



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th July 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 28th JULY – 4th AUGUST 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 27th	10.00 am	Service of the Word and Communion in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Greg Cooper (RIP) /
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Mass	/ Molly Ferguson (RIP)
Monday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Daniel Geelan (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 30th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Anne Bechelli, RIP	Anne Bechelli (RIP) / Anne Bechelli (RIP)
Wednesday 31st	10.00 am	Mass	Pat McGivney (RIP) / Jenny McCulloch (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 1st	6.00 pm	Mass	James Heron (Ann) / Agnes Colgan (RIP)
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	Agnes Fyfe (RIP) / Special Intention
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
Saturday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Mary McGowne (RIP) /
Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Mass	People of the parishes /

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, Anne Bechelli, has died. Anne's Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 30th July at 10.00 am. May she rest in peace.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver thank you for your support for their appeal last weekend, a total of £1,014 was raised in support of their work. To learn more about their work and to find out how you can support them, see their website: www.claveriansisters.com.

COVER FOR MASS: You may not see Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin together as regularly at St Joseph's during the coming weeks since they will be assisting in various parishes to provide cover for Mass.

SUMMER BREAK: The Community Café will take a break during the school holidays, resuming on Tuesday 27th August. The Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will not take place during the month of July but will resume in August.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life invites you to join them in celebrating this day on Sunday 28th July 2024 at the Marian Shrine, Carfin, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

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.

We are looking for donations of home baking and volunteers to work in the kitchen and in the various stalls. If you are able to assist, please sign up in the porch or speak to Margaret McGrath.

WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE: The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 25th August. This year marks the centenary of the re-establishment of the modern pilgrimage after the Reformation in its current form. Given the particular significance of this year the Bishops of

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:** £1,271.08. **Building Fund:** £70. **Peter's Pence:** £40.

Annual Mission Appeal: £1,014. **SCIAF:** £100. **Organ recital:** £287.10. **New Lectionary Donations:** £1,545.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

Scotland have decided to mark this anniversary by making the 2024 pilgrimage a national event and people from all parts of Scotland are invited to take part.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank on the beach at 4 pm, and at the church in Whithorn by Bishop Joseph Toal from Motherwell at 4.45 pm. A coach will travel from St Joseph's for those who wish to take part, although you can also travel independently if you prefer. We're keen to have as many pilgrims as possible at the beach this year and so, if you're free, please do join us – a sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard in the porch. Cost £10 for adults to pay on the day, children free. Stop for fish and chips on journey home – paid separately. Please bring a packed lunch.

THE SAMARITANS: Colin Cox's grandson Euan is cycling from John O'Groats to Land End to raise money for the Samaritans, especially towards their support of those who consider suicide. If you would like to sponsor this, Colin will be available in the porch after the Vigil Mass.

BREAST CANCER CARE AFTERNOON TEA: Frances McCann would like to invite you to a lovely afternoon tea in the church hall on Saturday 24th August 2024 from 1-3pm. This is to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care UK which is a wonderful charity supporting those suffering from breast cancer. Tickets are on sale today from the stall priced £5.00 each. There will be lots of lovely home baking, sandwiches and sausage rolls plus raffle tickets will be on sale on the day. There will also be a glass of Prosecco on arrival! Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Your support is much appreciated - thank you.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 1st September with Mass at 3 pm. The principal celebrant will be the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Mauro Buendia, and the homilist will be Bishop Frank Dougan. A bus will run from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock for anyone wishing to participate, leaving at 1 pm. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you wish a place on the coach. Cost £10 for adults to pay on the day, children free.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST TO CUT GRASS: Would you be able to volunteer to cut the grass beside the garages? We have a cordless lawnmower which is battery charged with a grass collecting bin attached. If a few people volunteer the burden is easier on all. Please speak to Dennis Graham or Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

APPEAL FOR MORE WELCOMERS: Would you like to volunteer to welcome people and distribute the newsletter etc at Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass? Please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL RENOVATION: St Margaret's Cathedral will be closed from Monday 22nd July to Friday 9th August inclusive for painting and redecoration. All liturgies will take place at St Paul's, Ayr.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE: On Saturday 7th September from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm there will be a conference on the theme of "hope and acts for creation" hosted by the Care for Creation Office. The conference will take place in St Margaret's, Raploch, Stirling and is free of charge but registration is required. If you would like to attend representing St Joseph's, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

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 happening in the weeks ahead, so save the date and come and join us for as many events as you can:

- Parish Fun Day – Sun 11th August
- Organ Recital by Robin Bell – Tue 20th August, 12.00pm
- National Pilgrimage to Whithorn – Sun 25th August
- Parish Minibus Trip – Fri 30th August
- National Pilgrimage to Carfin – Sun 1st September

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 27 July 6pm	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, E Heron	J Lennon, A Gorman, M Steele, D Casey, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 28 July 11am	B Shepherd, G McGee, H Matthews	F McCann, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters
Saturday 3 August 6pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	C McGowan, M McGrath, C Power, M Steele, K McGhee	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 4 August 11am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers