



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 26th May 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 26th MAY – 2nd JUNE 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 25th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 26th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ David Shephard (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	Sam & Peter Duff (Ann) / For the Parish
Monday 27th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Peter Casey (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 28th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Fr Tom McNulty (RIP)
Wednesday 29th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	Jan Ocwieja (RIP) / Catherine Gaffney (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 31st	No Mass in St Joseph's today		
	7.00 pm	Month's Mind Mass for Fr Martin Chambers in OL & St Meddan's, Troon	
Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Mass	Luca Bui (Ann) / Catherine Gallagher (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 2nd	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Eddie King
	11.00 am	Corpus Christi Mass with First Communion	Luca Bui (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI (Next Sunday): Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ instituted the Eucharist, the gift of himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity for all of us at the Last Supper as his continuing presence among us. When we receive him in the Eucharist we are truly receiving him and we are strengthened and sustained by him for our journey through life. It is this gift of the Eucharist which we give thanks for and celebrate in a particular way next Sunday.

At our 11.00 am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion for 10 of our young parishioners who have been preparing all year for this most joyous occasion. We look forward to welcoming them and their families on this most special day. Please be aware when you arrive at the church next Sunday that the front 10 rows in the centre of the church will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

Following the 11.00 am Mass we will have a Eucharistic procession (weather permitting) from the Church and through the grounds, ending with Solemn Benediction in the garden. To allow for the procession, parts of the car park will be closed, however for next week only additional car parking will be available in the Microtech car park next door to the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council minutes are available on the rckilmarnock.org.uk website and at the back of the church.

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.

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:** £1,298.57. **Building Fund:** £105. **Apostolate of Life:** £5.

Ecclesiastical Students Fund: £5. **Communications:** £51.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRESENTS 'GUYS AND DOLLS (JUNIOR)'

Tickets on sale now! Join the staff and students of St Joseph's Academy as they take you on a journey all the way from Kilmarnock to the streets of Times Square to Havana and back again. Tickets are on sale now, £10 for adults, £8 for children – but get them fast before they're gone! Scan the QR Code below or go to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls.



FENWICK CHURCH CONCERT: Glasgow Cathedral Choral Society will perform in Fenwick Church on Saturday 8th June at 4 pm. Music will include choral classics and a selection of short pieces by C.V. Stanford (in the centenary year of his death). All welcome. Suggested donation £5.

PARISH FUN DAY: On **Sunday 11th August** there will be a Parish Fun Day after 11 am Mass with a bouncy castle and games for the children, face-painting, home baking, hot rolls and more. All welcome.

SPRED: Share an evening with SPRED - Tuesday 4 June, 7-9pm, St Matthew's Church Hall, Kilmarnock. Admission by ticket, available from members at £2, or pay on the night. Price includes tea etc. An evening of activities, praise and entertainment. Raffle on the night. Donations of raffle prizes and home baking gratefully received. An opportunity to have fun, learn something about the work of SPRED, and to support us financially.

SPRED Diocesan end of session Mass celebrated by Bishop Dougan. St Matthew's Church, Sunday 23 June at 3pm. Tea served after in Church Hall. All very welcome. Donations of home baking very welcome too.

SPRED Kilmarnock meets in St Matthew's but serves Friends from all Kilmarnock Parishes and beyond. Our Current Friends live in St Matthew's, St Joseph's and St Paul's Parishes. There is currently space in the group for another one or two special needs Friends so if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, please let me know. Volunteer Faith Friends also always very welcome! Contact Kathleen Jones, 07513048722.

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 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
- 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 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
Saturday 1 June 6pm	A Davidson, E Heron, M Kirk	M McGrath, A Gorman, F Donachie, Sr Mabel, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 2 June 11am	M Cunningham, R Doak, L Hand	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters