



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th January 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 19th – 26th JANUARY 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 19th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Molly Brailsford (RIP)
	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
		P4 Sacramental Preparation Mass	
Monday 20th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	3.00 pm	Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches Service at the Salvation Army Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Tuesday 21st	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Fr Billy Donnelly (RIP)
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Thursday 23rd	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Joseph Harkins (RIP)
Friday 24th	6.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
	10.00 am	Mass	/ Marie McCarron (Ann)
Saturday 25th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ John McCann (Ann)
Sunday 26th	7.00 pm	Burns' Supper in St Joseph's Hall	
	11.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / For the Parish
	After Mass	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.

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 as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

CHILDRENS' RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION: The retreat for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February will take place on **Saturday 1st February from 10.00 – 2.00 pm** (followed by a short parents' meeting from 2.00 – 2.30 pm) in St Joseph's Hall. **Please note the change of date** from those published at the beginning of the Sacramental Programme. All children due to receive the sacrament in February are expected to attend this important part of their preparations.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: If you have a child in primary three and would like for them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during 2024 and 2025 please register with the parish by email. When emailing, please include the name of your child, where you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion, and a statement of commitment to attend Sunday Mass with your child during the time of preparation and also after First Communion is received. Please do so no later than Friday 31st January.

On Tuesday 4th February there will be a parents' meeting here in St Joseph's at 7.00 pm to explain more about the sacraments and the process of preparation. Attendance at this meeting is very important.

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: £635.69. **Weekly collection:** £1,176.96. **Building Fund:** £5. **Justice & Peace:** £35.

Crib Collection: £24.70.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

BURNS SUPPER 2025: The popular parish Burns' Supper will return on Saturday 25th January, starting at 7.00 pm in the Hall. Come and join us for a delicious meal of Haggis, Neeps, and Tatties, and some entertainment afterwards too! Tickets on sale now priced £10 for adults and £5 for children.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy will resume next week (Sunday 26th January).

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: Join the Galloway Youth Office and Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 108km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th – 19th October and costs £700 per person (we will support you in fundraising to reduce this). A programme of meetings and walks will take place in advance to help you in your preparations. Interested? For more information or to sign up scan the QR code on the poster, search for @rcdgyouth on social media, or speak to Fr Kevin – but places are limited so don't delay!

HCPT GROUP 138 QUIZ NIGHT AND RAFFLE: Saturday 22nd February in St Joseph's church hall at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. £3 per person and under 16s free entry. Pay at the door. Maximum team size of 6 with cash prizes to be won. BYOB and snacks. Raffle donations welcomed. Benefitting children and young people from across Ayrshire and Glasgow on pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. Organised and supported by parishioners Mark and Kieran O'Neill.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 27th January 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.

BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN WILL MAKE A PASTORAL VISIT TO ST JOSEPH'S: Bishop Frank will make a pastoral visit to St Joseph's on the weekend of 8th-9th February and will be the main celebrant at the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Fr Stephen invites you to make a special effort to be at one of these Masses so the bishop can experience the best of this faith community at worship, and the faith community has the opportunity to be encouraged and upbuilt by him. At the Sunday 11 am Mass, Bishop Frank will confirm the children receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this year.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches invites you to join them this afternoon at 3.00 pm at the Salvation Army for their annual prayer service praying for Christian Unity.

YOUTH FOR LOURDES: Is recruiting young people aged 14-23 who would like to volunteer in Lourdes this summer. Their next meeting takes place on Sunday 26th January at St Matthew's Church, beginning at 3.00 pm. For more information, see the poster in the porch.

DAY SEMINAR ON ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: An event will be held on Saturday 8th February, starting at 10.30 am at St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. Fr Dan Fitzpatrick (Diocese of Paisley) will speak in the morning about what the Catholic Church teaches. This will be followed by Mass and lunch. The afternoon session will be structured to allow people to discuss the issue in more detail, and to learn more about how we can respond to the proposed



legislation. Please sign up to attend by using the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/zQkEtN9nr2> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, please contact Helena at prolife@rcdg.org.uk or 07961 130493. It is important that everyone who wishes to attend signs up, so that online attendees receive their link to attend in good time, and so that those attending in person receive lunch and refreshments.

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.

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.**



CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:

The Diocese has teamed up with Give A Little to make contactless donations available in parishes. You can now support St Joseph's by contactless donation using the machine in the porch, or online through our website, just:

- 1) Select the Collection,
- 2) Choose the amount,
- 3) Tap your card,
- 4) (If you're a taxpayer) Enter your email address to register for Gift Aid.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Burns Night – Saturday 25th January, 7.00 pm
- PPC Meeting – Monday 27th January, 6.30 pm
- DPC Meeting – Tuesday 28th January, 7.00 pm
- Children's Retreat for Confirmation – Saturday 1st February, 10.00 – 2.00 pm (St Joseph's)
- Parents' Meeting for First Reconciliation – Tuesday 4th February, 7.00 pm.
- Diocesan Day for Life – Saturday 8th February
- Bishop Frank's Pastoral Visit – Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th February
- Confirmation Mass – Sunday 9th February, 11.00 am
- Choir Practices commence – Sunday 16th February, 6.15 pm
- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 16th March, 11.00 am
- Solemn Dedication of St Joseph's – Sunday 18th May, 11.00 am

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 18 January 6pm	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, M McGrath	Sr Mabel, D Casey, F Donachie, J Lennon, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 19 January 11am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters
Saturday 25 January 6pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	M Steele, Sr Juliet, K McGhee, M McGrath, A Gorman	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Rameckers
Sunday 26 January 11am	H Matthews, G McGee, F McCann	A Neil, J Shields, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, Liz Heron	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers