



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th February 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 9th – 16th FEBRUARY 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 8th	10.30 – 3.45 pm	Assisted Dying Study Day in St Joseph's Hall	
	12.30 pm	Mass in St Joseph's Church (This week only)	Canon Bernard Devine (RIP) / Special Intention
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Molly Ferguson (RIP) / For the Parish
Sunday 9th	After Mass	Meet the Bishop – Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	11.00 am	Mass with Confirmation	For the Parish / Jessie & Francis Flynn (Ann)
	After Mass	Meet the Bishop – Tea, Coffee and Bacon Rolls in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	Suzanne O'Hare (Spec Int) / Angelo Bordone (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Mass	Harry Sammons (RIP) /
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	Mass	Joe Davidson (RIP) / Special Intention
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 13th	6.00 pm	Mass	Anna Kerr (Spec Int) / Special Intention
	6.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's Church	
Friday 14th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Charles Gallacher (RIP)	Charles Gallacher (RIP) / Charles Gallacher (RIP)
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Special Intention
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass	Marcus McGarvey (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.00 pm	Youth Mass (followed by evening in the Hall)	/ GallowayYouth
	6.15 pm	Choir Practices Commence (New members welcome)	

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

BISHOP FRANK'S PASTORAL VISIT: We welcome Bishop Frank Dougan to the parish as he joins us for his Pastoral Visit. At the Sunday 11 am Mass, Bishop Frank will confirm the children receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this year.

After Mass, please join us in the hall to meet the Bishop over tea and coffee after the Vigil Mass, and Bacon rolls (Sunday morning only). Please join us in welcoming him to the parish and taking this opportunity to meet him.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the death of our parishioner Charles (Charlie) Gallacher who died recently. Charlie's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 14th

February at 10 am in St Joseph's. We offer our condolences and prayers to his family and friends.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) NIGHTS: Begin next Sunday (16th February) The Galloway Youth nights begin on Sunday 16th from 5–7 PM here in St Joseph's and continue on the third Sunday of each month during term time. The evening begins with Mass, followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph's Academy. Interested? Collect a parental consent form from the porch or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Practices for Holy Week, Easter and the Solemn Dedication of St Joseph's in May **will begin on Sunday**

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:** £1,591.40. **Building Fund:** £195.

Justice & Peace: £15. **SCES:** £15.

Contactless Donations (January) – Collection: £184. **Building Fund:** £60.

Total January income: £11,967.50. **Total January Expenditure:** £6,376.62

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

16 February and continue weekly thereafter. All Sunday practices are in the church, **6.15 - 8.15 pm**. There will also be a practice on 16 April at 7 pm. After Easter, the Choir will continue preparations for the Solemn Dedication with practices on 4, 11 (both 6.15 pm) and 15 May (7 pm). New members are welcome.

MINUTES OF PPC: The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council of 27th January are available on the parish website and on the noticeboard.

BUILDING FUND: At Masses next weekend there will be a special collection for the Building Fund.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Last weekend, Fr Stephen issued a booklet about Income/Expenditure for 2024 with an analysis of stewardship and proposals to increase weekly income by £500 per week. An increase in income will be necessary to continue the repair and maintenance work scheduled from previous years (mainly re-pointing of the church and presbytery). The booklet is available from the porch if you didn't get one last weekend.

To increase weekly income by £500 (by £25,000 per year) we invite 100 people to increase their weekly donation by £5. Standing Order forms are available from the stall in the porch, or a change can be made using internet banking.

If you have paid tax on your donations, please consider completing a gift aid form whereby the parish can reclaim the tax paid on your donation (a further 25%).

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.

RETREAT FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Those who exercise this ministry are invited to a retreat evening on Tuesday 11th March in the church at 7 pm to finish by 8.30 pm.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: Limited places remain. Join 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). The first meeting takes place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock and online on Sunday 2nd February from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Register by scanning the QR code on the poster, or by searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.

SANTIAGO CEILIDH FUNDRAISER: A ceilidh for all ages, young and old! Let your hair down and join us for a Ceilidh on Friday 28th February at St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) from 7pm. Tickets are available on the door for £5 and include a buffet, raffle and a great evening of ceilidh dancing and entertainment. BYOB. All funds raised are in support of the Galloway Young Adults pilgrimage to Santiago in October of this year.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (18-30): Aged 18-30? Join us Galloway Young Adults (18-30) for our next evening on Sunday 2nd March, starting with Mass at 5.45 pm. Fr Stephen McGrattan will be speaking on understanding the Mass: its mystery, roots, history and the parts of the Mass to enable us to better appreciate the beauty and meaning of it. For more info, search @rcdgyouth online.

SOLEMN DEDICATION (CONSECRATION) OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN 2025: Bishop Frank Dougan will preside over the Mass of Dedication of St Joseph's Church and

Altar on Sunday 18th May at 11 am. This is a moment of joy and celebration for St Joseph's parish, especially in the Jubilee Year.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: The next parish social will be St Patrick's Night on Friday 21st March, 7.00 - 10.30 pm (with a bar and light supper). Tickets on sale soon.

DAMAGE TO THE SACRED HEART WINDOW: You may have noticed that we sadly incurred some damage to the Sacred Heart stained glass window by the side door during the recent storm. The good news is that all of the ornate features of the window were saved, and whilst it will require extensive reconstruction it will be fully restored. This process will likely take several months as we work with our insurers and contractors to complete the restoration.

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

- Choir Practices commence - Sunday 16th February, 6.15 pm
- Santiago Ceilidh Fundraiser - Friday 28th February, 7.00 pm
- Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 5th March
- Sacramental Preparation Mass - Sunday 16th March, 11.00 am
- St Patrick's Dinner & Ceilidh - Friday 21st March,
- 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 8 February 6pm	H Rameckers, M McGrath, F Donachie	K McGhee, Sr Juliet, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Mark, Rachel, Ravindu, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 9 February 11am	E Bohan, M Cunningham, R Doak	H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, F McCann	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews
Saturday 15 February 6pm	A Davidson, E Heron, M Kirk	F Donachie, Sr Mabel, M McGrath, C Power, M Steele	Joseph, Lexi, Antoni, Ravindu, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
Sunday 16 February 11am	L Hand, T Murphy, P Nicholson	M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker, P Chigbo	Ryan, Marilyn, Aidan, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Gerry Smith	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters