



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd June 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 23rd – 30th JUNE 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	Moirra McCluskey (Ann) / Charles O'Hare (Ann)
	After Mass	Bacon Rolls, Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	SPRED Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Monday 24th	10.00 am	Mass	Peter Thomson (Ann) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 25th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Peter Scott, RIP	Peter Scott (RIP) / Peter Scott (RIP)
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Norrie Cobb (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 27th	6.00 pm	Mass	Stan Harrison (RIP) / Eddie King (Ann)
Friday 28th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Alice Dempster (RIP)
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
Saturday 29th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Rose Allardyce (RIP)
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Mass	Robert Mulhern (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Service in the Fenwick Church	

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:** Today 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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you of the deaths of Peter Scott and Mary Connolly. Peter's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25th June at 10 am. Mary's funeral service will be on Wednesday 3rd July at 12.30pm in St Joseph's. May they rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the staff and students of our local secondary school, St Joseph's Academy, on the resounding success of their first school show in decades, Guys and Dolls. Many of our young parishioners were involved on stage, and a

few of our older parishioners were helping out backstage. If you saw it, I'm sure you'll agree a great night was had by all, and if you missed it, keep an eye out for next year's show!

**SR MARILYN JULIET, IHM:** Sister Juliet has returned to Nigeria for the summer in anticipation of making her perpetual vows as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in September. She will spend several weeks on retreat as she prepares, we remember her in our prayers as she prepares for this wonderful occasion.

**SPANISH CLASSES:** A weekly Spanish class intended for the Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela (although others are welcome) is running on Fridays at 2 pm in St Joseph's hall. Please take along a notepad and pen.

**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:** £1,149.99. **Apostolate of Life:** £683.76. **Ecuador Trust:** £100.

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.

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL:** The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (29th June) falls on a Saturday this year and will be transferred to Sunday 30th June. There is no obligation to attend Mass on 29th June as in other years. There will be a special collection at masses next weekend for Peter's Pence. The Peter's Pence collection supports the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.

It also supports the aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development. For more information see: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html>.

**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:** 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.

**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 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

- Minibus Trip – Fri 19th July
- Parish Fun Day – Sun 11th Aug
- National Pilgrimage to Whithorn – Sun 25th 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 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
<b>Saturday 29 June 6pm</b>	E Heron, M Kirk, A Davidson	Sr Juliet, D Casey, C McGowan, K McGhee, M McGrath	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 30 June 11am</b>	L Hand, G Smith, T Murphy	H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Alice Murphy, Anna Mackie	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters