



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st September 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 1st – 8th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Gathering</i>	<i>Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)</i>
Saturday 31st	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Gordon McGowne (RIP) /
Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Mass	Vincent Cygan (RIP) / People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	Mass for the National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto	
		Bus leaves from St Joseph's at 1.00 pm. Please sign up in the porch.	
Monday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	Eleanor McFarlane (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 3rd	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Anne Sinforiani (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	Ian Maloy (RIP) / Catherine McWhinter (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 5th	6.00 pm	Mass	Ian McVey / Special Intention
	6.30 – 7.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's Church House	
Friday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Patricia Holywood (RIP) / Ian Maloy (RIP)
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Isabel McEvoy (RIP)
Sunday 8th	11.00 am	Mass	John Cassidy (Ann) / 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. Our RCIA meetings for the coming year have now started on Thursdays in the Church House after 6 pm Mass (i.e. 6.30 pm). If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

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 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 takes place today with

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:** £990.58. **Building Fund:** £781.46. **Organ Recital:** £125.20.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

Mass at 3 pm. The principal celebrant is the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Maury Buendía, and the homilist is Bishop Frank Dougan. There are a few places remaining on the bus. 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**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The minutes from the most recent PPC meeting are now available on the website and in the porch.

DOORS OPEN DAY: Many buildings in Ayrshire will be open to visit on 14th and 15th September for Door Open Day. St Joseph's church is included and is open to the public on Sunday 15th September with a short organ recital at 2.30 – 3.00 pm. For more information, see the leaflet in the porch.

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.

PARISH MINIBUS TRIP: We had another successful minibus trip to the House of the Binns on Friday of this week. Our next minibus trip will take place to The Hill House, the domestic masterpiece of Charles Rennie Mackintosh on Monday 30th September, leaving from St Joseph's after Mass. The cost per person, payable on the day, is £13 (National Trust Members), £23 (Non-Members) which includes admission to the house and grounds. Lunch is not included, please bring a packed lunch or there is a café at the house.

BREAST CANCER CARE AFTERNOON TEA: Thank you everyone who came along last Saturday to support the charity fundraiser. We had a lovely time and thanks to your generosity we raised the grand total of £1,190.00. My sincere thanks to the girls who helped on the day, you know who you are, and to the ladies who baked all the lovely cakes. You all worked incredibly hard to help make this event so successful. Thanks again everyone, Frances McCann.

THE SAMARITANS: On behalf of Colin and Pat Cox's grandson Euan Main, we would like to thank the parishioners for their contribution to his Land's End to John O'Groats cycle in aid of the Samaritans charity. The sum raised was a massive £5,000.

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.

At that celebration, a gift will be presented from St Joseph's parish to Sr Juliet. There are envelopes available this week if you would like to contribute to this gift. Please return envelopes to the stall in the church porch or to the parish house. 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 (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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: There's lots coming up over the next few weeks, so save the date and join us for what you can:

- Sr Juliet's Celebration Mass – Friday 20th September; 7.00 pm
- Parish Minibus Trip – Friday 27th September; 10.30 am
- Organ Recital by John Kitchen – Tuesday 24th September; 12.00 pm
- Sacramental Parents Meeting – Tuesday 24th September; 7.00 pm
- Parish Minibus Trip – Friday 18th October; 10.30 am
- Organ Recital by Chris Bragg – Tuesday 22nd October; 12.00 pm
- Halloween Quiz Night – Saturday 26th October; 7.00 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
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
Saturday 7 September 6pm	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, F Donachie	C Power, E Rankin, G Rankin, M Steele, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 8 September 11am	G Smith, F McCann, G McGee	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy, A Neil	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	H Matthews