



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th November 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 10th – 17th NOVEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 9th	11.00 am	Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass	Grassyards Cemetery
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 10th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Faithful Departed /
	11.00 am	Mass	Theresa Loudon (RIP) and Faithful Departed /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 11th	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Choir Practice for Christmas	
	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed /
Tuesday 12th	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 13th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
Thursday 14th	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	Faithful Departed /
Friday 15th	6.30 – 7.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed /
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 17th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Faithful Departed /
	11.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Choir Practice for Christmas	

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 Tom McGeady and Billy Donochie. The Requiem Mass for Billy will be on Monday 25th November at 10.00 am. 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.

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 have now started and run weekly on a Sunday from 6 pm, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE: The St Joseph's Academy Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday 23rd November from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm in the school. Please come along and support our local secondary school.

If you can donate any prizes for the raffle, these would be gratefully appreciated and can be handed in to the Parish House/ Sacristy any time.

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. If you're interested, come along and join the **first meeting today from 3pm to 6pm in St Matthew's.**

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:** £1,185.79. **Missio Scotland:** £30.

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 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

No booking required - Just come along

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) 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.*

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.



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.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: We are trying to augment the membership of the parish Finance Committee, the

group which reviews and approves stewardship and offers advice. If you feel you have something to contribute to this group, please speak to Fr Stephen.

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, 35 parcels were distributed last Wednesday.

SSVP 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:

- 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 1st December, 5.30 – 8.00 pm
- Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 8th December, 2.00 – 3.30 pm
- Senior Parishioners Christmas Dinner – Sunday 5th January, 12.00 – 3.00pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 9 November 6pm	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
Sunday 10 November 11am	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
Saturday 16 November 6pm	E Heron, M Kirk, K McGhee	E Rankin, G Rankin, M McGrath, A Gorman, F Donachie	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 17 November 11am	R Doak, L Hand, T Murphy	R Murphy, H Matthews, A Neil, J Shields, F McCann	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne Mackie, Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath