



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 12th May 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 12th – 19th MAY 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 11th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	Harry Sammons (RIP) / Patrick McGuire (Ann)
	10.30 – 2.00 pm	First Holy Communion Retreat Day in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 12th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish /
	11.00 am	Mass	Catherine Gallagher (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 13th	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Foy (Ann) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 – 6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 14th	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Robert Lobban, RIP	Robert Lobban (RIP) /
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am	Mass	Fr Martin Chambers (RIP) /
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 16th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention /
	9.00 am	Parish Minibus Trip to St Andrews departs	
Friday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	Kathleen Sinclair (RIP) /
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 18th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Alex McDaid (Ann) /
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Mass	Isabel McAvoiy (Ann) /
	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.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: Today is the 58th World Communications Day.

This year Pope Francis has chosen, as the theme for Communications Sunday: **Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.**

Through our websites, publications and social media channels, the Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church.

There will be a special collection taken at Masses this weekend to support the work of communications for the Church in

Scotland. Please use the gift aid envelope in your set as appropriate. Thank you for your support.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Robert Lobban has died. Our condolences and prayers are extended to his family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 14th May at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

CLERGY CHANGES: Bishop Frank has announced the following clergy changes within the Diocese:

- Fr William Boyd, currently Parish Priest of St Mary's and St John Ogilvie's Parishes, Irvine, becomes Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's, Troon; St Quivox, Prestwick; and St Ann's, Mossblown.
- Fr Stephen Latham, currently Parish Priest of St Quivox', Prestwick and St Ann's, Mossblown, becomes Parish Priest

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:** £1,252.90. **Building Fund:** £60.

Ecclesiastical Students Fund: £30. **Communications:** £25.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Beith; St. Brigid's, Kilbirnie; and St. Palladius, Dalry.

- Fr Mark Kelly, currently Parish Priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Beith; St. Brigid's, Kilbirnie; and St. Palladius, Dalry, becomes Parish Priest of St Mary's and St John Ogilvie's Parishes, Irvine.

These changes will take effect from the first weekend in June. We wish all of the priests and parishes involved in the changes well and assure them of our prayers.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community café returns as normal this Tuesday from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm. Come and join us for a bowl of homemade soup, sandwiches, home baking and a chat. If you're able to donate any home baking in support of the Café, you can drop this off in the church or at the parish house from Sunday onwards.

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:

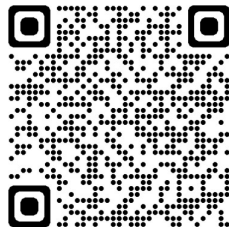
- Cans of soup
- Canned meals, e.g. beef bolognese, chilli con carne, chicken supreme, Fray Bentos style pie
- Pasta / tinned potatoes / rice
- Tinned fruit / vegetables / beans
- Cartons of long-life milk (UHT)
- Tinned hotdog sausages
- Tinned sardines / mackerel fillets / tuna
- Biscuits
- Toilet 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: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 13th May at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage.

ASSISTED SUICIDE – CALLED TO CARE, NOT TO KILL:

Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.



HALL HIRE: Did you know that our parish hall is available for hire for occasional events? If you've a big event coming up – whether it's a significant birthday or a big family gathering – the

hall is available for rent at competitive rates. By hiring the hall, you're able to support the continuing mission of St Joseph's, and in particular the ongoing works and maintenance of the hall. Most recently, the funds raised through the café and hall hire have enabled us to renew all of the lighting in the main hall area, making it brighter and more energy efficient.

If you're interested in finding out more, please speak to Margaret McGrath or call 01563 542130.

ORGAN RECITALS: The next organ recital in St Joseph's will be performed by Alessandro Bianchi (who has played here twice before) on Tuesday 18th June at 12 noon.

In the meantime, Ronan McQuade will perform with students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland at St Columba's Church, Ayr on Monday 13th May at 12 noon. All welcome.

Then, Ciaran Walker, who played the St Joseph's Day recital this year, will perform his final music degree recital in Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh on Tuesday 14th May at 12 noon. Ciaran has extended a warm invitation to anyone from St Joseph's to join him in Edinburgh that day.

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.

AYRSHIRE FIDDLE ORCHESTRA: At New Laigh Kirk, Kilmarnock on Friday 17th May. Doors open at 7 pm. Entrance free with retiral collection for church restoration. All welcome.

ST SOPHIA'S, GALSTON: Beetle Drive on Friday 31st May at 7 pm in St Sophia's Church Hall. All welcome.

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.

- Parish Minibus Trip to St Andrews – Fri 17th May
- 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 – Fri 14th Jun
- Diocesan Youth Evening – Sun 16th Jun, 6.00 pm (*St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock*)
- "Guys and Dolls" at St Joseph's Academy – Thu 20th and Fri 21st Jun

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 11 May 6pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	M McGrath, K McGhee, G Rankin, E Rankin	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 12 May 11am	R Doak, L Hand, E Maxwell	R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, A Smith	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters, Sophie Crawford	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers
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