



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th November 2024

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 17th – 24th NOVEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 16th	10.00 am .....	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm .....	<b>Vigil Mass</b> .....	/ Faithful Departed
Sunday 17th	11.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Agnes Colgan / Faithful Departed
	After Mass .....	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 18th	6.00 – 8.00 pm ...	<b>Choir Practice for Christmas</b>	
	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
Tuesday 19th	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Paddy Coid (Ann) / Faithful Departed
Wednesday 20th	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 21st	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	After Mass .....	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
Friday 22nd	6.00 pm .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	Brian Farren (Ann) / Faithful Departed
	6.30 – 7.30 pm ...	<b>RCIA</b> in St Joseph's Church	
Saturday 23rd	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> .....	/ Faithful Departed
	10.00 am .....	<b>Mass</b> in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 24th	11.00 – 2.00 pm.	<b>St Joseph's Academy Christmas Fayre</b> in St Joseph's Academy	
	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> .....	/ Faithful Departed
		<i>P4 Sacramental Preparation Mass (Do This in Memory)</i>	
	After Mass .....	<b>Tea and Coffee</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.00 – 8.00 pm ...	<b>Choir Practice for Christmas</b>	

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

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:** Welcome to pupils and teachers of our school communities as we celebrate Catholic Education Week. The special collection is for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** With sadness we inform you of the deaths Billy Donochie, William McDougall, and Tom McGeady. The Requiem Mass for Billy will be on Monday 25th November at 10.00 am. William's mortal remains will be received into the church on Monday 25th November at 5.00 pm, following which his Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 26th 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, may they rest in peace.

**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.

**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.

**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:** £1,160.26. **Building fund:** £947.12. **Missio Scotland:** £30. **SCES:** £5.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

**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.*

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES:** The next shared worship service will be held at New Laigh Kirk at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 24 November. Our theme will be "Seeds of Change: Caring for our Environment" This will be an opportunity to find out what is happening through Eco-congregation groups in local churches to promote re-cycling, reduce waste and tidy up our towns and villages.

**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.

**SOLIDARITY GATHERING: Dungavel Detention Centre, Sunday, 24th November, 1pm.** Justice & Peace Scotland are among those involved in the Solidarity Gathering at Dungavel Detention centre next Sunday. The event will follow the format of a two-minute silence to show solidarity with the asylum seekers detained there. This will be followed by some short speeches and readings. There will also be an opportunity to hand in cards and some biscuits and sweets for those held in the facility. A warm welcome is extended to any groups or individuals who wish to attend. Please feel free to bring banners or placards.

**SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE:** This December the HALO Enterprise and Innovation Centre, in conjunction with the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches, will be hosting a drop in HUB for pensioners to complete Attendance Allowance forms. Here's some additional information...

How much could I get from Attendance Allowance? You could receive either £72.65 (lower rate) or £108.55 (higher rate) each week. This amounts to either £290.60 or £434.20 every pay period.

You can spend the money however you like, and it could help you stay independent in your own home for longer. This might include *paying for taxis, helping towards bills, paying for a cleaner or gardener.*

Can I claim Attendance Allowance if I have savings and other income? Yes, it is not means tested. It is also tax-free, and you will be exempt from the Benefit Cap, so you won't have money taken away from any other benefits. This allowance won't impact your state pension, you can even claim if you're still working.

For more information please email or phone St Joseph's.

**BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION AND JUST TRANSITION:**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) have released a statement encouraging world leaders to agree to and establish a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, committing all nations to a rapid and just transition away from fossil fuels. The statement, which is released to mark the COP29 climate summit taking place in Azerbaijan from 11th – 22nd November, calls on Scotland to play its role in realising the common good by participating in a swift transition away from fossil fuels to protect people and our planet, both now and in the future, from further global warming caused by fossil fuel extraction. Crucially, in recognising the workers and communities in Scotland who rely on fossil fuel industries for their livelihood, the statement emphasises that any such transition must have justice at its core and ensure that no one is left behind, particularly those currently employed in this sector who must be ensured secure work in the move towards renewables. The full text of the statement can be read on the BCOS, Justice & Peace Scotland, and Office for the Care of Creation websites.

**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.

**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:

- 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
<b>Saturday 16 November 6pm</b>	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
<b>Sunday 17 November 11am</b>	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
<b>Saturday 23 November 6pm</b>	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, M McGrath	J Lennon, M Steele, D Casey, Sr Mabel, C Power	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 24 November 11am</b>	G Smith, H Matthews, G McGee	P Dorrian, M Andrew, D Custodio, M Walker, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	-	-	Paul, Libby	H Matthews