



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Solemnity of All Saints
Sunday 2nd November 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 2nd – 9th NOVEMBER 2025

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

| Date | Time | Gathering | Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie) |
|---------------|------------------|---|---|
| Saturday 1st | 11.00 am | Kilmarnock Parishes' Cemetery Mass | Deceased Parishioners / Deceased Parishioners |
| | 5.30 – 5.45 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 6.00 pm | Vigil Mass | / Special Intention |
| Sunday 2nd | 11.00 am | Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints | Rose Walker (RIP) / For the Parish |
| | After Mass | Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall | |
| | 5.45 pm | Young Adults' Mass (followed by gathering in the Hall) | |
| | 6.15 pm | Choir Practice in St Joseph's Church | |
| Monday 3rd | 10.00 am | All Souls Day Mass | Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed |
| | 10.30 – 10.45 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 6.00 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Tuesday 4th | 6.30 pm | PPC Meeting in St Joseph's Hall | |
| | 10.00 am | Mass | |
| | 10.30 – 11.00 am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Wednesday 5th | 11.00 – 1.00 pm | Community Café in St Joseph's Hall | |
| | 10.00 am | Mass | Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed |
| Thursday 6th | After Mass | Recitation of the Holy Rosary | |
| | 6.00 pm | Mass | Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed |
| Friday 7th | 6.30 pm | RCIA in St Joseph's House | |
| | 10.00 am | Mass | Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed |
| Saturday 8th | 10.00 am | Mass in St Matthew's Church | |
| | 5.30 – 5.45 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| Sunday 9th | 6.00 pm | Vigil Mass | Faithful Departed / |
| | 11.00 am | Mass for those who have died since last November | Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed |
| | After Mass | Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall | |
| | 6.15 pm | Choir Practice in St Joseph's Church | |

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.

CLERGY CHANGES: Last weekend it was announced that Fr Jim Hayes will be leaving Kilmarnock on 23rd November to take up an appointment as Parish Priest of St Winin's, Kilwinning. At the same time, Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin will become the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest to all three Kilmarnock parishes. The Sunday Mass times in three parishes will remain the same. As Fr Stephen noted last weekend, Fr Philip Kitchen will also be retiring from the Cumnock cluster of parishes next summer. Over the coming months, it will be important to reflect as a Deanery on our pastoral vision for the future as the priestly

resource is shared among an increasing number of communities. Please pray for all of the priests involved in these changes at this time.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: This year, the Solemnity is translated to the Sunday and, as such, the usual Sunday obligation applies. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November when we pray for all of the faithful departed who have died.

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:** £1,450.02. **Mission Sunday:** £75. **Organ Recital:** £81. **Thank you.**

Total October Income: £54,144.16. Total October Expenditure: £58,620.70.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

THE RESTORED HARRISON & HARRISON ORGAN (1903, 2023)

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025

Recitalist:
ANDREW FORBES
(Glasgow Cathedral)

Tuesday 11 November
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 recently restored Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Admission free - Retiral collection

No booking required - just come along

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MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER: At 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 9th November, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. A letter will be sent to their families inviting them to attend.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: "I would go as far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from a person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

During November, the weekend and weekday Masses will be offered in the parishes for departed priests, friends and family. (For this reason particular Mass intentions requested will be carried forward to December.) Please take a November List from the back of the church and add the names of those you would like to pray for, and place it in the basket beside the altar. If you are able you may make a Mass offering with your November list. The names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month will be inserted within the album at the altar.

All the faithful can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory. And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day: Piously visit a church to pray for the faithful departed; - Say one "Our Father" and the "Creed" in the visit to the church; - Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope; - Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day); - Make a Sacramental Confession within a week of (before or after) All Souls Day; - That one be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence from

November 1st to 8th: Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; - Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope; - Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day); - Make a Sacramental Confession within a week of (before or after) All Souls Day; - That one be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME FOR ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers are invited to "Sleeping Beauty" in the Galleon, Kilmarnock on the afternoon of Saturday 27th December. Details of the outing will be given nearer the time, but to reserve tickets the altar servers are asked to let Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin know whether they would like to go by 9th November.

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

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, contact Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more details. Full training and support will be provided.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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 6th November, at 6.30 pm in the parish house.

MASS FOR COP30 CLIMATE SUMMIT: Monday 10th November at 1pm. Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES, this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, to pray for the success of the COP30 climate summit in Brazil. After Mass, join us for refreshments at 2pm in Eyre Hall and a live video update from SCIAF's Ben Wilson, reporting from COP30. All are welcome.

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.



YOUNG ADULTS EVENING: The next Young Adults evening **takes place tonight** when Fr Philip Kitchen will be speaking on the History of the Church. The evening begins with Mass at 5.45 pm, followed by a talk to both the northern and southern groups from 6.30 pm.

CHURCH CLEANING: The next day for cleaning the church is Friday 7th November. New helpers will be welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- St Joseph's Academy, 70th Anniversary – Saturday 22nd November
- Organ Recital by Andrew Forbes – Tuesday 11th November, 12.00 pm
- Youth Evening – Sunday 16th November, 5.00 pm

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

| | Readers | Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Sunday Teas | Children's Liturgy | Welcomers | Bidding Prayers |
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| Saturday 1 Nov 6 pm | A Davidson, E Heron, M Kirk | Sr Mabel, F Donachie, M McGrath, J Lennon, M Steele | Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia | | | Claire, Margaret | H Rameckers |
| Sunday 2 Nov 11 am | R Doak, L Hand, M Cunningham | M Walker, P Chigbo, M Andrew, F McCann, E Cunningham | Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo, Jason, Kamili | Alice Murphy | Emma Boyd, Karen Cassidy | Theresa, Alan | H Rameckers |
| Saturday 8 Nov 6 pm | K McGhee, H Rameckers, A Davidson | G Rankin, L Rankin, C Power, Sr Juliet, Sr Mabel | Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia | | | Kathleen, Frances | M McGrath |
| Sunday 9 Nov 11 am | P Nicholson, G Smith, T Murphy | L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil | Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo, Jason, Kamili | - | - | Paul, Libby | M McGrath |