

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
Sunday 11th May 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 11th – 18th MAY 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 10th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Irene Garland (Ann) /
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	Mass	Joao Branco (RIP), Gerald McDonald (RIP) / For the Parish
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	6.15 pm	Choir Practice for the Dedication of St Joseph's	
Monday 12th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Stephanie Hollywood, RIP	Stephanie Hollywood (RIP) / Stephanie Hollywood (RIP)
Tuesday 13th	10.00 am	Mass	Anna Kerr (RIP) / Ian Traquair (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday 14th	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	Mass	Alice McGrattan (RIP) / Special Intention
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 15th	6.00 pm	Mass	/ Stephen & Gregory McLelland (Ann)
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice for the Dedication of St Joseph's	
	10.00 am	Mass	Jane & Archie McFarlane (Ann) / Steven Love (RIP)
Friday 16th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Saturday 17th	10.00 – 2.00 pm	Retreat Day for Children preparing for First Communion	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Solemn Dedication of St Joseph's Church	For the Parish / 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

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 Stephanie Hollywood and Mary Haggarty. We offer our condolences to their family and friends and assure them of our prayers at this time. Stephanie's funeral will be on Monday 12th May at 10 am. Mary's funeral will be on Wednesday 21st May at 10 am.

CHILDREN'S RETREAT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The retreat for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June will take place on **Saturday 17th May from 10.00 – 2.00 pm**

(followed by a short parents' meeting from 2.00 – 2.30 pm) in St Matthew's Church. All children due to receive the sacrament in February are expected to attend this important part of their preparations.

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.

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: £881.77. **Weekly collection:** £1,388.49. **Building Fund:** £55.

Church Students Fund: £20. **Annual Mission Appeal:** £4

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



POPE LEO XIV: On Thursday evening we heard the news that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost had been elected as the new Pope, taking the name Leo XIV. Pope Leo XIV is originally from North America. He was born in Chicago and entered the Order of St Augustine in 1977, taking first vows in 1978 and final vows in 1981. He completed his Seminary studies at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. He was ordained a priest in 1982. He served in a variety of different roles with the Augustinians including as a missionary in Peru, Provincial of the Province of Chicago and Prior General of the Augustinians.

He was ordained a Bishop in 2014 serving as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, and titular bishop of Sufar. He went on to be appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2023, a role in which he was responsible for overseeing the evaluation and recommendation of candidates for Bishop throughout the world. Later that same year he was appointed a Cardinal by Pope Francis. He is the first US born Pope, and the first Augustinian Pope.

In his first address to the world from the Loggia of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo remarked: "Together we must try to find out how to be a church that builds bridges, establishes dialogue and is open to receive everybody."

Message from Bishop Frank: Responding to the announcement of Pope Leo XIV's appointment, Bishop Frank said:

God bless our Pope! We celebrate with Catholics across the Diocese and around the world at the news of the shepherd that the Lord has sent to us. As well as giving thanks we offer prayers for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. Saint Peter, pray for him.

CHURCH CLEANING: In anticipation of the Dedication of the Church on Sunday, the next cleaning morning will be on Friday 16th May after morning Mass. If you are available to assist, please come along and lend a hand. New volunteers welcome.

MINIBUS TRIPS: Due to driver availability, we've no trips in May, but in June we've got two! If you'd like to take part in either (or both) please sign up in the porch.

Monday 2nd June – Culzean Castle: We will leave St Joseph's after morning Mass and travel to Culzean Castle. On arrival in there we will have time to explore the Castle and Gardens, as well as to get lunch (not included). We will then return to St Joseph's for approximately 5.00 pm. The cost per person, payable on the day, is £15 (National Trust Members) or £25 (Non-Members).

Friday 13th June – Cowden Japanese Gardens: We will leave St Joseph's after morning Mass and travel to Cowden Japanese Gardens near Dollar. On arrival, we will have a guided tour of the grounds followed by an opportunity for lunch (not included) in the tea room. We will then return to St Joseph's for approximately 5.00 pm. The cost per person, payable on the day, is £25.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people – vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life – while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.
Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Could God be calling you to priesthood? To be a priest in Scotland today is "a life worth living" and a path worth taking. So, give it some quiet thought. It can be a challenging life, but it can also be a very rewarding life where you are able to make a difference in the lives of others. The invitation to "make disciples of all the nations" is a command to each one of us. For advice or information please approach Fr Stephen, our Diocesan Vocations Director, or Fr Kevin.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection is in aid of the Ecclesiastical Students Fund for Seminary Formation.

ECUADOR TRUST VESPA FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who supported Danny Gorman on the 100 km vespa ride which raised £1,370.

VOTE ON ASSISTED SUICIDE: In the coming weeks the Scottish Parliament will debate and vote on the legislation 'Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland)'. This legislation presents a very real threat to the sanctity of all life from conception through to natural death, and puts at risk particularly those most in need in our society. You are encouraged to contact your local MSP to register your opposition to this legislation. For more information and guidance, visit www.carenokilling.scot.

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.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P7-S6) EVENING: The next Galloway Youth evening takes place on Sunday 18th May, 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.

RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER: Our Young Adults who are walking the Camino de Santiago in October are organising a Race Night on Friday 6th June at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's Hall to raise funds towards their fare. Tickets £5, Horses £10, on sale from the porch next weekend.

Are you a local business owner? Could you like to sponsor a race? Speak to Fr Kevin or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for more details.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- First Holy Communion Retreat Day – Saturday 17th May, 10.00 am (St Matthew's Church)
- 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
- Young Adults (18-30) Evening – Sunday 1st June, 6.00 pm
- Minibus Trip to Culzean Castle – Monday 2nd June
- Race Night – Friday 6th June, 7.30 pm
- Minibus Trip to Cowden Japanese Gardens – Friday 13th June

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 10 May 6pm	M Kirk, F Donachie, A Davidson	K McGhee, Sr Mabel, C McGowan, J Lennon, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	M McGrath
Sunday 11 May 11am	H Matthews, G McGee, M Andrew	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Devlin	M McGrath
Saturday 17 May 6pm	K McGhee, H Rameckers, M Kirk	F Donachie, A Gorman, M McGrath, C Power, M Steele	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 18 May 11am	E Bohan, M Walker, M Cunningham	H Matthews, A Neil, J Shields, F McCann, M Andrew	All altar servers	Alice Murphy	-	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
THE SOLEMN DEDICATION OF
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

*"Behold God's dwelling with the human race.
He will live with them and they will be his people,
and God himself will be their God, alleluia."*

May
Sunday **18** **2025**

11:00AM | 15A HILL STREET, KILMARNOCK, KA3 1HB

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK
MASS OF SOLEMN DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION
Sunday 18 May 2025 at 11 a.m.

Music List

Choral Acclamation	Cantate Domino	<i>James Chepponis</i>
Entrance Procession	God's Dwelling Place	<i>James Chepponis</i>
Aspersion	Sprinkling Rite	<i>Philip Stopford</i>
Gloria	The Galloway Mass	<i>James MacMillan</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 46 (45)	<i>Andrew Moore</i>
Prayer of Dedication	Litany of the Saints	<i>Traditional Chant</i>
Anointing of Altar & Walls	Psalm 84 (83)	<i>Dom Sebastian Wolff OSB</i>
Incensation of Altar	Psalm 138 (137)	<i>Andrew Moore</i>
Offertory	Be still and know	<i>Congregational Hymn</i>
Offertory Motet	Locus Iste	<i>Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse</i>
Sanctus and Benedictus	The Galloway Mass	<i>James MacMillan</i>
Eucharistic Acclamation	The Galloway Mass	<i>James MacMillan</i>
Great Amen	The Galloway Mass	<i>James MacMillan</i>
Agnus Dei	The Galloway Mass	<i>James MacMillan</i>
Communion Motet (1)	O Sacrum Convivium	<i>Robert G. Farrell</i>
Communion Motet (2)	Anima Christi	<i>Charles Thatcher</i>
Post-Communion	Soul of my Saviour	<i>Congregational Hymn</i>
Canticle of Praise	Te Deum Laudamus	<i>Ephrem Feeley</i>
Recessional	Dear St Joseph	<i>Congregational Hymn</i>
Recessional Procession	Pilgrims of Hope	<i>Francesco Meneghello</i>



Galloway Young Adults Santiago Pilgrimage 2025

ALL WELCOME

AMAZING PRIZES & BAR AVAILABLE

**7.30PM
FRIDAY
6TH JUNE**

Race Night

TICKETS = £5
HORSES = £10

AVAILABLE TO BUY AFTER MASS OR BY EMAILING YOUTH@RCDG.ORG.UK

ST JOSEPH'S RC CHURCH
15A HILL STREET,
KILMARNOCK
KA3 1HB

Organised by Galloway Young Adults to fundraise in support of our October Santiago Pilgrimage.



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Youth Office
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Galloway Youth Evening (P6-S6)

PRAYER

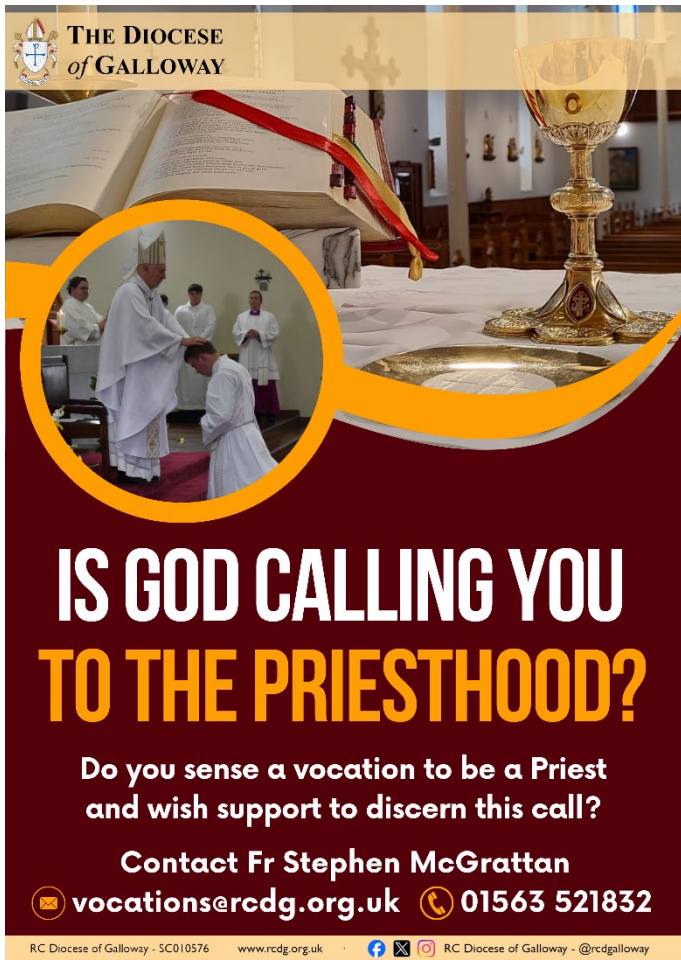
WHY DO WE PRAY?
DOES GOD EVEN LISTEN?

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES AS WE ASK JUST THAT!

MASS - 5.00 PM
ACTIVITIES . TALK . PIZZA . SOCIAL

SUNDAY 18TH MAY, 5-7 PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK (KA3 1HB)
ST TERESA'S CHURCH, DUMFRIES (DG2 9DE)

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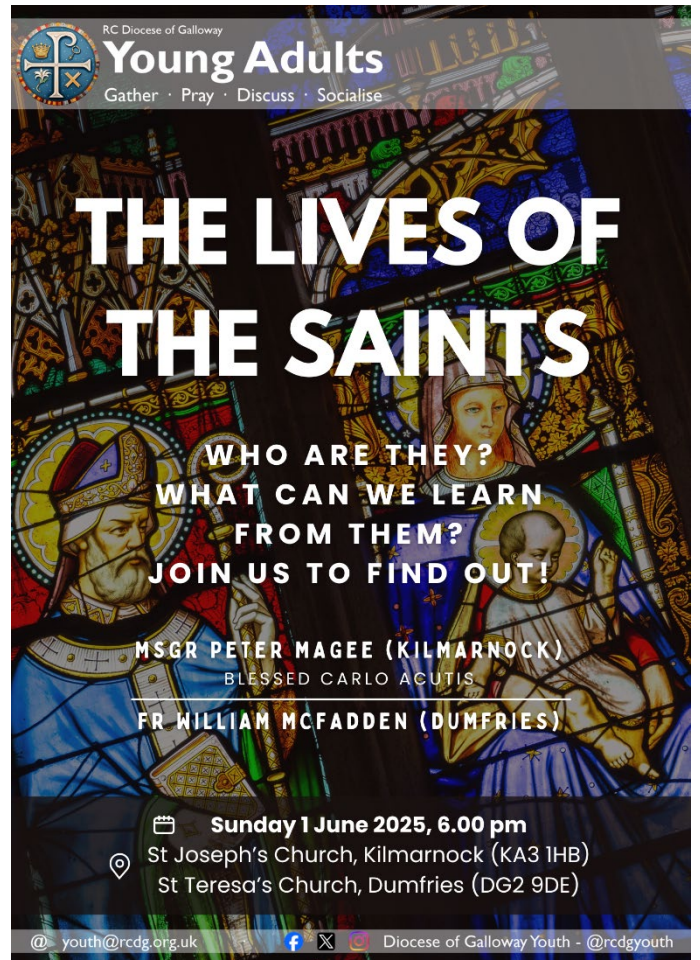
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Do you sense a vocation to be a Priest and wish support to discern this call?

Contact Fr Stephen McGrattan

vocations@rcdg.org.uk 01563 521832

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THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

WHO ARE THEY?
WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM?
JOIN US TO FIND OUT!

MSGR PETER MAGEE (KILMARNOCK)
BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS
FR WILLIAM MCFADDEN (DUMFRIES)

Sunday 1 June 2025, 6.00 pm
St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB)
St Teresa's Church, Dumfries (DG2 9DE)

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Full in the panting heart of Rome (revised)

Full in the panting heart of Rome,
the pilgrim's and the stranger's home,
our voices rise to God in prayer
with faithful Christians gathered there.

*God bless our Pope,
God bless our Pope,
God bless our Pope,
the great, the good.*

Almighty God, whose sacred word
the great Apostle Peter heard
who guides with ever-faithful hand
your holy Church in every land.

O Lord of every age and place,
Peter's successor asks your grace.
Abundant faith and strength provide.
Inspire and lead, protect and guide.

O God of light and God of truth,
the hope of age, the strength of youth,
to whom the holy martyrs pray,
renew and bless your Church today.

Where Peter is, the Church shall be
as Christ once taught in Galilee,
your saints join us to sing your praise
from now until the end of days.

Litany of the Saints

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

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All: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

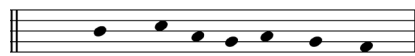


All: R. pray for us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

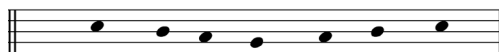
Saint Michael,
Holy Angels of God,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint John,
Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Perpetua and Saint
Felicity,
Saint Agnes,

Saint Gregory,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Athanasius,
Saint Basil,
Saint Martin,
Saint Benedict,
Saint Francis and Saint
Dominic,
Saint Francis Xavier,
Saint John Vianney,
Saint Catherine of Siena,
Saint Teresa of Jesus,
All holy men and women,
Saints of God,



All: R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.

Lord, be merciful,
From all evil,
From every sin,
From everlasting death,
By your Incarnation,
By your Death and Resurrection,
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,



Be merciful to us sinners,

All: R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Baptism,
Jesus, Son of the living God,

Cantor: Christ, hear us.

All: Christ, hear us.

Cantor: Christ, graciously hear us.

All: Christ, graciously hear us.