



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th October 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 13th – 20th OCTOBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 19th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Molly Ferguson (RIP)
Sunday 20th	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.00 pm	Vigil Reception for Stuart MacMillan D'Andrea, RIP	
Monday 21st	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Stuart MacMillan D'Andrea, RIP	Stuart MacMillan (RIP) / Stuart MacMillan (RIP)
Tuesday 22nd	10.00 am	Mass	Penelope Brady (Ann) / Hughy Devlin (RIP)
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.00 pm	Organ Recital by Chris Bragg	
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am	Service of Word and Communion	
	Afterwards	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 24th	6.00 pm	Service of Word and Communion	
Friday 25th	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Mission Talk in St Matthew's Church	
	10.00 am	Service of Word and Communion	
Saturday 26th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Anne Sinforiani (Ann)
Sunday 27th	7.00 pm	Halloween Quiz Night in St Joseph's Hall	
	11.00 am	Mass	John Loughran (Ann) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Sacramental Preparation Mass for children in P4	
		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 Stuart MacMillan D'Andrea and Tom McGeady. Stuart's mortal remains will be received into church at 5.00 pm on Sunday 20th October following which his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 21st October at 10.00 am. Tom's mortal remains will be received into church on Sunday 8th December at 6 pm and the Requiem Mass on Monday 9th December at 10 am. We extend our condolences to their families and friends, and may they rest in peace.

MASSES THIS WEEK: Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin will be participating in a Diocesan Retreat for Priests from Wednesday to Friday. As a result, in the place of Mass, there will be a service of Word and Communion at the usual times. The same applies in St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches.

RCIA THIS WEEK: Due to Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin's absence on Thursday this week, RCIA will not be running. It will resume on Thursday 31st October at 6.50 pm (after the 6 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints). For those who wish, there will be a Mission Talk in Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road, this Thursday, 24th October, at 7.00 pm.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: Next Sunday (27th October) our young parishioners continue their preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion with another of the special "Do this in Memory" Sundays. Children, please bring your candles and gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass to walk in the procession.

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)

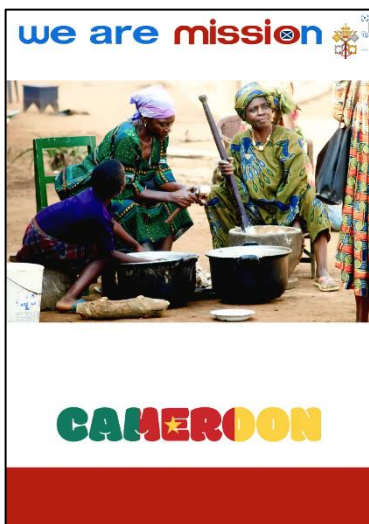
St Andrew's Primary: 01563 549549 **Mount Carmel Primary:** 01563 525897 **St Joseph's Academy:** 01563 526144

Standing orders: £621. **Weekly collection:** £1,306.96. **Building Fund:** £120.10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Today, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through Missio Scotland, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the missions. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions, but your financial assistance, offered today, will support missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace. Take home a copy of the Mission Month magazine and read about the projects Missio Scotland is supporting in the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon. Missio Scotland supports the training of seminarians and the building of new churches there and in other places. Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer us the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor, and remind us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our Faith. The World Mission Sunday collection, taken up worldwide, ensures that this life-saving and life-giving work can continue. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to the Church's work in mission countries and are an effective way by which you can support the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity. See more at www.missioscotland.com



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.

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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.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED: During the month of November the Masses will be offered for the faithful departed of the parishes. November Lists are available in the bulletin this weekend and more lists can be found at the back of the church. Please add the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month with a Mass offering, and place your list in the basket in front of the altar. The names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month will be inserted within the album at the altar.

KILMARNOCK PARISHES ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS: The annual Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass will take place on Saturday 9th November at 11.00 am in Grassyards Cemetery. All are invited to join us in praying for all of those who have died from our parish community and who are buried there.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER: At 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 3rd November, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. A letter will be sent to their families inviting them to attend.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME FOR ALTAR SERVERS: The altar servers are invited to "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" in the Big Top at Ayrshire Athletics Arena (near Asda) in Kilmarnock on the afternoon of Saturday 28th December. Details of the outing will be given nearer the time, but to reserve tickets in advance the altar servers are asked to indicate to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin whether they would like to go by 31st October.

PARISH MINIBUS TRIPS: The final parish minibus trip of the 2024 season was a great success. The minibus trips will resume in March 2025. We're grateful to everyone who has taken part in the trips this year and hope that you've found them an interesting and fruitful experience. If you have any suggestions for where you'd like to see the trips go in 2025 please add your suggestion to the list in the porch.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2025:

The Diocesan Youth for Lourdes team are recruiting now! Are you aged 14-23 (as of 7th July 2025)? Interested in spending a week helping the sick in Lourdes? Register now to be part of YfL 2025! The expected cost is approximately £750 per person, however you will be supported in fundraising this and so you can fundraise for most or all of your fare. To register, scan the QR code and complete the form.



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



Recitalist:
Chris Bragg
(University of St Andrews)

Tuesday 22 October at 12 noon
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

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

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.



SPONSORED WALK TO LOURDES: Fr Kevin and the other Youth for Lourdes leaders are taking part in a sponsored walk to Lourdes – walking together 1,224 miles, the distance from Saltcoats to Lourdes (that's 122.4 miles each) – between 14th October and 10th November. Fr Stephen has volunteered to walk the 122.4 miles too. To sponsor them, please see the poster in the porch or complete the sponsor form in the porch. All monies raised go towards helping support the young people in their fundraising for Lourdes 2025.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 28th October at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage. Should parishioners wish an item to be discussed, please email kilmarnock.stjoseph@rcdg.org.uk or pass the item to the parish house.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS: This week Bishop Frank announced that Fr Kevin will be the new Youth Chaplain for the Diocese with responsibility for supporting ministry to Youth and Young Adults. Fr Stephen Latham (Garnock Valley) has been appointed as RE Advisor for Primary and Secondary Schools.

If you would be interested in being involved in supporting ministry to youth or young adults, please speak to Fr Kevin. It is hoped that initially this will take the form of monthly Masses followed by gatherings – one week for young adults and another week for youth – starting in December.

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS: Starting soon, a new group for young adults aged 18-30 in the Diocese. The group will meet monthly in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock and is an opportunity for young adults to meet, pray, grow in faith and socialise. To register your interest and to hear more, please scan the QR code or speak to Fr Kevin.



PARISH READERS: Those who read at Mass in the parish are asked to attend an evening of reflection and formation on the New Lectionary and on their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God on **Monday 2nd December** from 7.00 – 8.30 pm in the church.

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:

- Can of soup
- Canned meal, e.g. beef stew, chilli con carne, curry
- Pasta or rice (only small bags)
- Tinned fruit / vegetables / beans
- Cartons of long-life milk (UHT)
- Tin of tuna
- Packet of biscuits
- Toilet roll.

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.

By way of example, over 30 parcels were distributed last Wednesday.

SSYP FINANCES	June	July	August	September
Box collections	£1,021.95	£750.07	£756.73	£910.75
Purchase of Food bags	£996.02	£1,285.16	£1,212.59	£1,275.71
Surplus/Deficit	+£25.93	-£535.09	-£455.86	-£364.96

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:

- Halloween Quiz Night – Saturday 26th October; 7.00 pm
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 27th October; 11.00 am
- Mass for those who have died during the last year – Sunday 3rd November; 11.00 am
- Choir Practices for Christmas begin – Sunday 3rd November; 6.00 pm
- Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass – Saturday 9th November; 11.00 am
- 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 19 October 6pm	H Rameckers, M McGrath, F Donachie	D Casey, A Gorman, Sr Mabel, K McGhee, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 20 October 11am	M Cunningham, R Doak, L Hand	M Andrew, D Custodio, M Walker, P Chigbo, E Cunningham	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers
Saturday 26 October 6pm	A Davidson, K McGhee, M Kirk	G Rankin, E Rankin, Sr Juliet, J Lennon, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 27 October 11am	T Murphy, G Smith, H Matthews	L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath

THE NEW LECTIONARY

On 1 December 2024 (First Sunday of Advent), a new English version of the Lectionary for Mass comes into force in England, Wales and Scotland. It is based on the *English Standard Version: Catholic Edition* (ESV-CE) and the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles* (APC). The New Lectionary may also be used before 1 December, but from that date only the New Lectionary should be used at Mass.

Since 2001, encouraged by Rome, across the Catholic world there has been a second “wave” of translations of the liturgical books reformed after Vatican II. There has been a desire for greater fidelity to the original texts, and a growing preference for “formal-equivalent” over “dynamic-equivalent” translations. Moreover, language does not stay still: translations that sounded fresh in the 1970s can now seem somewhat jaded and flat, and many new English versions of the Scriptures have proliferated, taking advantage of updated biblical scholarship.

Various new feasts and memorials have been added to the liturgical calendar since the 1981 Lectionary based on the *Jerusalem Bible* and *Grail Psalter*. The need to replace old, worn books also presents an opportunity for change.

The *English Standard Version* (2001) belongs to the venerable family of Bible translations stemming from the *King James Version* (1611). It is a revision of the *Revised Standard Version* (1971), most recently updated in 2016, and is intended to be both accurate and beautiful. It takes care to incorporate the latest scholarship regarding the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts of the Bible.

The *Catholic Edition* of the ESV came about through the work of the Indian Bishops, and was first published in 2018, with Rome approving an ESV-CE Lectionary for India the following year. This initiative was brought to the attention of other English-speaking nations, and has now been taken up by the bishops of England, Wales and Scotland.

The features of the ESV-CE make it well-suited for use in the liturgy. It has a forthright sense of the Bible as the divinely-inspired word of God, and reflects the fundamental unity of the Old and New Testaments. The “formal-equivalent” style of the ESV-CE also sits well with the resonance and dignity of the language of the liturgy.

The same is true for the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles* (2018), from which the psalmody of the new Lectionary will be taken. This is a revision of the *Grail Psalter* that stays closer to the original text of the Psalms. Through a better understanding of Hebrew poetry and rhetoric, it more fully communicates the richness of the psalter. It is expected that the APC will also be used in the revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Changes in the liturgy can, of course, be irritating—especially when we are dealing with replacing familiar cadences and phrases. It requires patience, time, and an attitude of welcome. But the new Lectionary will allow more of the complexity and richness of the Scriptures to reach us. It gives us a new opportunity to better understand the word of God, our inheritance which brings us “the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:8). A sample double-page spread is pictured below.

From the First Sunday of Advent, the readings on the Sunday Message on which we print our newsletter will carry the ESV-CE translation of the readings and the Abbey Psalms. Sunday Missals with the new translation are now available at the porch to buy at £20 each – maybe a nice Christmas gift for someone? Weekday Missals should be available in January 2025.

There will be an evening for parish readers to reflect on the New Lectionary and on their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God on Monday 2 December from 7.00 – 8.30 pm in St Joseph’s church.

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

335^{II} MONDAY

FIRST READING James 1:1-11
“The testing of your faith produces steadfastness, that you may be perfect and complete.”

The beginning of the Letter of Saint James.

- 1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.
 - 2 Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 - 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
 - 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
 - 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
 - 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.
 - 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
 - 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
 - 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,
 - 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.
 - 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.
- The word of the Lord.

335^{II} MONDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119(118):67-68. 71-72. 75-76. R. 77a

R. Show me compassion, O LORD, that I may live.

67 Before I was humbled, I strayed,
but now I keep your word.
68 You are good, and you do what is good;
teach me your statutes. **R.**

71 It was good for me to be humbled,
that I might learn your statutes.
72 The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. **R.**

75 O LORD, I know that your decrees are right,
and that in faithfulness, you humbled me.

76 Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant. **R.**

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

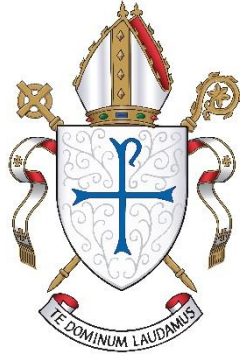
GOSPEL Mark 8:11-13
“Why does this generation seek a sign?”

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time:

- 11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him.
- 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, ‘Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.’
- 13 And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.

The Gospel of the Lord.



DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY

Pastoral Letter – Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As part of the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has invited us all to be *pilgrims of hope*. This is an invitation to us whether we travel to Rome or whether we celebrate the Jubilee here in the Diocese of Galloway.

A Jubilee is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. I invite all of you to look for ways to do just that in the year ahead. It is a chance for us to take a bit of a step back, to reflect on what is, or should be, most important in our lives and to reset things a wee bit. Above all the Holy Father hopes that for all of us the Jubilee may be “a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.”

In simple terms, if we deepen our relationship with the Lord and have the confidence to share that publicly, then we become sure signs of hope in our own communities. And let’s be honest, if there is one thing people need today it is *hope*. There is so much to drag people down: present concerns and worries for the future, whether for themselves, their loved ones or the whole world. And as Pope Francis reminds us, we have the answer at our fingertips:

“Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one can ever separate us from God’s love” (Romans 8:35-39)

But here is a question: how much time and prayer do we give to reflecting on and praying about the love of God made present in Jesus Christ? Is it our first and last thought of the day? Is it the thing that gets us through our own difficulties and trials? Are our eyes fixed on Christ, or are they very often drawn elsewhere?

So, how about using this year ahead to fix our eyes on the Lord? And for that, I would like to invite all of us to deepen our prayer of *thanksgiving*. Very often, we spend prayer asking the Lord for things, and rightly so. But before that, let’s spend time reflecting on what He has already given us. Ask for eyes of faith that can see the presence and action of God already amongst us and just say thank you.

Pope Francis uses a lovely phrase in the document introducing the Holy Year:

“I am loved therefore I exist”.

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What a beautiful message. God loved me into existence, and God's love sustains me in existence. Wow! I am not here by accident. I am here on account of the love of God and that can never be taken from me. One of the psalms puts this beautifully, reflecting on how my very existence relies on God and thanking him for that:

***"For it was you who created my being,
Knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being"*** (Psalm 138)

Starting from there, recognising and giving thanks for our very existence, we can then move on to what the Holy Father next asks of us. Not only does God will us into existence, but He is also with us here and now. If we open our eyes to them, we can see signs of His active presence:

"In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us ... We need to recognise the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence."

For this reason, in the Diocese of Galloway, I urge all of you to look around for the signs of God's love here and now in your local communities. The Lord never abandons us, so the signs are there for us to see. It is not about pretending everything is just fine and that we do not have struggles and difficulties. But it is about letting the signs of God's presence shine through and offer us hope. Look for them, notice them, name them to each other and thank God for them.

Ask yourselves this. Why do we teach children to say thank you? So that they will appreciate the gifts they receive and not take them for granted. It is the same for Christians. The more our prayer is a hymn of thanksgiving the more we train ourselves to appreciate the many gifts God gives us.

For that reason, I am asking you to pray one simple prayer more than you have before: the **Glory Be**. It is a simple prayer and one we often rattle through. But its beauty is that it is a prayer of pure praise. It asks for nothing. Instead, with the Glory Be we declare our faith in the Trinity and praise God. And within that atmosphere of praise, we can then recognise the many graces God has given us and respond with a prayer of thanksgiving just as Our Lady does in her own prayer:

***"My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour"***

May this Holy Year be for each one of us a chance to grow in praise and thanksgiving to the God who loved us into existence and continues to pour out His graces upon us.

***Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***



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