to: attend Confession in the week prior or following the Feast, receive the Eucharist, offer prayers for the intentions of the Pope, and take part in prayers to the Divine Mercy with a sincere and complete detachment from sin.

NEW LAIGH KIRK'S "MUSIC FOR ALL": New Laigh Kirk invites everyone who loves good music to come to a free concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 20 April, when the guest artist will be Alastair McDonald, a well known folk singer, who has been described as "Scotland's leading musical minstrel". This is the first afternoon concert in New Laigh Kirk's Music for All series.

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.

EASTER EGGS: Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs to Joseph Davidson's collection, over 100 eggs were donated. These were given to families in the St. Joseph's Academy community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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) 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 or on 01655 882145.

For **urgent or emergency assistance from a chaplain** please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.

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 14th Apr, 11.00 am
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 14th Apr, 6.00 pm (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- Solemnity of the Ascension (Holy day of obligation) – Thu 9th May
- Children's Retreat for First Communion – Sat 11th May, 10.00 am (*St Matthew's, Kilmarnock*)
- Parish Minibus Trip to St Andrew's – Fri 17th May

St Paul's RC Church, Hurlford
St Paul's RC Church, 53 Galston Road, Hurlford, KA1 5HT



Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday 7th April, 2024

Please come and join us in celebrating this most wonderful Feast.



Program
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Adoration and Confession

3.00 pm
Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image

3.20 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet

4.00 pm
Holy Mass

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." —Diary 48

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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
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 Matthews
Sunday 7 April 11am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	M Andrew, F McCann, P Dorrian, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	E Cunningham, L Heron	-	Paul, Libby	H Matthews
Saturday 13 April 6pm	K McGhee, E Heron, H Rameckers	Sr Mabel, D Casey, F Donachie, A Gorman, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 14 April 11am	L Hand, E Maxwell, T Murphy	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne and Mike Timmons	-	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters