



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Communications)
Sunday 1st June 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 1st – 8th JUNE 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 31st	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 1st	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ For the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	Luca van Bui (Ann), John McGee (Ann) / Gerald McDonald (RIP)
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 2nd	6.00 pm	Young Adults (S5-age 30) Mass	/ Galloway Young Adults
		followed by talk in the Hall by Msgr. Peter Magee	
	10.00 am	Mass	Freda Curley (RIP) / Special Intention
Tuesday 3rd	After Mass	Minibus Trip to Culzean Castle departs	
	6.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.30 pm	PPC Meeting in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 4th	10.00 am	Mass	Michael Gallacher (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 5th	10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention / Maureen Walsh (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Friday 6th	6.00 pm	Mass	Elizabeth Szvatsina (RIP) / Special Intention
	10.00 am	Mass	Hugh & Tom Gallacher (RIP) / Mary Haggarty (RIP)
Saturday 7th	7.30 pm	Race Night in St Joseph's	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Joe Maiolani (RIP) /
	11.00 am	Mass	Frances Openshaw (RIP) /
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	

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.

MINIBUS TRIPS: Please sign up in the porch.

Monday 2nd June – Culzean Castle: This trip is now full. We will leave St Joseph's after morning Mass on Monday. 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, there is a guided tour of the grounds followed by an opportunity for lunch (not included) in the tearoom. We will return to St Joseph's for approximately 5.00 pm. The cost per person, payable on the day, is £25.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 2nd June at 6.30 pm in the church hall. There will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6.00 pm in the church for those who can manage.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: There will be a special collection at Masses this weekend for the work of communications in the Church in Scotland.

SILVER WOLF AWARD: Dennis Graham, Scoutmaster of the 91st Ayrshire Scouts, was recently honoured with the highest award in Scouting, received at Windsor Castle in April. We will mark this achievement during 11 am Mass this Sunday, 1st June.

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: £841.00. **Weekly collection:** £1,427.37. **Church Students Fund:** £25.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

RUN FOR SANTIAGO! Fr Kevin and Margaret McGrath will be running the 10km Roon' the Toon run on Sunday 8th June to raise funds to support the Young Adults' pilgrimage to Santiago later this year. You can sponsor them at the stall, or online by searching for @rcdgyouth and clicking the link.

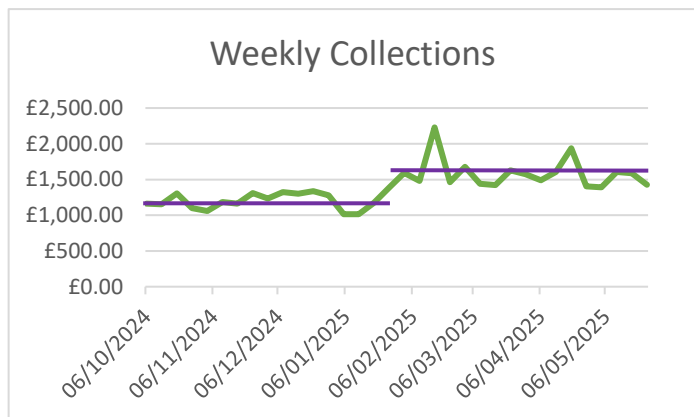
FOODBANK HOLIDAY: The SSVF foodbank will be closed on Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 11th June and will reopen on Wednesday 18th June.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The term of the PPC is coming to a close and Fr Stephen invites nominations of adults (16+) of all ages who would like to be members, or of people whom others think would be good members of the PPC. It is important that those who wish to be considered have the good of the parish at heart and are willing to meet up to six times a year (in the evening) and would be pleased to take on some small tasks to build up the life of the parish. (Members of the former PPC are welcome to offer to serve again.)

Nominations are open until 22nd June. Around twelve people will be selected, in a way that represents the whole parish, from the nominations to form the new PPC which we hope to be in place before the summer, for a first meeting in Autumn. Names should be given/sent to Fr Stephen.

UPDATE ON THE FEBRUARY APPEAL TO INCREASE THE SUNDAY COLLECTION: At the beginning of February, Fr Stephen presented the 2024 accounts and an analysis of income and expenditure, highlighting the need to increase weekly income if the needs of the church estate and management of the parish are to be met. He appealed for an increase of weekly giving of £5 or more to those who could afford this. Thank you to all who have increased their weekly donations.

The graph below shows the weekly collections in green and the median or average in purple for the four months prior to the appeal and the four months after. The average increase in the cash and cheque contributions is £356.84 and the increase in standing orders is £233.00. **The total average weekly increase is £589.84. Projected over the year, this represents an annual increase of £30,671.84.** This is an excellent result and expression of the generosity of our parishioners. It will take this level of increase, annually, for another 5 or 6 years to continue and complete the essential building maintenance. In the meantime, Fr Stephen's request is simply to maintain this increase which will be a significant legacy to the parish at this time and in the future. Thank you!



In addition to the increased collection, a new fundraising target of £60,000 has been set for the replacement of the hall roof, fascias, and windows and other essential remedial work. Applications have been made to grant funders, but it will also be necessary to fundraise within the parish. The Building Fund collection from now and forward will be directed to the Hall Renovation Fund. There will be fundraising initiatives and events in the coming months to support this project, and more information will follow.

ROADS CLOSURE FOR ROON' THE TOON RUN: On Sunday 8th June, the annual Roon' the Toon run takes place and streets in the town centre of Kilmarnock are closed until around 12 noon including John Finnie Street and West George Street. Please keep this in mind when planning your journey to Mass next weekend. More information on the road closures can be found at <http://www.roonthetoon.com/race-route>. We wish all participants, including Fr Kevin, success with the run.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRESENTS...SISTER ACT JR: Sister Act is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that will have you jumping to your feet! Join the St Joseph's Academy Performing Arts department on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th June, for a night of fun and laughter as we follow Deloris in running for her life. Curtain up 7.00 pm, tickets £10 (adults) or £8 (children) – scan the QR code on the poster for details.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING: Aged between 55 and 30 years? Join us **tonight** at 6.00 pm for Mass, following which Msgr. Peter Magee will be speaking on Blessed Carlo Acutis: his life and inspiration.

GALLOWAY YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENING: The next Galloway Youth evening takes place on **Sunday 15th June**, beginning with Mass at 5pm. This month we'll be reflecting on the Holy Spirit: who the Holy Spirit is and how he helps us in our lives. 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 after Mass. Are you a local business owner? Could you like to sponsor a race? Speak to Fr Kevin or email youth@rcdg.org.uk for details.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SISTERS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: The IHM Sisters will celebrate their patronal feast, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on Saturday 28th June at beginning with 10 am Mass at St Joseph's Church and followed by a buffet celebration in the hall where there will be a presentation on the mission of the sisters and entertainment and music. All are very welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Minibus Trip to Cowden Japanese Gardens – Friday 13th June
- Youth (P6-S4) Evening – Sunday 15th June, 5.00 pm
- First Holy Communion Day – Sunday 22nd June, 11 am Mass
- Visit of Papal Nuncio to Galloway Diocese – 24th – 27th June
- IHM Sisters Feast day celebrations – Saturday 28th June, 10 am

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 31 May 6pm	H Rameckers, M Kirk, M McGrath	C Power, F Donachie, Sr Juliet, M McGrath, M Steele	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	M McGrath
Sunday 1 June 11am	K van Bui, T Murphy, P Nicholson	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	E Cunningham, L Heron	IHM Sisters	Eileen, Devlin	M McGrath
Saturday 7 June 6pm	E Heron, G McIntyre, F Donachie	M McGrath, J Lennon, C McGowan, K McGhee, Sr Mabel	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Anne, Michael	H Matthews
Sunday 8 June 11am	R Doak, G Smith, G McGee	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Theresa, Alan	H Matthews