



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th June 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 16th – 23rd JUNE 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass	Anne Sinforiani (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	Frank Braddick (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Jim Carr (RIP) / David Robertson (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 19th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Tommy Carolan (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm	Mass	Rona McCann (Ann) / Holy Souls
Friday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	Emmett King (RIP) /
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	John McKenna (RIP) /
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am	Mass	Moirá McCluskey (Ann) / Charles O'Hare (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.

**CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Next Sunday after 11 am Mass, rolls and bacon will be served with tea, coffee and juice after Mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the children socially as a parish. All are welcome.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you that our parishioner Peter Scott has died. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25th June at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

**SPANISH CLASSES:** A weekly Spanish class intended for the Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela will begin on Friday 21st June at 2 pm in St Joseph's hall. Please take along a notepad and pen.

**DAY FOR LIFE 2024:** Today the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland marks our annual Day for Life, established by Pope Saint John Paul II to recognise the value of human life at every stage and condition, and to draw attention to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia and other aspects of human life deserving our consideration. In recent years our Day for Life Collection has helped fund our traditional pro-life

organisations as well as supporting survivors of sexual abuse and those with addictions and caring for refugees and asylum seekers. This year's theme, The Lord is My Shepherd, focuses on Compassion and Hope at the End of life against current efforts to legalise assisted euthanasia. To read the Bishops' Message and moving testimony of a hospital chaplain please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> There will be a special collection at Masses this weekend for the work of the Bishops' Conference on issues pertaining to the dignity of human life.

**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 above or go to: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjoacguysanddolls).



**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:** £1,190.72. **Apostolate of Life:** £40. **Peter's Pence:** £10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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*

**ALESSANDRO BIANCHI  
ORGAN RECITAL TOUR OF AYRSHIRE**

In addition to the recital indicated above there will be recitals  
by Alessandro taking place as follows:

- Sunday 16th June, 7 pm: St Columba's Church, Ayr
- Monday 17th June, 12 noon: Ayr Town Hall
- Wed 19th June, 12 noon: St John's RC Church, Cumnock
- Wed 19th June, 7 pm: St Peter-in-Chains RC Church, Ardrossan

**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.

**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 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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:** Young people of ages 11+ are invited to St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock for a gathering to reflect on "God the Father" on Sunday 16th June at 6 pm. Begins with Mass followed by pizza and activities and concluding with Night Prayer at 8.30 pm. Information from [youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@gallowaydiocese.org.uk).



**SPRED:** Next event is an end-of-term SPRED Mass with Bishop Dougan on Sunday 23rd June at 3 pm in St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock.

**FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES SERVICE:** The next Fellowship ecumenical service will take place in Fenwick Church at 3 pm on Sunday 30th June. The theme will be serving persecuted Christians around the world. Guest speaker will be Chris Greenhalgh of the Open Doors charity. Please represent our parish at this event.

**ELECTION HUSTINGS DEBATE:** The Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches has organised a Hustings Debate at the Howard Centre on Portland Road on Friday 28th June at 7 pm. The seven standing Westminster candidates have been invited to join a panel to answer questions on the issues which concern voters. All welcome.

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

- 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 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
<b>Saturday 22 June 6pm</b>	F Donachie, H Rameckers, M McGrath	K McGhee, M Steele, Sr Mabel, J Lennon, G Rankin	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 23 June 11am</b>	M Andrew, M Cunningham, R Doak	F McCann, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne & Gerry Smith	Pauline Ferguson, Emma King	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews