



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 24th November 2024

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER – 1st DECEMBER 2024

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 23rd	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	11.00 – 2.00 pm	St Joseph's Academy Christmas Fayre in St Joseph's Academy	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 24th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Faithful Departed
	11.00 am	Mass	/ Faithful Departed
		P4 Sacramental Preparation Mass (Do This in Memory)	
	11.00 – 2.00 pm	Hillhouse Christmas Fayre in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 25th	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Gathering at New Laigh Kirk	
	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Choir Practice for Christmas	
Tuesday 26th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Billy Donochie, RIP	/ Billy Donochie (RIP)
	5.00 pm	Vigil Reception for William McDougall, RIP	
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for William McDougall, RIP	/ William McDougall (RIP)
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 28th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Faithful Departed
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Friday 29th	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Faithful Departed
	6.30 – 7.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
Saturday 30th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Faithful Departed
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 1st	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Faithful Departed
	11.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish / People of the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.45 pm	Galloway Young Adults Mass followed by gathering in the Hall	
	6.15 – 8.15 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: At 11.00 am Mass this weekend we take up the second collection in aid of the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

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.

91ST AYRSHIRE ST JOSEPH'S SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: The 91st Ayrshire (St Joseph's) Scout Group will be delivering Christmas cards within the Kilmarnock town area, Huriford and Crookedholm only. All cards must be correctly addressed to ensure delivery. The cost is 50 pence per card. Collection points are Beaver, Cub and Scout gatherings on 4th and 5th December; then at all Masses at St Joseph's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's Churches on 7th and 8th December. Deliveries will take place over the weekend of 14th/15th December. This fundraising effort

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:** £1,310.48. **Building fund:** £110. **SCIAF:** £140. **Organ Recital:** £226.80.

St Andrew's Bereavement Group: £100.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

is very important for the success of our Scout Group throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS: Starting next Sunday, come and join us from 5.30 pm. Mass begins at 5.45 pm, followed by a talk and discussion in the Hall on the theme of “Encountering Christ in our lives”. So if you’re aged 18-30, please come and join us then.

CELEBRATING THE NEW (LITURGICAL) YEAR: After 11.00 am Mass next Sunday, Bacon Rolls will be available at Sunday Teas and Coffees to celebrate the beginning of the new liturgical year. Please join us after Mass in the hall.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: Today our young parishioners continue their preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion with another of the special “Do this in Memory” Sundays. We continue to remember the children and their families in our prayers at this important time.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY: will take place on Sunday 8th December from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. All children from our parish are invited to come along for games and snacks, as well as a visit from Santa himself!

ST ANDREW’S PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE: The St Andrew’s Primary Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday 6th December from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm in the school. Please come along and support one of our local primary schools.

Parents and students will be at Masses next weekend to sell raffle tickets and are grateful for any support you can offer. All funds raised are used by the parent council to support the school in ensuring that students are given the best possible education and a range of other opportunities outside of school. Details of the raffle prizes can be found on the noticeboard.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES LEADERS WALK TO LOURDES: Thank you to everyone who supported Fr Kevin and the Youth for Lourdes leaders in this walk, a total of £595 was raised by the team to support Youth for Lourdes 2025.

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS FAYRE: This is taking place in St Joseph’s Church Hall on Sunday 24th November from 11 am-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.

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.

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.

CATHEDRAL SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS: A Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas will take place in St Margaret’s Cathedral on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30 pm, accompanied by the Diocesan Choir. The service provides an opportunity to come together as a diocesan community to celebrate the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Mass of Christmas Night (accompanied by our choir and organ) will be celebrated at 9.00 pm on Christmas Eve. Christmas Morning Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Christmas Day.

In preparation for Christmas, the Kilmarnock Parishes Penitential Service will be celebrated on Tuesday 10th December at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. As we prepare for Christmas it can be easy to lose sight of Christ among the busyness and preparations, this is an important opportunity to seek to restore our relationship with Christ by seeking forgiveness for our sins.

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:

- Young Adults Evening – Sunday 1st December, 5.30 – 8.00 pm
- St Andrew’s Primary Christmas Fayre – Friday 6th December, 6.00 – 8.00 pm
- Children’s Christmas Party – Sunday 8th December, 2.00 – 3.30 pm
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 15th December, 11.00 am
- Senior Parishioners Christmas Dinner – Sunday 5th January, 12.00 – 3.00 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children’s Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 23 November 6pm	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
Sunday 24 November 11am	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
Saturday 30 November 6pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	K McGhee, Sr Juliet, A Gorman, Sr Mabel, D Casey	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 1 December 11am	F McCann, M Andrew, M Walker	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	M McGrath, Emma King	Eileen, Dennis	IHM Sisters