



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Sunday 19th May 2024**

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 19th – 26th MAY 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 19th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Alex McDavid (Ann) / Isabel McAvoy (Ann) /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Isabel McAvoy (Ann) /
Monday 20th	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Isabel Hanlon (RIP) /
Tuesday 21st	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Robert Kerr (Ann) / Sarah Ellen McCann (RIP)
Wednesday 22nd	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	
Thursday 23rd	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Sarah Gerry McBride (RIP) / Special Intention
	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
Friday 24th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP) /
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Stephen Moran (RIP)
Saturday 25th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 26th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	David Shephard (RIP) /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Sam & Peter Duff (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	

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

**APPEAL FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Demand for the Parish foodbank has been increasingly notably over recent weeks at a time when donations of food have also been decreasing. This puts increasing pressure on the society to try and fund purchases of food in order to keep producing food bags for those in need in our community. They ask that, if possible, you please consider donating either full food bags, or individual items. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in the box in the church porch. The contents requested for a food bag are:

- 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 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available on the [rckilmarnock.org.uk](http://rckilmarnock.org.uk) website and at the back of the church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL:** We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with the young people from our Parish on the 2nd June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. They are asked to remain in the church after the Masses this weekend (18/19 May) for a brief rehearsal and to allow for any questions to be answered.

**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:** £1,293.31. **Building Fund:** £500. **SCIAF:** £40.

**Ecclesiastical Students Fund:** £7. **Communications:** £808.63.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

We continue to remember the children and their families in our prayers at this time as they finish their preparations to receive Christ in the Eucharist into their hearts and become full members of God's family.

**MONTH'S MIND FOR FR MARTIN CHAMBERS, RIP:** Bishop Frank will celebrate the Month's Mind Mass for the eternal repose of Fr Martin Chambers, RIP in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's, Troon on Thursday 30th May at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

**ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRESENTS 'GUYS AND DOLLS (JUNIOR)'**: Tickets on sale now! Scan the QR Code below or go to: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls).

**St Joseph's Academy presents...**

**Guys and Dolls Jr.**

Based on a Story and Characters by Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by FRANK LOESSER

Book by JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS

**Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June 2024**  
**7pm**  
**Tickets: £10/£8**

Scan to get your tickets today!

Guys and Dolls Jr.  
\*Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

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

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2024**

*Recitalist:*  
**Alessandro Bianchi**  
(St Edward's Church, Lugano, Switzerland)

Tuesday 18 June 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*

**DISABILITY FORUM:** Under the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches, there is a Disability Forum to consider and account for the additional needs of our church members such as hearing, autism, wheelchair access. It would be good for St Joseph's to be represented on this Forum. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

**PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA:** We invite you to join Catholics across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in a **Novena For Life** from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation, praying for the protection of human life. Sign up to the Novena at [prayforlife.ie](http://prayforlife.ie) for your daily intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The Feast of the Visitation is a celebration of joy in new life, even in challenging circumstances, and we pray for a return to a society that values and protects all human life from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Novena will lead up to our annual **Day for Life** on Sunday 16th June 2024 of the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

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

- First Communion – Sun 2nd Jun, 11 am Mass
- IHM Feast Day – Sat 8th Jun, 10 am (St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock)
- Information evening for pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela – Sun 9th June at 5 pm in church hall
- Parish Minibus Trip to Inverary Castle and Gardens – Fri 14th Jun
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 16th Jun, 6.00 pm (St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock)
- Organ Recital by Alessandro Bianchi – Tue 18th Jun, 12.00 pm
- "Guys and Dolls" at St Joseph's Academy – Thu 20th and Fri 21st Jun at 7pm (See noticeboard for tickets)

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 18 May 6pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, H Rameckers	Sr Juliet, Sr Mabel, D Casey, F Donachie, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 19 May 11am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	M Andrew, F McCann, P Dorrian, D Custodio	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne Mackie, Alice Murphy	Pauline Ferguson, Emma O'Connell	Paul, Libby	M McGrath
Saturday 25 May 6pm	H Rameckers, M McGrath, F Donachie	J Lennon, C McGowan, C Power, M Steele, K McGhee	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 26 May 11am	B Shepherd, E Bohan, G McGee	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne & Gerry Smith	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews