



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th August 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 18th – 25th AUGUST 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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) and John McCluskey (RIP) /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 19th	10.00 am	Mass	Hugh Paterson (Ann) /
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 20th	10.00 am	Mass	
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 22nd	6.00 pm	Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption	Rose Mochan (RIP) /
Friday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass	Murray Wilson (RIP) /
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Hugh Gallacher (RIP) /
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	Mass	/ People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	4.00 pm/4.45 pm	Mass at St Ninian's Cave/Mass at St Martin & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn	

The church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9.30 am until 4 pm. Enter through small side door.

AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK: The Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas will resume on 18th August. The Community Café will begin again on Tuesday 27th August from 11 am to 1 pm.

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. The first RCIA meeting will take place in the church house on **Thursday 29th August** after 6 pm Mass (i.e. 6.30 pm).

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. **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.

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

PARISH FUN DAY: Thank you to all who made our parish fun day last Sunday a great success. £738 was raised, and the winner of the jar of sweets was David McCormack and they can be collected from the stall in the porch.

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:** £1,137.44. **Building Fund:** £38. **SCIAF:** £120.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK—THE RESTORED HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903, 2023)



Recitalist:
Robin Bell
(*St Leonard's School, St Andrews*)

Tuesday 20 August 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

No booking required - Just come along

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 Maury Buendia, 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 including the name of your child and the school they attend. Please do this before **Friday 13th September**.

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 Dalryell 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.

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 or pass the item to the parish house.

ALTAR SERVERS: 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.

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. Any donations of home baking would also be gratefully received. Thank you.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024: The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah.

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 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 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 17 August 6pm	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
Sunday 18 August 11am	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
Saturday 24 August 6pm	G McIntyre, K McGhee, M McGrath	M McGrath, M Steele, E Rankin, G Rankin, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 25 August 11am	M Andrew, E Bohan, M Cunningham	I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	Anne & Gerry Smith	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers