



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th October 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 6th – 13th OCTOBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 5th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/William McMillan (RIP)
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Mass	/ People of the parishes
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 7th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Irene Gallacher, RIP	Irene Gallacher (RIP) / Irene Gallacher (RIP)
Tuesday 8th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Peter Maxwell (RIP)
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.30 – 10.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm.	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	7.00 pm	Mass for those involved in Education in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr	
Wednesday 9th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Margaret McCormack, RIP	Margaret McCormack (RIP) / Margaret McCormack (RIP)
Thursday 10th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Eleanor McFarlane (RIP)
	6.30 – 7.30 pm ...	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Friday 11th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 12th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Special Intention /
	11.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / People of the parishes
Sunday 13th	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.

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

MASS FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION: The annual Mass for Those Involved in Education will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Tuesday 8 October at 7.00 pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. The faithful of the diocese, especially school pupils, are welcome to join in the Mass. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS: These will commence on Sunday 3 November at 6 p.m. and continue thereafter on a weekly basis, concluding with a final practice on Sunday 22 December. All practices are in the church. New members are most welcome. There are no auditions and the ability to read music, though helpful, is not essential.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT: Enclosed in your newsletter this week you will find a copy of the Annual Diocesan Safeguarding Statement from our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Tony Fisher. This statement provides an update on the safeguarding activities of the Diocese undertaken over the last year.

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

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: £621. **Weekly collection:** £1,162.93. **Building Fund:** £40. **Retired Priests:** £70.

SCIAF: £100. **Mary's Meals:** £355.02. **Organ Recital:** £236.50.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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



PARISH MINIBUS TRIP: We had another very successful minibus trip to The Hill House on Monday of this week where we were treated to an insight into the domestic masterpiece of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The next (and final for this year) minibus trip will take place on Friday 18th October, leaving after 10.00 am Mass, to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum where we will enjoy an organ recital by Chris Nikol, followed by a visit to The Riverside Museum in Glasgow. The cost per person, payable on the day, is £14. Please note that lunch is not included. If you would like to join the trip, please sign up in the porch.

Remember that the minibus trips are open to everyone, and this one falls during the October week so if you're looking for a day out to entertain our young parishioners please sign up – children and adults of all ages welcome!

ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS: Congratulations to the nine children who were enrolled as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the 11 am Mass last Sunday. We continue to remember the children and their families in our prayers. The next Sacramental Preparation Mass will take place at 11 am on Sunday 27th October. If your child is in P4 and is due to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year but you have not registered them with the parish please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin as soon as possible.

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 are on sale now from the church stall, 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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWSLETTER: The first edition of the new Justice and Peace quarterly newsletter is now available to download from the Justice and Peace website: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. Inside, you can find out what's happening across the Justice and Peace (Scotland) network.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE MISSION TALKS: The annual October Mission talk series returns this year with the focus being on the missionary work of the late Fr Martin Chambers, RIP. For more information and venues (note these change each week) please see the poster in the porch.

ORGAN RECITAL: The next organ recital in our program will be by Chris Bragg from the University of St Andrews. It will take place on Tuesday 22nd October, beginning at 12 noon. All welcome.

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN:

Last year Hillhouse supported 1,609 young people in East Ayrshire aged 16 and under by providing 3,218 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.

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:

- Diocesan Education Mass – Tuesday 8th October; 7.00 pm (St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr)
- Parish Minibus Trip to the Riverside – 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
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 27th October; 11.00 am
- Choir Practice for Christmas – Sunday 3rd November; 6.00 pm
- Organ Recital by William R. Hutcheson – Tuesday 12th November; 12.00 pm
- St Joseph's Academy Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23rd November; 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
- Hillhouse Christmas Fayre – Sunday 24th November; 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
- Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 8th December; 2.00 – 3.30 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 5 October 6pm	F Donachie, G McIntyre, A Davidson	Sr Juliet, D Casey, A Gorman, M Steele, K McGhee	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 6 October 11am	H Matthews, G McGee, F McCann	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	M McGrath, Emma O'Connell	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews
Saturday 12 October 6pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, G McIntyre	M McGrath, F Donachie, C McGowan, J Lennon, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 13 October 11am	M Andrew, M Walker, E Bohan	A Neil, H Matthews, J Shields, F McCann, P Dorrian	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters