



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th August 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 11th – 18th AUGUST 2024

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

| Date           | Time             | Gathering                                | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie) |
|----------------|------------------|--|---|
| Saturday 10th  | 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 11th    | 11.00 am         | Mass                                     | Mary Gibson (RIP) / For the parish        |
|                | 12.00 pm         | Parish Fun Day                           |   |
| Monday 12th    | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | Hugh Paterson (Ann) /                     |
|                | 10.30 – 10.45 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) |   |
| Tuesday 13th   | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | Special Intention /                       |
|                | 10.30 – 11.00 am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament       |   |
| Wednesday 14th | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | Special Intention /                       |
|                | After Mass       | Recitation of the Rosary                 |   |
| Thursday 15th  | 12.30 pm         | Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption | Mary Dourish (Ann) /                      |
|                | 7.00 pm          | Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption | People of the parish /                    |
| Friday 16th    | 10.00 am         | Mass                                     | Brenda Szumlakowski (RIP) /               |
|                | 2.00 pm          | Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall      |   |
| Saturday 17th  | 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 18th    | 11.00 am         | Mass                                     | Patricia Dougan (RIP) /                   |
|                | 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.

**PARISH FUN DAY:** Today after Mass we will be having our Parish Fun Day with a bouncy castle and games for the children, face-painting, home baking, hot rolls and more. Please stay after Mass and join us as we celebrate our community.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation. To assist you to fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on this feast, there will be Masses in St Joseph's at 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm on Thursday.

**SUMMER BREAK:** The Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will resume on 18th August.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process to support and share faith and Catholic teaching with those who are preparing to join the Church. Anyone interested in joining the

Catholic Church is invited to make themselves known to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. Meetings to prepare those who wish to join the church will begin in September. Please also let anyone you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic. And why not evangelise and ask people you think are curious whether they would come along and find out more about the Catholic faith?

**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.

**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:** £1,222.56. **Building Fund:** £944.21.

**July accounting:** Income: £15,858.45. Expenditure: £36,836.26 (includes part payment for re-pointing work on house).

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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. **The coach is now full.** For those on the coach please bring a packed lunch. Fish and chips on the way home in Girvan – paid separately.

St Joseph's parish will lead the singing at the pilgrimage and any members of the parish choir who will be attending the pilgrimage on the shore are asked to join the musicians' tent to enhance the singing.

**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 is the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Mauro Buendía, and the homilist is Bishop Frank Dougan. A bus will run from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, 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.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN:** Parents of children in primary 4 who will prepare to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to attend a meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall on **Tuesday 24th September at 7 pm.** Attendance at this meeting is important, as is regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

In anticipation of beginning preparation to receive the Sacraments in the coming year, we would ask that you register with the parish by emailing [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) including the name of your child and the school they attend. Please do this before **Friday 13th September.**

**ORGAN RECITALS:** Our own Raymond McCluskey will perform the Ayr Town Hall organ recital on Monday 12th August at 12 noon. The next organ recital in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, is by Robin Bell (St Leonard's School, St Andrews) on Tuesday 20th August at 12 noon. All are welcome.

**MINIBUS TRIPS:** The next minibus trip will take place on Friday 30th August to the House of the Binns near Linlithgow, the ancestral home of the Dalryells family for some 400 years. We will leave St Joseph's after 10.00 am Mass, stopping for lunch en-route (not included, please bring a packed lunch or there will be a café where you can buy something). We will then tour the House of Binns and have time to explore the grounds before returning to St Joseph's. The cost per person is: £14 (National Trust for Scotland Members) or £24 for non-members.

The minibus trips are open to all parishioners, young and old, and are a great opportunity to meet new people and to get to know one another better. Even if you haven't come before, please feel free to sign up and join us for the next trip.

**NEW ROTAS:** New rotas for Children's Liturgy and Teas and Coffees are available at the shop. New volunteers are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 26th August at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email [kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk](mailto:kilmarnock.stjoseph@gallowaydiocese.org.uk) or pass the item to the parish house.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We are very grateful to all of the young people in the parish who volunteer as altar servers for our

Sunday Masses. We always welcome more volunteers; if you have made your First Communion and would be interested in becoming an altar server, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

**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.

**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.

**HILLHOUSE LADIES AFTERNOON TEA:** Hillhouse are having a Ladies Afternoon Tea in the Kay Park Parish Church Hall on Saturday 7th September from 2 pm – 6 pm. Tickets cost £15 and include afternoon tea and glass of fizz. There will be a fashion show, ladies quiz and lots of fun! For tickets please call 01563 523362 or email [mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk](mailto:mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk). Any donations of home baking would also be gratefully received. Thank you.

**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 01563 521832 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.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

|                               | Readers                          | Ministers of Communion                                   | Altar Servers                            | Sunday Teas               | Children's Liturgy       | Welcomers        | Bidding Prayers |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday 10 August 6pm</b> | K McGhee, G McIntyre, F Donachie | E Rankin, G Rankin, Sr Mabel, D Casey, A Gorman          | Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia      |                           |                          | Anne, Michael    | M McGrath       |
| <b>Sunday 11 August 11am</b>  | L Hand, T Murphy, G Smith        | R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, F McCann, M Andrew          | Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca | Parish Fun Day            | -                        | Paul, Libby      | M McGrath       |
| <b>Saturday 17 August 6pm</b> | A Davidson, E Heron, H Rameckers | F Donachie, J Lennon, C McGowan, C Power, K McGhee       | Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia      |                           |                          | Claire, Margaret | IHM Sisters     |
| <b>Sunday 18 August 11am</b>  | H Matthews, G McGee, F McCann    | P Dorrian, D Custodio, P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian | Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca | Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy | Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy | Eileen, Dennis   | IHM Sisters     |