



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th November 2025

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 16th – 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

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

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass intention (Fr McGrattan / Fr Rennie)
Saturday 15th	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	After Mass	Tea and Coffee in St Joseph's Hall	
	5.00 pm	Youth Mass (followed by gathering in the Hall)	
	6.15 pm	Choir Practice in St Joseph's Church	
Monday 17th	10.00 am	Mass	Margaret Fulton (RIP) and Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	10.30 – 10.45 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed /
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Community Café in St Joseph's Hall	
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed /
	After Mass	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
Thursday 20th	6.00 pm	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
	6.30 pm	RCIA in St Joseph's House	
Friday 21st	10.00 am	Mass	Faithful Departed / Faithful Departed
Saturday 22nd	11.00 am	Mass for the 70th Anniversary of St Joseph's Academy in the school	
	5.30 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Faithful Departed /
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am	Mass	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: Fr Jim Hayes will be leaving Kilmarnock after Masses on Sunday 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 the three parishes will remain the same. 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.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION: The annual Mass for Those Involved in Education will be celebrated in St Margaret's Cathedral, John Street, Ayr on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30 pm. All staff

who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. The faithful of the diocese, especially school pupils, are welcome to join in the Mass. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

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.



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:** £1,657.12. **Building Fund:** £1,109.81. **SCES:** £5. **Thank you.**

Thank you for generously supporting our parish.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: During this Jubilee Year of Hope, each of the four deaneries of our diocese has prepared a presentation of the four Apostolic Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council.

St Margaret's Deanery (South Ayrshire) has produced online material for *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy which is now available for viewing on YouTube on the "RC Diocese of Galloway" @rcdgalloway channel. This Constitution set the direction for modern liturgical renewal in the Catholic Church. Its goal was to deepen the faithful's participation in the liturgy, enrich the use of Scripture, and ensure that worship was both faithful to tradition and accessible to today's communities. Please have a look.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Next Sunday there will be a special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service which supports the mission of our Catholic Schools.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH: Saturday 22 November 2025 from 11.30am to 3pm in St Matthews Hall, Grassyards Rd, Kilmarnock.

Profits on the day going to SHS – Stuart's Haematoma Support, <https://www.facebook.com/share/1EWKv8UAV9/> to help support survivors of Haematomas and their families/loved ones.

Free entry, with lots of different crafters selling some amazing goods on the day, bake sales, a tombola stand and raffle stall. PLUS there will be a Sing-Along with Santa from 1pm in his Grotto with a little take home gift for the children too. Children can also bring along their letters for Santa and his elves will make sure they get to his office at the North Pole just in time for his deliveries on Christmas day!

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Saturday 29th November, 11 – 1 pm. If you are able to contribute donations towards the bottle and chocolate stalls, the tombola and raffle, they will be gratefully received. There is a box in the porch for donations. Thank you.

Also, raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses in the porch this weekend. All support will be appreciated for school funds to benefit extracurricular educational opportunities for pupils.

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN:

Last year Hillhouse gave 3,270 presents to 1,635 young people in East Ayrshire aged 16 and under by providing Christmas gifts to those most in need. When you are buying Christmas presents, can you please remember the Hillhouse outreach?



- toys for children aged 7-16 years,
- pyjamas for 0 -16 year olds,
- boxer shorts and socks for teenage boys,
- toiletries for teenage girls (e.g. perfume, deodorant and make up)
- toiletries for teenage boys (e.g. shower gel, after shave, deodorant).

Please donate items in the box in the porch unwrapped before the beginning of December.

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 20th November, at 6.30 pm in the parish house.

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.**

YOUTH (P6-S4) EVENINGS: The next monthly Cluster Youth Evening for young people in P6-S4 takes place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock **today, Sunday, 16th November**. The next evening will reflect on 'The Saints: Who are they and why do they matter?'. Young people are invited to come dressed up as their favourite saint with a prize for the best costume. The evening runs from 5.00 – 7.00 pm, beginning with Mass at 5.00 pm. See you there!

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENINGS: The next Young Adults evening takes place in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 7th December. This month, the group will be joined by Fr Mark Kelly who'll be speaking on 'The Parables of Jesus: Understanding Jesus' teaching in the Gospels'. The evening begins with Mass at 5.45 pm, following which Fr Mark will speak in the hall. All young adults are welcome, whether you're a regular or it's your first time.

SANTIAGO: HEAR THEIR STORY (EVENT FOR ALL): On Friday 12th December at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, Young Adults who took part in the Camino de Santiago will be speaking about their experiences. They'll be sharing photos, stories, and taking questions about why it was so significant for all of those who took part. The evening is free of charge, but the bar will be open and donations are welcome towards the Young Adults' pilgrimage fund.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN), RED WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday 19th November, our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in remembering Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Will you help us 'break the silence on Christian persecution'? Come along to Evening Prayer in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr at 7pm Contact scotland@acnuk.org or call the office at 01698 337 470.

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.**

APPEAL FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL: SSVF Conference volunteers are few and in order for them to continue their current work in the Food Bank, they need new members to join them. The Food Bank takes place on a Wednesday morning in the hall between 10.30 and 11.30 am, when some 35-40 people come for a Food Bag and have soup and a sandwich, tea and coffee. If you are interested in joining them please speak to a SSVF member or to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. SSVF would like to express their thanks to the Tuesday Community Lunch Team for the continuing support with surplus food.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 15 Nov 6 pm	E Heron, A Davidson, F Donachie	A Gorman, K McGhee, M McGrath, M Steele, C Power	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Claire, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 16 Nov 11 am	G McGee, F McCann, H Matthews	J Shields, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo, Jason, Kamili	Anne & Mike Timmons	Anne & Lucie Dorrian	Eileen, Devlin	H Matthews
Saturday 22 Nov 6 pm	M Kirk, K McGhee, H Rameckers	J Lennon, F Donachie, A Gorman, M McGrath, G Rankin	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Kathleen, Frances	IHM Sisters
Sunday 23 Nov 11 am	An Davidson, M Walker, M Andrew	H Matthews, P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Marilyn, Mark, Rachel, Luca, Gabo, Jason, Kamili	Anne & Gerry Smith	IHM Sisters, Emma O'Connell	Theresa, Alan	IHM Sisters



EXHIBITION ON THE LIVES OF THE FALLEN SOLDIERS FROM ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IN THE TWO WORLD WARS: On Armistice Day, an exhibition was opened to inform people about the lives of the parishioners of St Joseph's who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the First and Second World Wars in hope of future peace. The exhibition will be on display until the end of November. You are invited to spend some time in the hall with the display. Thank you to Paul Nicholson and his team for all the efforts.

The names of the soldiers featuring in the exhibition are:

World War I

Andrew Canavan (1878-1915)
 Matthew Connelly (1883-1915)
 Robert Connelly (1875-1915)
 Tom Donnachie (1897-1916)
 James Dorby (1880-1915)
 William Douglas (1894-1916)
 Bernard Fitzsimmons (1883-1915)
 James Howe (c. 1884-1915)
 George Kane (1897-1915)
 Felix McCarthy (1888-1915)
 Edward McCulloch (1894-1918)
 John McKendrick (c. 1890-1918)
 John Molloy (1887-1917)
 James Nolan (1887-1916)
 James Pryde (1887-1915)
 Charles Ross (1892-1916)

World War II

Augustine Brannigan (1914-1943)
 John Dunffie (1919-1943)
 Daniel Hanlon (1920-1942)
 Martin Higgins (1921-1944)
 Thomas Langan (1916-1944)
 Hugh Charles Lynch (1921-1939)
 Hugh McCann (1901-1943)
 Daniel McNicol (1917-1945)
 James McCloskey (1909-1942)
 James McKenna (1918-1943)
 John McKenna (1914-1942)
 Jeremiah Maguire (1922-1944)
 Matthew Mason (1924-1944)
 James Mullen (1922-1942)
 Gerald Murray (c. 1917-1945)
 John Shannon (1924-1942)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Youth Evening – Sunday 16th November, 5.00 pm
- St Joseph's Academy, 70th Anniversary – Saturday 22nd November, 11 am
- St Matthew's Church Christmas Fayre – Sat 22nd November, 11.30 am – 3 pm
- Diocesan Mass for Those Involved in Education – Wed 26th November, 6.30 pm (St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr)
- St Joseph's Academy Christmas Fayre – Sat 29th November, 11 am – 1 pm
- Children's Christmas Party – Sun 7th December, 2.00 pm
- Young Adults' Evening – Sun 7th December, 5.45 pm
- Santiago Presentation Evening – Fri 12th December, 7.00 pm
- Christmas Youth Day – Sat 10th January, 11.00 am
- Young Adults' Christmas Dinner – Sun 11th January

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Galloway Youth Online Store

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Youth Office Mug £8
 Enjoy your morning coffee in style with our Youth Office mug, featuring the Youth Office's crest printed on both sides.

Youth Office Pen £4
 Show off your support for Galloway Youth in meetings and school with a Galloway Youth pen!

Christmas Cards £1
 Show your support for Galloway Youth to friends and family by sending them a Galloway Youth Christmas Card - 6 for £5!

Go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop
 or email: youth@rcdg.org.uk
 for an order form.

All proceeds go to supporting the work of the Youth Office in sharing the Gospel message with young people throughout Galloway.

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CAMINO DE SANTIAGO HEAR THEIR STORY!

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER - 7.00 PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL,
KILMARNOCK
FREE ENTRY