



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd November 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 3rd – 10th NOVEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	<b>Mass for the Commemoration of All Souls</b> <i>in St Joseph's Church (this week only)</i>	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 3rd	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	/ Angelo Bordone (RIP)
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b> <i>For all those who have died over the last year</i>	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 4th	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<b>Choir Practices for Christmas commence</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
Tuesday 5th	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
Wednesday 6th	10.30 – 11.00 am	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 7th	10.00 am	<b>Service of Word and Communion followed by Rosary</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass in St Matthew's Church</b>	
Friday 8th		<b>N.B. NO EVENING MASS in St Joseph's today</b>	
	6.30 – 7.30 pm	<b>RCIA</b> in St Joseph's Church	
Saturday 9th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Faithful Departed /
	11.00 am	<b>Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass</b> in Grassyards Cemetery	
Sunday 10th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Faithful Departed /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Theresa Loudon (RIP) and Faithful Departed /
	After Mass	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	<b>Choir Practices for Christmas commence</b>	

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

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER:** At 11.00 am Mass this morning, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. We are joined by many of their families and friends at Mass and extend a warm welcome to them all.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you of the death of Tom McGeady. Tom's mortal remains will be received into church on Sunday 8th December at 5.30 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.

**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.

**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 porch.

**CHOIR PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS:** These will commence on Sunday 3 November at 6 pm 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.

**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](mailto:stephen.mcgrattan@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

*Ayr Hospital:* Fr Benjamin Mkeri ([benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.org.uk](mailto: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:** £1,059.04. **Building Fund:** £60. **Retired Priests:** £10.

**Missio Scotland:** £121. **SCES:** £10.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

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

*Recitalist:*

**William R. Hutcheson**

*(Freelance Organist, Paisley)*

Tuesday 12 November 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*

**No booking required - Just come along**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES:** The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday evening. The minutes of the meeting are now available to read on the noticeboard and on the website.

**LILIAN JONES, MP,** is hosting a consultation evening on the **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Private Member's Bill** which is currently making its way through Parliament. It will take place in Centrestage (15 Elmank Drive) on Friday 22nd November from 3 pm until 5 pm. You are welcome to attend and express your opinion.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** is hosting a parliamentary event sponsored by Clare Adamson MSP on Wednesday 20th November, 6pm-8pm in the Scottish Parliament. This is an opportunity to present our new 'Persecuted and Forgotten' report, a report on Christians oppressed for their faith, to parliamentarians and guests and share the aims of our #Redwednesday Campaign. We will have guest speakers, and a light buffet will be served. Space is limited so if you could let me know by email ([acn.scotland.office@acnuk.org](mailto:acn.scotland.office@acnuk.org)) or call the Scottish Office (01698 337470) and we will reserve a space for you. ACN needs your support, I look forward to hearing from you. *William More, ACN(UK) Manager of Operations in Scotland.*

**HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT:** Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Halloween Quiz Night, a total of £562 was raised for Hall Funds. The Hall Fund, which is contributed to by parish socials, the Community Café and Hall lets is reinvested in the maintenance and upkeep of the parish hall. During the last year we have been able to completely replace the lighting throughout the hall and we are now working towards the construction of additional storage in the Green Room and the repainting of the kitchen. We are extremely grateful for your continued support in helping to ensure that our parish resources remain available for many years to come. The next social night will be Burns' Night on Saturday 25th January at 7.00 pm.

**YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2025:** The Diocesan Youth for Lourdes team are recruiting now! Are you aged S4-23 (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 fayre. To register, scan the QR code and complete the form.

**HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** This is taking place in St Joseph's Church Hall on Sunday 24th November from 11am-2pm; £2 entry which includes tea or coffee and cakes. Entrance for a child is £1. There will be lots of lovely gifts for Christmas. All money raised will be spent on buying Christmas gifts for Ayrshire children.

**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.



**91ST AYRSHIRE SCOUTS:** We are extremely proud to support the 91st Ayrshire Scouts with a number of our parishioners assisting as leaders, and a number of our younger parishioners participating as members. The District Commissioner, Brian Goldie, recently attended one of their evenings to recognise the achievements of several of their leaders: Elaine, Ellie, and David Tizzard received their 'wood badges' recognising a personal commitment to learning and development within the 91st Ayrshire Scouts. Other awards recipients were: David Tumulty for 15 years of service, Margaret McGrath for her contributions to scouting in the district, and Ellie who received the Kings Scout Award, the first in the district. We pass our congratulations on to the whole team on these tremendous accomplishments.

**CAR PARKING:** Due to a high number of people using the car park from the College and surrounding businesses, we have had to start closing the car park again in the mornings and overnight. The chain will be removed in the morning in good time for parishioners coming to morning Mass.

**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.

**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:

- Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 24th November; 11.00 am
- Hillhouse Christmas Fayre – Sunday 24th November; 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
- Young Adults Evening – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December; 5.45 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
<b>Saturday 2 November 6pm</b>	K McGhee, M Kirk, H Rameckers	A Gorman, M McGrath, C Power, D Casey, J Lennon	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 3 November 11am</b>	G McGee, F McCann, M Andrew	H Matthews, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters
<b>Saturday 9 November 6pm</b>	A Davidson, G McIntyre, F Donachie	M Steele, K McGhee, Sr Mabel, Sr Juliet, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
<b>Sunday 10 November 11am</b>	M Walker, E Bohan, M Cunningham	F McCann, M Andrew, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Eileen, Dennis	H Rameckers