



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th September 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 8th – 15th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
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	
Monday 9th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Tuesday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Wednesday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Alice Dempsey (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 12th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Friday 13th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Molly Ferguson (RIP)
Saturday 14th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / 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.

PRIEST CONTACT: Between 9th – 17th September, if you urgently need the service of a priest, please contact Fr Jim Hayes on 01563 533587.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you of the death of Ray McGhee and Angelo Bordone. Ray's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 19th at 10.00 am. Funeral arrangements for Angelo Bordone will be announced soon. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass intentions listed in the bulletin will be offered by Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin whilst on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

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.

Please note there will be no RCIA this week (Thursday 12th September) but it will resume as normal on 19th September.

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: The annual SCY Youth Pilgrimage is open to all young people aged 11 – 35. This year it takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 21st September, 12.00 – 5.00 pm.

The pilgrimage starts with a walking tour of Glasgow, visiting a number of sites notable for their connection to different saints. We will then conclude with Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral. We will gather in St Joseph's Church at 10.30 am before taking the train to Glasgow. We will return to St Joseph's for 6.30 pm. There is no cost for this event but please bring a packed lunch.

If you would like to take part, please email Fr Kevin (kevin.rennie@rcdg.org.uk) and (if you're under 18) please collect a consent form from the porch and return it to the stall/ Parish House.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: The Community Café will be closed on Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 17th September. It will resume on Tuesday 24th September.

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

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: £619.85. **Weekly collection:** £1,174.11. **Building Fund:** £149. **Retired Priests:** £10. **SCIAF:** £120.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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

Recitalist:

John Kitchen

(City of Edinburgh Organist)

Tuesday 24 September at 12 noon
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 IHB



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

Soup, sandwiches and cakes available in the church hall from 11 am.

No booking required - Just come along

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.

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.

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 before Friday 13th September.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection will be taken next weekend for the Retired Priests' Fund.

PARISH MINIBUS TRIP: Our next minibus trip will take place to The Hill House, the domestic masterpiece of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, on **Monday 30th September** (please note the date has changed since last week's bulletin), 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.



SISTER JULIET IHM: Last Saturday (31st August) Sister Juliet made her Perpetual Profession of Religious Vows as a sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 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.

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.

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
- Organ Recital by John Kitchen – Tuesday 24th September, 12.00 pm
- Sacramental Parents Meeting – Tuesday 24th September, 7.00 pm
- Parish Minibus Trip – Monday 30th September, 10.30 am
- 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 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
Saturday 14 September 6pm	E Heron, M Kirk, A Davidson	E Rankin, F Donachie, J Lennon, Sr Mabel, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 15 September 11am	M Cunningham, M Andrew, E Bohan	J Shields, F McCann, P Dorrian, D Custodio, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters