



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi  
Sunday 2nd June 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 2nd – 9th JUNE 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 2nd	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Eddie King /
	11.00 am	<b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> with First Communion	Luca Bui (Ann) /
Monday 3rd	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Thomas and Margaret McKinstery (Ann) /
Tuesday 4th	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	John McGee (Ann) /
Wednesday 5th	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 6th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Hugh Gallagher (RIP) /
	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>	
Friday 7th	1.30 pm	<b>Memorial Mass for Luca Bui</b>	Luca Bui (Ann) /
	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	with the staff and students from St Andrew's Primary School Helen Gilliland (RIP) /
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Donald McCormick (RIP) /
	10.00 am	<b>IHM Feast Day Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	Fr Martin Chambers (RIP) /
Sunday 9th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Patricia Koop (RIP) /
Sunday 9th	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.00 pm	<b>Information Evening for Santiago Pilgrims</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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Today 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We welcome the children who will this morning receive the Sacrament of First Communion, and extend a warm welcome to their families and friends who have gathered to join them for this wonderful celebration. As a parish, we offer our congratulations to all of the children who are

making this important step in becoming full members of God's Holy church.

On Sunday 23rd June rolls and sausage will be served in the church hall after 11 am Mass. All are welcome to come and celebrate with the children who have made their First Holy Communion and their families.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** Following Mass this morning we will have a Eucharistic procession from the Church and through the grounds, ending with Solemn Benediction in the garden. Please join us in celebrating and giving thanks to God for his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist.

**APPEAL FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Demand for the Parish foodbank has been increasingly notably over recent weeks

**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:** £988.36. **SCIAF boxes:** £1,621.52. **Communications:** £2.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

**SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:**

The annual feastday of the Sisters is on Saturday, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass will be celebrated in St Matthew’s Church on Saturday 8th June at 10 am followed by tea/coffee and cake in the parish hall. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this joyful occasion and to support Sisters Rose, Mabel and Juliet.

**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](http://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.

**SANTIAGO/FATIMA PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION**

**EVENING:** On Sunday 9th June at 5 pm there will be an information evening in St Joseph’s church hall for the pilgrims who will travel to Santiago de Compostela and Fatima in September. A light buffet will be served.

**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*

**AYR TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL:** Monday 10th June at 12 noon, performed by Henry Wallace (Northumberland).

**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.

- 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)
- Parish Fun Day – Sun 11th Aug

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children’s Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 1 June</b> 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
<b>Sunday 2 June</b> 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
<b>Saturday 8 June</b> 6pm	H Rameckers, G McIntyre, F Donachie	J Lennon, C McGowan, A Gorman, M McGrath, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
<b>Sunday 9 June</b> 11am	F McCann, T Murphy, M Andrew	I Love, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Mike Timmons Alice Murphy	IHM Sisters, Caithlin Mulhern	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers