



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Sunday 8th June 2025**

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 8th – 15th JUNE 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Joe Maiolani (RIP) / Frances Openshaw (RIP) /
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	
Monday 9th	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Kevin O'Biren (RIP) /
Tuesday 10th	10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	John & Evelyn Downie (Ann) / Steven Love (RIP)
Wednesday 11th	10.30 – 11.00 am	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<b>Community Café</b> in St Joseph's Hall	
Thursday 12th	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	James Murphy (RIP) / Isabella McAvoy (RIP)
	After Mass	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
Friday 13th	6.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>	Anna Kerr (RIP) / Anna Kerr (RIP)
	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	Louise McCluskey (RIP) /
Saturday 14th	After Mass	<b>Church Cleaning</b> (New volunteers welcome)	
	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Sunday 15th	5.30 – 5.45 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	/ For the Parish
	11.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	/ John McGill (Ann) & Brian McDonald (RIP)
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.00 pm	<b>Youth (P6-S4) Mass</b>	/ GallowayYouth
		followed by evening in the 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 TRIP: 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. Sign up in the porch.

**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

**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](mailto:stephen.mcgrattan@rcdg.org.uk) or 01563 521832)

*Ayr Hospital:* Fr Benjamin Mkeri ([benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.org.uk) or 01655 882145)

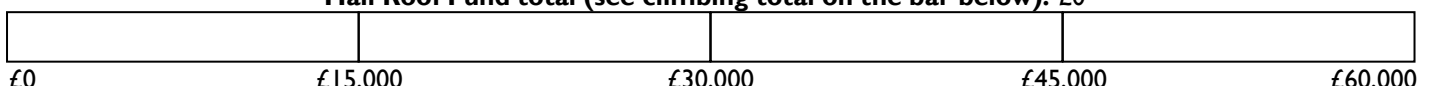
**St Andrew's Primary:** 01563 549549 **Mount Carmel Primary:** 01563 525897 **St Joseph's Academy:** 01563 526144

**Standing orders:** £841.00. **Weekly collection:** £1,632.79. **Communications:** £817.79. **Recital:** £274. **Ecuador Trust:** £120.

**Contactless & Online Donations (May) – Collection:** £181. **Building Fund:** £60.

**Total May Income:** £13,056.35. **Total May Expenditure:** £16,788.51.

**Hall Roof Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below):** £0



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later this year. You can sponsor them at the stall, or online by searching for @rcdgyouth and clicking the link.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir members who sang at the Solemn Dedication on 18 May are requested to attend a rehearsal in the church on Monday 23 June at 7 pm in order to prepare for a reprise of some of the music at Evening Prayer with the Papal Nuncio on Thursday 26 June.

**VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO TO GALLOWAY DIOCESE:** Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will visit Galloway Diocese from 24th – 27th June. He will meet with the faithful and clergy at events in each deanery. There will be two public gatherings during his visit and an open invitation is extended to everyone. On Wednesday 25th June at 7.00 pm, the Nuncio will celebrate Mass with the diocesan clergy in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. On Thursday 26th June at 7.00 pm, Sung Evening Prayer will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock with ecumenical and civic guests present. All are welcome.

In addition to these gatherings, all members of Parish Pastoral Councils and Diocesan Pastoral Councils are invited to meet with the Nuncio before Evening Prayer on Thursday 26th June at 6.00 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

**DAY FOR LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Next Sunday we mark our annual Day for Life. This year's theme, **Hope Does Not Disappoint: Finding Meaning in Suffering** invites us, in this Holy Year of Hope, to pray for those who suffer to unite their crosses with Jesus and so to find some hope; and for society to find ways to come closer to those suffering and lighten their burden. The Day for Life Collection fosters human life in every stage and condition, with particular attention to pro-life causes along with other aspects of life deserving consideration. The collection is split fifty percent between national and diocesan initiatives.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL:** There will be a short rehearsal for First Holy Communion after the 6 pm Vigil Mass and after the 11 am Mass next weekend. Parents and children are asked to attend one of them.

**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.

**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.

**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.

SSVP FINANCES	February	March	April	May
Box collections	£775.30	£1,421.82	£1,063.66	£854.09
Purchase of Food bags	£1,025.51	£851.72	£1,186.14	£1,006.09
Surplus/Deficit	-£250.21	£570.10	-£122.48	-£152.00

### 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
- Organ Recital by Tiffany Vong – Tuesday 24th June, 12 noon
- Visit of Papal Nuncio to Galloway Diocese – 24th – 27th June
- IHM Sisters Feast day celebrations – Saturday 28th June, 10 am
- Young Adults Evening (S5-30) – Sunday 6th July, 6-8 pm

### ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK—THE RESTORED HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903, 2023)

#### ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025



*Recitalist:*  
**Tiffany Vong**  
(Jordanhill Parish Church)

Tuesday 24 June at 12 noon  
St Joseph's Church, 15a Hill Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital featuring a programme of music on the church's 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Admission Free - Retiral Collection

Soup, sandwiches and cakes available in the church hall from 11 am

No booking required - Just come along

**FOODBANK:** The SSVP foodbank will be closed on Wednesday 11th June and will reopen on Wednesday 18th June.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** The next church cleaning will take place after 10 am Mass on Friday 13th June. Thanks to everyone who can attend.

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 7 June 6pm</b>	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
<b>Sunday 8 June 11am</b>	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
<b>Saturday 14 June 6pm</b>	M Kirk, K McGhee, M McGrath	G Rankin, L Rankin, Sr Juliet, F Donachie, C Power	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 15 June 11am</b>	Annette Davidson, M Cunningham, L Hand	J Shields, F McCann, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Paul, Libby	IHM Sisters