



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th October 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 12th – 19th OCTOBER 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention
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	Column 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	
Monday 13th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Church	
Tuesday 14th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am	Mass in St Joseph's Church	
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 16th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
Friday 17th	10.00 am	Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	Mass in St Matthew's Church	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm ...	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Mass	
	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.

MASSES THIS WEEK: Please note that due to clergy availability, there will be no weekday Masses in St Joseph's on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (this week only). We're grateful to Canon Jack for celebrating Mass this Sunday, and to Frs Jim and Erasmus who will celebrate the Masses next weekend.

WELCOME TO FR ERASMUS EGENONU, CSSp: We welcome Fr Erasmus to the Deanery. Fr Erasmus takes over from Fr Gabriel as Parish Priest of St Sophia's, Galston, and St Paul's, Hurlford. Fr Erasmus has been a priest for 21 years and served in a number of different areas as a Spiritan Missionary. We welcome him and look forward to him celebrating Mass with our parish community at 11.00 am next Sunday.

PRIEST CONTACT: Over the coming week if you require a priest urgently, please contact Fr Jim Hayes at St Matthew's Church on 01563 533587.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you that our parishioner James Chalmers died this week. May he rest in peace. James' funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at 10 am in St Joseph's.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Due to the October break, there will be no Community Café on Tuesday this week.

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

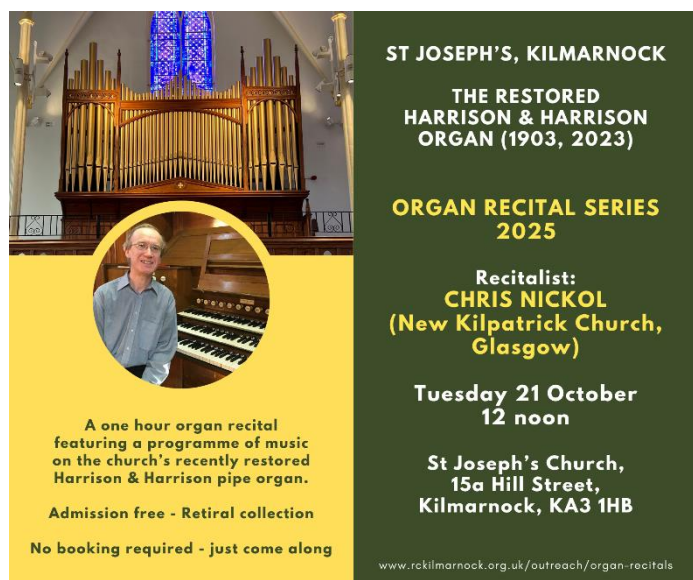
Standing orders: £834.08. **Weekly collection:** £1,208.95. **Building (Hall Roof) Fund:** £1,300.26

Retired Priests Fund: £10. **Mission Sunday:** £10. **Ecuador Trust:** £200. Thank you.

Hall Roof Fund total (see climbing total on the bar below): £59,749.36.

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Thank you for generously supporting our parish.



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 not an essential requirement.

MISSION SUNDAY (19th OCTOBER): Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we are called by Pope Leo to be "Missionaries of Hope". We can do this by being part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide hope to those most in need. Let us pray for the Church's missionary work and offer our financial support through Missio Scotland and the special collection (giftaid envelopes in boxes) for our Catholic brothers and sisters in mission countries.

MINIBUS TRIP: The final Minibus Trip of 2025 will take place on Friday 24th October to Cardwell Garden Centre, outside of Gourrock, with a stopover in Largs. The bus will leave from St Joseph's after 10.00 am Mass, returning by 5.00 pm. The trip costs £10 per person, payable on the day. If you would like to join, please sign up in the porch.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT: The annual Halloween Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 25th October, starting at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. So come along on your own or get a team together and see if you've got what it takes to answer the quiz master's questions! Tickets are on sale now from the church stall, priced £5.00. There will also be a raffle on the night, if you are able to give any donations of raffle prizes, please hand these into the sacristy or the Church stall after any Mass, or hand them into Margaret at the Community Café on a Tuesday.

KILMARNOCK PARISHES ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS: The annual Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass will take place on Saturday 1st November at 11.00 am in Grassyards Cemetery. All are invited to join us in praying for all of those from our parish community who are buried there.

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.


SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN: On Sunday 26th October, parents/carers and their children will

gather in the church hall after Mass, and at 12.30 pm the catechesis groups will begin. This will finish at 1.45 pm and lunch snacks will be provided for all those participating.

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 23rd October, at 6.30 pm in the parish house.

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).

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.

THE PSALMS AND A LIFE OF PRAYER: Abbot Gregory Polan, OSB, visits Scotland later this month to lead a day conference on 'The Psalms and a Life of Prayer'. Abbot Gregory is a monk of Conception Abbey, Missouri, and led the translation project to revise the Grail Psalms, creating the Abbey Psalter which is used in the new translation of the Lectionary for Mass. Daytime events: Tuesday 28 October, University of Stirling; Wednesday, 29 October, 10:30am - 4:00pm, Christ the King Church Hall, Glasgow. Cost £25 (includes lunch). Evening event: Singing the Psalms in the Liturgy, Christ the King Church Hall, 7:00pm. To register email liturgycommission@bcos.org.uk. Event organised by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

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.



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 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
Saturday 18 Oct 6 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, G McIntyre	Sr Juliet, F Donachie, A Gorman, J Lennon, C McGowan	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 19 Oct 11 am	H Matthews, G McGee, F McCann	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo	Anne & Gerry Smith	-	Paul, Libby	H Matthews