



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th September 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER – 6th OCTOBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 28th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Liam Clarke (Ann)
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Mass	/ People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	After Mass	Parish Minibus Trip to the Hill House	
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am	Mass	/ Peter Maxwell (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.30 – 10.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday 2nd	11.00 – 1.00 pm.	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Angelo Bordone (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Rosary	
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Molly Ferguson (RIP)
	6.30 – 7.30 pm ...	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
Friday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Saturday 5th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 6th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ William McMillian (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	/ People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you of the deaths of Irene Gallacher and Margaret McCormack. Irene's funeral Mass will take place on Monday 7th October at 10 am. Margaret's funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 10 am. May they rest in peace.

ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS: At 11 am Mass this weekend, the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation in February and First Holy Communion in June 2025 will be enrolled. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARISH MINIBUS TRIP: The next minibus trip to The Hill House, the domestic masterpiece of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, takes place on Monday, 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. Please ensure that you arrive in good time for the buses leaving after Mass.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: It's great to see so many parishioners and members of the wider community attending and taking part in the café every week on Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. We extend our thanks to all of those volunteers who give up their time to run it and to make it as successful as it is. Given the increasing attendance at the café, we are appealing for more donations of home baking. If you are able to assist, please contact Margaret McGrath (01563 542130).

We are also asking anyone who would be able to assist with the café on an occasional basis (when regular volunteers are

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:** £1,083.14. **Building Fund:** £11. **Retired Priests:** £122.70. **SCIAF:** £200.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

unavailable) to please contact Margaret McGrath to let her know so that we can continue to run the café weekly.



NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin were delighted to be able to join youth and young adults from across the Diocese last weekend in Glasgow. We're hoping to start our own youth movement in the parish soon – would you be interested in helping out? Please let Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin know.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS: The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News is available for collection after Masses this weekend from the porch. There are enough for one per household.

BUILDING FUND: The regular Building Fund collection will be taken at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your support.

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.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT: The annual Halloween Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 26th October, starting at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. So come along on your own or get a team together and see if you've got what it takes to answer the quiz master's questions! Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of October, priced £5.00.

There will also be a raffle on the night, if you are able to give any donations of raffle prizes, please hand these in to the sacristy or the Church stall after any Mass, or hand them into Margaret at the Community Café on a Tuesday.

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN: Last year Hillhouse supported **1,722** young people in East Ayrshire aged 16 and under by providing Christmas gifts to those most in need. When



you are buying Christmas presents, can you please remember the Hillhouse outreach? Most needed are:

- toys for children aged 7-16 years,
- pyjamas for 0 -16 year olds,
- boxer shorts and socks for teenage boys,
- toiletries for teenage girls (e.g. perfume, deodorant and make up)
- toiletries for teenage boys (e.g. shower gel, after shave, deodorant).

Please donate items in the box in the porch unwrapped before the beginning of December.

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.

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:

- 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
- Choir Practice for Christmas – Sunday 3rd November, 6.00 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 28 September 6pm	M Kirk, E Heron, M McGrath	J Lennon, Sr Mabel, C McGowan, A Gorman, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 29 September 11am	T Murphy, G McGee, G Smith	A Neil, J Shields, F McCann, H Matthews, P Dorrian	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	IHM Sisters	Eileen, Dennis	M McGrath
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