



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th October 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 5th – 12th OCTOBER 2025

Mass is livestreamed on the “St Joseph’s, Kilmarnock” YouTube channel.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 4th	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	/ Graham McLintock (RIP)
Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Mass	/ Galloway Young Adults
		With the commissioning of the Young Adults walking the Camino de Santiago	
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee with scones and cakes in St Joseph's Hall	
Monday 6th	10.00 am	Mass	Elizabeth Farren (Ann) / Isobel Burke (RIP)
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 7th	10.00 am	Mass	Patrick Giffney (Ann) / Thanksgiving
	10.30 – 4.00 pm.	Day of Prayer for Peace: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (see below)	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm.	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 8th	10.00 am	Mass	John McLaughlin (RIP) / Lexi Campbell (RIP)
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 9th	6.00 pm	Mass	Special Intention / Mary Beattie (RIP)
	6.30 pm	RCIA in the parish house	
Friday 10th	10.00 am	Mass	Brian Murphy (RIP) / Kevin Ginnity (Ann)
Saturday 11th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Calumn Gallagher (RIP) /
Sunday 12th	8.30 am	Young Adults' Mass (Open to all)	People of the parish / Galloway Young Adults
	11.00 am	Mass	John Loughran (Ann)
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	

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



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

YOUNG ADULTS SANTIAGO COMMISSIONING

MASS: Today we're joined at 11.00 am Mass by the Diocesan Young Adults who are walking the Camino de Santiago from the 12th – 19th October. During Mass, they will be commissioned for their journey. You are invited to join the group in the hall afterwards to meet to have a chat about the pilgrimage.

Camino Prayer Intentions: Fr Kevin, Fr Stephen, and Margaret McGrath will be leading the group in pilgrimage. If you have any

intentions that you would like them to carry with them on pilgrimage, please write these and leave them in the stall.

SCONES & CAKES AT SUNDAY TEAS: scones and cakes in the hall today after Mass. Proceeds to the Hall Roof fund.

UR WELCOME: Wednesday 8th October, 1.30 – 3.30 pm for senior citizens – come for an afternoon tea with Provost Claire Leitch in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Norbert Room).

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: £834.08. **Weekly collection:** £1,276.04. **Building (Hall Roof) Fund:** £695.84.

Retired Priests Fund: £60. **Apostolate of Life:** £5. **Thank you.**

Total September Income: £29,296.19. **Total September Expenditure:** £23,077.99.

Hall Roof Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £58,422.10.

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Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: Tuesday 7th October has been designated by the Bishops of Scotland as a Day of Prayer for peace and have asked that churches are open for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can watch for a half-hour period on Tuesday please add your name to the list in the porch. Or just come along for the time you are able to spend.

Prayer: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the Holy Land: Israeli and Palestinian, Jew, Christian and Muslim. We pray for an end to acts of violence and terror. We lift to you all who are fearful and hurting. We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership. Above all, we ask that Jesus the Prince of Peace, establish lasting reconciliation and justice for the Holy Land and all nations. Amen.

INVITATION FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Would you like to join our fantastic team of Altar Servers who assist at weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter? If you've made your First Communion you're able to do so, just speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more details. Full training and support will be provided.

HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT WORK: Fabulous progress has been made on the hall roof replacement in such a short time. Thank you to Michael Maughan (MM Roofing) and his team for their professionalism, availability and hard work. The roof and uPVC soffits are completed and lighting will be completed this month. The windows will be replaced before Christmas. Thank you, also, for all the fundraising efforts including those of the afternoon tea which raised £1,100!



ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

**THE RESTORED
HARRISON & HARRISON
ORGAN (1903, 2023)**

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
2025**

Recitalist:
CHRIS NICKOL
(New Kilpatrick Church,
Glasgow)

**Tuesday 21 October
12 noon**

**St Joseph's Church,
15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB**

www.rckilmarnock.org.uk/outreach/organ-recitals

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

Admission free - Retiral collection

No booking required - just come along

RCIA: RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the programme followed by adults to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is after the 6 pm Mass on Thursday 9th October, at 6.30 pm in the parish house.

CHOIR PRACTICES. Choir Practices for Christmas will commence on Sunday 19th October, 6.15 - 8.15 p.m. This is an opportunity to contribute to the longstanding choral tradition in our parish. New members in all voice parts are welcome. The ability to read music is helpful but is not an essential requirement.

SPRED KILMARNOCK PARISHES GROUP: Meetings have now recommenced for the new session of SPRED which supports adults with Special Needs in their faith journey and

personal development. The fun, friendly, small group meetings are held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings during term time. If you or someone you know would like to come along, please, in the first instance, contact Kathleen Jones (07513048722).

CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND: What do we need to know and what can we do? Public Meeting in St Mary's Hall, Saltcoats, KA21 5BW on Sunday 5th October at 3 pm. Guest Speakers - Phillippa Whitford, a breast cancer surgeon who has worked in Gaza and the West Bank and Anne Marie Clements, Justice and Peace Scotland, who visited the Holy Land earlier this year with a delegation of European Bishops.

YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS: The new series of Youth Evenings continues on Sunday 26th October. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm and continues afterwards in the hall for games, activities, a talk and pizza – all led by S3/4 Junior Leaders from St Joseph's Academy. This month we'll be reflecting on the theme of Mary. Open to all youth in P6-S4. The event is free.



ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Now only £100 for the weekend! Register today to join youth (P7-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather at Gowanbank SU Centre (outside of Darvel) for our 2025 Advent Retreat. We'll spend the weekend together taking part in various different outdoor activities including archery tag, crate climbing, and an escape room (among other activities). We'll also have talks from a number of different people about their own faith and advent, as well as spending time in prayer and growing in friendship with Jesus and one and other. The retreat runs from 6.00 pm on Friday 28th to 4.00 pm on Sunday 30th November and costs £100 per person (all inclusive). Places are limited, for more details or to register scan the QR code or going to our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk. When registering, you will be asked to pay a £60 deposit to secure your child's place, with the balance due by Sunday 19th October.

YOUTH OFFICE 200 CLUB: This provides support for young people who otherwise would struggle to participate in events! Membership is £5 per month, with a monthly draw giving you the chance to win cash prizes. **Pick up a form in the stall to register, or go to their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.**

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, GRASSYARDS ROAD: We invite you to join us for a celebration Mass in St Joseph's Academy Assembly Hall on Saturday 22nd November at 11am. We are honoured to have Bishop Dougan presiding over Mass to mark this special occasion. Please use the link (<https://forms.office.com/e/08LyWEVDy8>) or QR code below to register your attendance. We look forward to seeing you then. Donna Shearer, Depute Head Teacher.



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. 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.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Choir practice for Christmas begins – Sunday 19th October
- Youth Evening – Sunday 26th October, 5.00 pm
- St Joseph's Academy, 70th Anniversary – Saturday 22nd November
- Advent Youth Retreat – Friday 28th – Sunday 30th November

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 4 Oct 6 pm	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, M McGrath	F Donachie, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan, C Power	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Rameckers
Sunday 5 Oct 11 am	M Cunningham, R Doak, L Hand	H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, F McCann	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Alice Murphy	Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy	Eileen, Devlin	H Rameckers
Saturday 11 Oct 6 pm	F Donachie, A Davidson, E Heron	M Steele, K McGhee, G Rankin, L Rankin, Sr Mabel	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Kathleen, Frances	M McGrath
Sunday 12 Oct 11 am	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Theresa, Alan	M McGrath