



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st July 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 21st JULY – 28th JULY 2024

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Gathering</i>	<i>Mass intention</i> (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 20th	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	<i>Peter Doherty (RIP) /</i>
Sunday 21st	11.00 am	Mass	<i>Canon Denis Quinlan (Ann) /</i>
	1.00 pm	Mass for the Sick	<i>For the Parish / For the Parish</i>
Monday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Sarah Barbour (RIP) / Special Intention</i>
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Rose Allardyce & Michael O'Donnel (RIP)</i>
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 24th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Janet Chukwy (Ann) & Eunice Maduka (Ann)</i>
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 25th	6.00 pm	Mass	<i>Michael & Theresa Corry (RIP) /</i>
Friday 26th	10.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Special Intention</i>
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
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	<i>Greg Cooper (RIP) /</i>
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Mass	<i>/ Molly Ferguson (RIP)</i>

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: This weekend we welcome the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver. They will speak at both Masses about their mission which they describe as: "Our apostolate of missionary animation, understood as informing and forming the People of God for Mission, is carried out by arousing everyone to missionary cooperation in order to procure for missionaries the spiritual and material means necessary for the evangelisation of peoples." A second collection will be taken up in aid of their mission and work. For more information about their mission and to find out how you can support them, see their website: www.claveriansisters.com.

MASS FOR THE SICK: There will be Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick celebrated today at

1.00 pm followed by a light lunch in the church hall. This is for all those who bear ongoing sickness and ill health of body and mind. Please make an effort to bring those who cannot often get to Church to this celebration of healing of body, mind and spirit.

If anyone wishes to attend but is unable to arrange transport, a minibus will be running from the church. Please email or phone the parish to request a seat.

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.

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:** £1,067.67. **Building Fund:** £720.79

Peter's Pence: £40. **Apostolate of Life:** £20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.

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 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. Please bring a packed lunch.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN: The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 3rd September with Mass at 3 pm. The principal celebrant will be the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Maury Buendía, 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.

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.

A NEW LECTIONARY: The Lectionary is the book (divided over four volumes) of Scripture readings which are used on weekdays and Sundays and other particular occasions throughout the Church's liturgical year. To proclaim the Word of God. From the First Sunday of Advent 2024, the translation of the Lectionary will change to the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible. The new Lectionaries will incorporate readings for the feasts of saints added to the calendar since 1981 when the previous (Jerusalem Bible) Lectionary was published. The present Lectionaries, now over 40 years old, are in a deteriorating condition. The choice of the ESV-CE translation incorporates modern biblical scholarship. New Sunday Missals will be available for purchase from around October.

Thank you to those who have sponsored the costs of the New Lectionary.

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.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK							
	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 20 July 6pm	H Rameckers, M McGrath, F Donachie	C Power, K McGhee, M Steele, Sr Mabel, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 21 July 11am	L Hand, G Smith T Murphy	H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Paul, Libby	H Matthews
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 Dorian, D Custodio	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters