



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th August 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 4th – 11th AUGUST 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 3rd	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 4th	11.00 am	Mass	People of the parishes /
Monday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Rose Allardyce (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 7th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Francis & Jessie Flynn (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 8th	6.00 pm	Mass	Monsignor Edward Traynor (RIP) /
Friday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	Martin & James McMaster (RIP) / Margaret & Patrick McCluskey (Ann)
	2.00 pm	Spanish Lessons in St Joseph's Hall	
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	

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

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.

PARISH FUN DAY: Next 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.

We are looking for donations of bottles and home baking and volunteers to work in the kitchen and in the various stalls. If you are able to assist, please sign up in the porch or speak to Margaret McGrath.

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. Fish and chips on the way home in Girvan – paid separately.

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:** £1,005.24. **Building Fund:** £30. **Annual Mission Appeal:** £150.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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.



MINIBUS TRIPS: We enjoyed another successful parish outing to the Kelpies and the Falkirk Wheel on Friday of last week. 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 and other better. Even if you haven't come before, please feel free to sign up and join us for the next trip.

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 - thank you.

HILLHOUSE LADIES AFTERNOON TEA: Hillhouse are having a Ladies Afternoon Tea in the Kay Park Parish Church Hall from 2 pm – 6 pm. All tickets are £15 and the price includes an afternoon tea and glass of fizz on arrival. All drinks are £3. 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.

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.

ORGAN RECITALS: Our own Raymond McCluskey will perform the Ayr Town Hall organ recital on Monday 12 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.

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.

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 3 August 6pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	C McGowan, M McGrath, C Power, M Steele, K McGhee	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 4 August 11am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca	-	-	Theresa, Alan	H Rameckers
Saturday 10 August 6pm	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
Sunday 11 August 11am	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