



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 27th April 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 27th – 4th MAY 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 26th	8.45 am.....	Coach to Galloway Youth Easter Day departs	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 27th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Agnes & Hugh Ward (Ann) /
	11.00 am	Mass	For the Parish / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Service in St Paul's Church	
Monday 28th	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception for James Murphy, RIP	
	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for James Murphy, RIP	/ James Murphy (RIP)
Tuesday 29th	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday 30th	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	/ Peter Murphy (Ann)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 1st	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Fr Douglas Macmillan (RIP)
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Mass	/ Special Intention
Saturday 3rd	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 4th	11.00 am	Mass	/ For the Parish
		<i>P4 Sacramental Preparation Mass</i>	
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.45 pm	Young Adults' Mass followed by talk in the Hall..	/ Galloway Young Adults
	6.15 pm	Choir Practice for the Dedication of St Joseph's	

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



Please switch mobile phones to silent when in the church and especially during Mass.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: With sadness we announce the deaths of our parishioners James Murphy and Stephanie Hollywood. We offer our condolences to their family and friends and assure them of our prayers at this time. James Murphy's funeral Mass will be on Monday 28th April at 10 am with a Vigil for the Deceased on Sunday 27th April at 6 pm. Stephanie Hollywood's funeral will be on Monday 12th May at 10 am.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St Paul's Church, Hurlford on Sunday 27th April at 2 pm. This service will include the Sacrament of reconciliation, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend in aid of the Parish Building Fund.

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: £779.08. **Weekly collection:** £1,935.13. **Building Fund:** £10.

Holy Places: £636.28. **Annual Mission Appeal:** £50.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



DO THIS IN MEMORY: Next Sunday (4th May) our young parishioners continue their preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion with another of the special "Do this in Memory" Sundays. Children, please bring your candles and gather in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass to walk in the procession.

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.

Choir practices for the Dedication Mass will take place on Sundays 4th and 11th May at 6.15 pm, and on Thursday 15th May at 7 pm.

APPEAL FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS: We are extremely grateful to the committed team of children's liturgy leaders who facilitate children's liturgy each week. As a number of leaders have had to step back in recent months we are looking to recruit more leaders to help us continue providing this invaluable ministry to the young people of our parish. If you would be interested in becoming part of this highly rewarding ministry, please speak to Margaret McGrath for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) NIGHT: The next Young Adults night takes place on Sunday 4th May, starting with Mass at 5.45 pm, when Mrs Helena Rameckers will be speaking on the theme of Celebrating Vocation: What's your story? She'll be speaking about her own vocation to marriage and motherhood, discernment, and her own life. New members welcome.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) NIGHTS: The next Galloway Youth evening takes place tonight, beginning with Mass at 5pm. This month we'll be reflecting on Prayer: why and how we pray. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm, and is followed by a short talk, activities, pizza and time to socialise, all led by S3 students from St Joseph's Academy.

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). Email youth@rcdg.org.uk to register, or speak to Fr Kevin.

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

- Sacramental Preparation Mass – Sunday 4th May, 11.00 am
- Young Adults (18-30) Evening – Sunday 4th May, 5.45 pm
- Solemn Dedication of St Joseph's – Sunday 18th May, 11.00 am
- Youth (P6-S6) Evening – Sunday 18th May, 5.00 pm
- Organ Recital by Hans Uwe Hielscher – Tuesday 27th May, 12.00 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 26 April 6pm	A Davidson, M Kirk, F Donachie	M McGrath, C Power, M Steele, K McGhee, C McGowan	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	IHM Sisters
Sunday 27 April 11am	R Doak, M Walker, G McGee	L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy, J Shields	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anna Mackie, Alice Murphy	-	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters
Saturday 3 May 6pm	E Heron, K McGhee, H Rameckers	Sr Juliet, F Donachie, A Gorman, M McGrath, G Rankin	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 4 May 11am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	F McCann, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, L Heron	-	Paul, Libby	H Rameckers