



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th June 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 9th – 16th JUNE 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	<b>IHM Feast Day Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	Fr Martin Chambers (RIP) /
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 9th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Patricia Koop (RIP) /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Baby Rory Hodge (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 10th	5.00 pm	<b>Information Evening for Santiago Pilgrims</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Dr Winifred Kisitu (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 11th	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	John Donagher (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Wednesday 12th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention / Fr Tom McNulty (RIP)
	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>	
Thursday 13th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP) / Catherine Gaffney (RIP)
Friday 14th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Maria Laird (RIP) / Fr Martin Chambers (RIP)
Saturday 15th	12.00 noon	<b>First Anniversary Mass for Bishop Taylor, RIP</b> in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	/ Special Intention
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 16th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Anne Sinforiani (RIP) / For the Parish
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	
	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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Peter Scott has died. Our condolences and prayers are extended to his family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25th June at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR BISHOP TAYLOR:** This will take place on Friday 14 June at 12 noon in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

**MINIBUS TRIP TO INVERARY: THIS TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED** Owing to a change in volunteer availability the minibus trip, originally planned for Friday 14th June, has been cancelled. We apologise for the late notice but look forward to our next minibus trip on Friday 19th July.

**A MESSAGE FROM FR KEVIN:** I returned to the parish this week having been receiving treatment in hospital for a little over a week. Over the coming weeks I will be in the parish but resting and recovering. I look forward to returning to full ministry in the fullness of time, but will be less visible whilst I am recovering. I

am grateful for the prayers and good wishes received whilst I have been unwell.

**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.

**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

**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:** £1,261.30. **Communications:** £10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

- 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls).

**MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY:** The Parent Council has organised a sponsored sing and dance day to raise funds for the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust in memory of Fr Martin. Conor McLaughlin will take part and if you wish to sponsor him there is a form at the shop in the porch.

**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*

**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:** Thank you to the parishioners who supported the SPRED information evening last week and for contributions of baking etc. Next event SPRED Mass with Bishop Dougan on Sunday 23rd June at 3 pm in St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock.

**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.

- Information evening for pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela – Sun 9th June at 5 pm in church hall
- 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)
- Minibus Trip – Fri 19th July
- 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 8 June 6pm</b>	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 11am</b>	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
<b>Saturday 15 June 6pm</b>	K McGhee, A Davidson, M Kirk	F Donachie, M McGrath, C Power, C McGowan, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 16 June 11am</b>	H Matthews, G McGee, F McCann	M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath