



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th August 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 25th AUGUST – 1st SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 25th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Hugh Gallacher (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	People of the parishes / People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 26th	4.00 pm/4.45 pm	Mass at St Ninian's Cave/Mass at St Martin & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn	
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Ian McVey, RIP	Ian McVey (RIP) / Ian McVey (RIP)
	6.00 – 6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 27th	6.30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Neil Laird (RIP) / Peter Scott (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday 28th	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Thursday 29th	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	Robert Kerr (RIP) / Thanksgiving
Friday 30th	8.00 pm	Vigil Reception to Church for Gertrude Robertson, RIP	
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Gertrude Robertson, RIP	Gertrude Robertson (RIP) /
Saturday 31st	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 1st	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Gordon McGowne (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Vincent Cygan (RIP) / People of the parishes
	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.

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 the first RCIA meeting which 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 takes place today. 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. If you are able, please join us in celebrating this wonderful occasion. **The bus which is now full leaves at 11 am from St Joseph's.**

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

UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES: The Diocese has recently been undertaking work on our emails. As part of this work a simpler extension of @rcdg.org.uk can now be used when emailing any Diocesan addresses. The existing @gallowaydiocese.org.uk extension will continue to work as well. You can see the updated addresses in the bulletin header.

GALLOWAY DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir is looking to recruit new members who enjoy singing as part of a group and are committed to the enhancement of the liturgy through music. This four-part choir has been in existence in its present form for 24 years. They lead the music at diocesan

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@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832)

Ayr Hospital: Fr Benjamin Mkeri (benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.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:** £1,232.15. **Building Fund:** £22. **Lectionary donation:** £275.

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events at least twice a year, and the rehearsal period runs from September to March (with a break in December/January). Rehearsals take place in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm until about 8.45 pm. The first rehearsal of the new season is on Wednesday 18th September at 7.15 pm. If you are interested in joining them or would like more information please contact: David Robinson at david.robinson.mj@gmail.com or on 07714 340854.

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@rcdg.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 Dalrymple 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 PPC meets tomorrow (Monday) at 6.30 pm in the church hall. Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage.

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.

FR MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST: St Matthew's is holding a charity evening to raise money for the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust in St Matthew's Church Hall on Saturday 12th October, the six month anniversary of Father Martin. All the details are on the poster in the church porch. Contact Margaret Merrick 07765 715798 for tickets.

SISTER JULIET IHM: Please keep Sister Juliet in your prayers as she participates in a 30-day retreat before her Perpetual Profession of Religious Vows on Saturday 31st August in Nigeria. Following a break to visit her family, Sr Juliet will return to Kilmarnock. We look forward to a wonderful welcome-home celebration of Mass and a social celebration for her on **Friday 20th September at 7 pm** in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. All are welcome.

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 (1st September – 4th October 2024). The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10 am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. Speaker: Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. To attend, please complete a booking form at 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@rcdg.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@rcdg.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.

HYMN: NINIAN OF GALLOWAY

Ninian of Galloway, homage we fondly pay and tribute bring;
Saint by our Church proclaimed, Scotland's apostle named.
Thy praise we sing, thy praise we sing.

Born of our Scottish race, God led thee forth by grace to find
in Rome; that pearl so richly priced, that faultless creed of Christ.
And bear it home, and bear it home.

Softly the Christian morn, dawned o'er the lone Whithorn,
like kindly sun. Nobly thy loyal band, led by thy sure command.
Our kingdom won, our kingdom won.

Where once thy footsteps trod, unquenched the fires of God,
await thy hand; renew thy fervent care, tender to God our prayer.
To bless our land, to bless our land.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 31 August 6pm	M Kirk, E Heron, A Davidson	Sr Mabel, F Donachie, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 1 September 11am	R Doak, L Hand, T Murphy	F McCann, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	IHM Sisters	Paul, Libby	M McGrath