



# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent  
 Sunday 1st March 2026

St Joseph's – Our Lady of Mount Carmel – St Matthew's  
 Catholic Parishes, Kilmarnock

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 1st – 8th MARCH 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 28th</b>			
10.00 – 3.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Deanery Day of Reflection</b>	
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Maureen Baird (Ann)
7.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Ladies' Night</b>	
<b>Sunday 1st</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass</b>	William & Mary Gallacher (Ann)
After Mass	St Matthew's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Peter Maxwell (Ann)
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Matthew's	<b>Lenten Hour of Prayer</b>	
5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Young Adults' Evening</b>	
6.15 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Choir Practice for Holy Week &amp; Easter</b>	
<b>Monday 2nd</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	
10.30-10.45 am	St Joseph's	<b>Confession (until 10.45 am)</b>	Mary Kimmet (Ann)
		<b>No Rosary or Mass in St Matthew's today</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Requiem Mass for William Wallace, RIP</b>	William Wallace (RIP)
11.00 – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Community Café</b>	
		<b>No Mass or Adoration/Confessions in OLMC today</b>	
7.00 pm	OLMC	<b>RCIA in the Norbert Room</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Louise McCamley (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
		<b>No Mass or Adoration/Confessions in St Matthew's today</b>	
<b>Thursday 5th</b>			
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Brian McIntosh (RIP)
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>RCIA in St Joseph's Presbytery</b>	
<b>Friday 6th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Peter Capczuk (Ann)
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
11.00 – 4.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
		<b>No Rosary, Mass or Stations of the Cross in OLMC today</b>	
<b>Saturday 7th</b>			
2.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Organ &amp; Strings Recital</b>	
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Hugh McCluskey (RIP)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass</b>	Kevin Dorrian (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.00 am	OLMC	<b>Altar Server Training</b>	
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	For the Parish
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
4.00 – 5.00 pm	St Matthew's	<b>Lenten Hour of Prayer</b>	
6.15 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Choir Practice for Holy Week &amp; Easter</b>	

St Joseph's is open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9.30 am until 4 pm. Enter through the small side door.

## LENT

**PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS:** "Praying with the Psalms" is a prayer resource for Lent which is a collection of three-minute daily devotions for Lent and Holy Week. A few copies are still available free of charge from the porch.

**SCIAF BOXES:** Available from the porches of our churches.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after morning Mass in St Joseph's on Fridays during Lent until 4 pm. A list will be on the notice board inviting people to watch for half-hour long periods during the day. People are also welcome to drop in for quiet prayer during the day.

**HOUR OF PRAYER:** There will be a quiet hour of prayer in St Matthew's church on Sundays during Lent from 4 – 5 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Fridays after 10 am Mass in St Joseph's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As we continue our journey through Lent, please find below the Holy Week and Easter Mass times for our parishes. There will be other opportunities for prayer and devotion, however these are the key liturgies. With the exception of the Sundays, these days are not Holydays of Obligation, however we would encourage you to attend as many as possible to truly enter into the celebration of the Triduum: sharing in the Last Supper, walking with Christ to Calvary, and joining with him at his Resurrection.

Palm Sunday	
St Matthew's	9.30 am
St Joseph's	11.00 am
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	11.30 am
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)	
St Joseph's	7.00 pm
St Matthew's	7.00 pm
Good Friday (The Passion of the Lord)	
St Joseph's	3.00 pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	3.00 pm
Holy Saturday	
St Joseph's	8.30 pm
Easter Sunday	
The Kay Park (near Registry Office)	8.00 am (ecumenical service)
St Matthew's	9.30 am
St Joseph's	11.00 am
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	11.30 am

There will also be a Deanery Penance Service in St Joseph's for all of the Kilmarnock Parishes on Monday 16th March at 7.00 pm. Priests from across the Deanery will be in attendance so there's plenty opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament.

## GENERAL NOTICES

**ABSENCE FROM THE PARISH:** Fr Stephen will be away this week from Monday to Friday as part of his role as Diocesan Vocations Director. While Fr Stephen is away, there will be only one priest in Kilmarnock and so there will only be one weekday Mass in the town.

**YOUNG ADULTS' (55-30) EVENING:** The next evening takes place **tonight** when Fr Ben Mkeri, CSSp, will be speaking on the Holy Spirit: who the Holy Spirit is, why we pray to him, and how he supports us. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, beginning with Mass at 5.45 pm, or join from 6.30 pm online for the talk. To follow online, register through their website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) and click on 'Young Adults'.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND VISITING:** We are grateful to all of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who visit sick and housebound parishioners throughout Kilmarnock, helping them to keep in touch with the parish and to continue to receive the Eucharist while they are unable to attend Mass.

In order to ensure that our housebound list is up-to-date, and so to ensure that all of those who are housebound continue to receive the Eucharist and, when possible, a visit from Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin, we're carrying out a review of the list.



If you currently visit someone who is housebound (either as an Extraordinary Minister or a family member), or are housebound yourself please scan the QR code or pick up a form from the porch and complete it with the details of the person(s) you visit, or with your own details.

**RETIREMENT OF MRS DONNA SHEARER, DEPUTE HEAD, ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY:** We extend our congratulations and thanks to Mrs Donna Shearer who retired from St Joseph's Academy on Friday. Donna has been at St Joseph's Academy for 21 years and in that time has made an unmeasurable impact in the lives of thousands of young people in living, witnessing to, teaching and sharing the Catholic Faith and values with young people. We wish Donna well in her retirement as she starts out in this new chapter in her life.

**HCPT GROUP 138 LOURDES APPEAL:** HCPT Group 138, formerly of Fr Martin Chambers, are fundraising to raise funds to send disabled and disadvantaged children from Ayrshire on pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. We have various parishioners involved in the group from across our three Kilmarnock parishes. Graham Rannochan of our Lady of Mount Carmel is running a free to attend race night on Saturday 7th March at Kay Park Bowling Club, doors open 7pm, includes a licences bar. We have horses for sponsor, sponsorship being £2 per horse, allowing you to name your horse and receive a prize should it win on the night. No need to attend the event in order to sponsor a horse and we can get the prize to you at a later date.

**Troon fundraising event:** Also, soup, filled rolls, home baking, te/coffee, bingo games in Troon Scout Hall (next to railway station) on Sunday 8th March at 12.30 pm. £7 per adult, £3 per child (under 12). Proceeds will be split between HCPT Group 138 and the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust.

**MARY'S MEALS WALK FOR HOPE:** This year, the charity Mary's Meals is organising a selection of pilgrimage walks around the UK, bringing people together to pray for our mission to feed hungry children. Routes include Dalmally (9 May), Glasgow (28-30 May) and the Peak District (3-5 July). Visit our website to find out about our selection of walks and register your interest: <https://bit.ly/MarysMealsPilgrimage>.

**DON'T MISS OUT: FINANCIAL HELP FOR SCOTS IN 2026:** As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit [mygov.scot/benefits](http://mygov.scot/benefits).

**THE IRISH VOICE:** Copies of "The Irish Voice" bringing you all the news from the Irish in Scotland are available free of charge from the porches of the churches.

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers the souls of our parishioner William (Willie) Wallace and Anne Vernon who have died. Willie's Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 3rd March at 10.00 am. Anne's Requiem Mass will be offered on Wednesday 11th March at 10.00 am. May they rest in peace.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after morning Mass in St Joseph's on Fridays during Lent until 4 pm. A list will be on the notice board inviting people to watch for half-hour long periods during the day. People are also welcome to drop in for quiet prayer during the day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Fridays.

**EXTRAORDINARY CONCERT WITH ORGAN AND STRINGS:** The Edinburgh Society of Organists is joining with the Glasgow Society of Organists to visit St Joseph's restored Harrison & Harrison organ and to perform a concert with organ and strings on Saturday 7th March at 2.30 pm.

John Kitchen (City of Edinburgh Organist) who will play the organ that day said of the St Joseph's pipe organ: "This organ is a triumphant demonstration of what can be achieved when a congregation comes together with a common purpose and faith in the outcome. In 2023, after a dedicated fund raising campaign by members of the church, led by their priest and organists, the

1903 Harrison and Harrison organ was restored by its original maker. The project was enthusiastically supported by the congregation both financially and in terms of ongoing commitment; they now regularly attend the recitals that are held, and greatly appreciate the contribution it makes to their worship."

John Kitchen will present Handel and Stanley organ concertos, featuring a group of string players from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. It will be an honour for St Joseph's to host this prestigious event. Everyone is very welcome.



**ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK**

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

**EXTRAORDINARY ORGAN & STRINGS RECITAL**

Recitalists:  
**JOHN KITCHEN (Organ)**  
with **STRING QUARTET**

**Saturday 7 March**  
**2.30 pm**

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

The Edinburgh and Glasgow Societies of Organists host a special organ recital with strings featuring music by Handel and Stanley on the church's restored Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Admission free - Retiral collection

No booking required - just come along

[www.rkilmarnock.org.uk/outreach/organ-recitals](http://www.rkilmarnock.org.uk/outreach/organ-recitals)

**HALL HIRE:** Did you know that our Church Hall is available for hire for community events, fundraisers and family gatherings? We offer competitive rates for the hire of the hall which are affordable and, by hiring the hall, you're helping to support the parish. For more information or to book the hall, please contact Margaret McGrath.

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**U.R. WELCOME CLUB DATES:** The next date is 11th March (Chair Exercises) from 1.30pm till 3.30pm in the Norbert Meeting Room, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Come and join the fun and catch up over a cuppa. All welcome: seniors, friends and neighbours.

**SSVP AFTERNOON TEAS:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be hosting two afternoon teas between 1pm and 3pm on 28th March and 18th April 2026 and parishioners from all three parishes are welcome to attend. There is no charge and sign up forms will be left in the Norbert Room at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass on Fridays.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** The altar servers are asked to come to church at 11 am on Sunday 8th March for some ongoing training to help them serve at the altar. If there are any children who would like to become altar servers, you will be welcome to join the servers for training. Please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin for more details.

## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

**HOUR OF PRAYER:** The church will be open every Sunday between 4-5pm during Lent for people to come and go from the church for quiet prayer as they wish. If anyone can help, please contact Colette Murray on 07905620033. This will start on Sunday 22nd February, finishing Sunday March 29th.

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## ST MATTHEW'S AND MOUNT CARMEL

### THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEES OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND ST MATTHEW'S PARISHES:

When a new parish priest is appointed, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) are dissolved and a new PPC and PFC are to be constituted.

Fr Stephen invited those who had previously served on these groups to meet with him at an early stage to learn more about the life of the parishes, and this collaboration was valuable. Once again, those who served on the PPC and PFC are invited to a joint meeting of both groups from both parishes on Thursday 19th March at 7.15 pm in St Matthew's church hall.

At the meeting Fr Stephen will share and discuss information about the stewardship of the parishes in advance of reporting to the wider congregations.

Also, an initial discussion will take place at this meeting about the shape of the PPCs and PFCs to be newly constituted.

**GIFT AID FORMS:** If you pay tax and wish the church to reclaim the tax on your donation through the gift aid scheme, please complete and return a gift aid form to the sacristy. Forms are available in the porch.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**SSVP & FOODBANK PROVISION:** We are extremely grateful to the Society of St Vincent de Paul who run foodbanks in St Joseph's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, as well as the volunteers who help to run the foodbank in St Matthew's.

The St Matthew's foodbank has had to review how they help those in need of their service. Donations of food are requested and they can be brought to church and left in the community room. 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.

Foodbanks are available through our parishes on the following days and times:

Day	Start	Finish	Location
Monday	7.30 pm	8.15 pm	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tuesday	3.30 pm	5.30 pm	St Matthew's
Wednesday	10.30 am	11.30 pm	St Joseph's Hall
Thursday	3.30 pm	5.30 pm	St Matthew's

All of our foodbanks are provided free of charge.

*Supporting our Foodbanks:* Donations of food and essentials are always greatly appreciated and help support local individuals and families in need, these can be handed in to any of our churches, the parish house, or directly at any of the Foodbanks. All donations should be non-perishable items. Please see below for current guidance from each foodbank.


*St Joseph's:* At present we **only** need tins of meat, fish and fruit.  
*Our Lady of Mount Carmel:* We have lots of soup, pasta and rice but all other non perishable items are accepted.  
*St Matthew's:* All donations gratefully received.

We are extremely grateful to all of those who support the work of our Foodbanks and to all of those who are able to offer donations to support those in need.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### P3 – FIRST RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

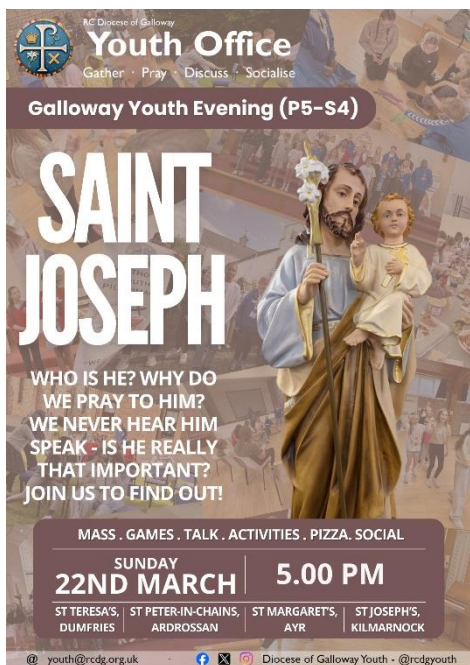
**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The children of primary 3 age will make their First Reconciliation on Monday 23rd March at 6.30 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church. This celebration is for the children of all the Kilmarnock parishes.



**GALLOWAY  
YOUTH  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2026**



**WE ARE GALLOWAY YOUTH:** Young people from across the Diocese were delighted to start the new series of Youth Evenings on Sunday 15th February by thinking about Lent: why we observe it, and what we're invited to try and do as part of it. Young people started their evenings with Mass, before continuing with games and activities. In Ayr, Fr Ben Mkeri (Maybole and Girvan) spoke about the importance of using Lent as an opportunity to grow in love of Jesus, and suggested that the young people may want to consider cutting back on using their phones for instance. Elsewhere, young people heard from our Junior and Adult Leaders about their experiences of Lent and some of the things that they'll be doing this year. Everyone had a fantastic evening, and enjoyed the special addition of pancakes to our supper selection to mark the approach of Lent.



**Youth Office**  
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**Galloway Youth Evening (P5-S4)**

**SAINT JOSEPH**

WHO IS HE? WHY DO WE PRAY TO HIM? WE NEVER HEAR HIM SPEAK - IS HE REALLY THAT IMPORTANT? JOIN US TO FIND OUT!

MASS . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . PIZZA . SOCIAL

**SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 5.00 PM**

ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES | ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN | ST MARGARET'S, AYR | ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

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**2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT**  
RCDG Youth - Diocese of Galloway Youth Office

**Weekend includes:**  
Outdoor Activities  
(Tree Climbing, Archery Tag, Archery and more!)  
Talks, Prayer, and Mass  
All Meals & Accommodation

**27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER**

**GOWANBANK £160 PP**

**REGISTRATION OPENS 2ND FEBRUARY 2026**

Open to Youth in P7-S4 in 2026/2027 (currently P6-S3). Register today for a discounted rate of £140pp, and only pay a £50 deposit.

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK](http://YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK) TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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**EASTER YOUTH DAY**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION - HIS LOVING SACRIFICE FOR US.

MASS . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . PIZZA . BBQ . SOCIAL

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

**SATURDAY 18TH APRIL**  
ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES  
**FREE - LUNCH INCLUDED**

Free event for Youth in P5-S4. Free transport available from: Saltcoats, Ayr, Kilmarnock, and Cumnock. Scan the QR code to register and book your seat.

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**YOUTH EVENINGS: NOW OPEN TO P5 UNTIL THE SUMMER!** We know that there are lots of P5s who've been excited to start joining our events, and now, until the summer, they can! As we look towards the summer, our Youth events are now open to P5 to come along and to get involved as they approach P6.

Our March Youth Evening falls on **Sunday 22nd March** (please note the change of date from that previously published to avoid Mothers' Day) and runs in all four clusters:

- St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock
- St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
- St Teresa's, Dumfries
- St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan

Join us for Mass, followed by pizza, games, activities, and a short talk. In March, our young people will be thinking about Saint Joseph, the foster Father of Jesus: who was he, what can we learn from him, how important was he?

If you're coming along for the first time (especially important for P5) please remember to fill in an Annual Consent Form online: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).



**EASTER YOUTH GATHERING:** We can't wait for our next Diocesan Youth gathering – our Easter Youth Day on Saturday 18th April! We'll be joined by young people from across the Diocese – last year we welcomed over 60 and we're expecting even more this year! – as we

gather to celebrate Easter. We'll also be thinking about the Holy Spirit as part of our Diocesan Year of Prayer: who is the Holy Spirit? How can he help us?

Join us in St Teresa's, Dumfries as we gather for a day of games, activities, Mass and talks! Free transport is provided from: Saltcoats, Ayr, Kilmarnock, and Cumnock to help you to take part, with the day itself running from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Interested? Scan the QR code or go to our website to register to take part, and remember, if it's your first event you also need to complete an Annual Consent Form.

**2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT**  
27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - £140

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN – REGISTER BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT.**

Join us for a weekend of activities, talks, prayer, reflection and friendship as we return to Gowanbank SU Centre for our 2026 Advent Retreat! Open to young people in P7-S4 (current P6-S3). The weekend costs £160 with an early bird discount to £140 if you register before Easter Sunday, which includes everything: transport, food, accommodation, and activities! When registering, you'll only be asked to pay a £50 deposit, with a further £45 due in June, and £45 in October.



## YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)



### GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS 12TH-16TH OCTOBER ROME 2026 £1000

JOIN US FOR A FANTASTIC 5-DAY  
SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE.

**COST INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Flights and airport transfers
- ✓ City Centre Accommodation (Twin/ Triple Rooms)
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner
- ✓ Visits to all four Papal Basilicas
- ✓ Wednesday Papal Audience



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 Diocese of Galloway Youth - @rcdg youth

**2026 YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE:** Join Young Adults from across the Diocese as they head to Rome for their 2026 Pilgrimage. From 12th – 16th October, they'll enjoy a five day spiritual and cultural programme which takes in a variety of different churches and sites around Rome and further afield. The cost of the pilgrimage includes:

- Transport to/ from Edinburgh Airport, departing from and returning to St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock.
- 4 nights accommodation in a City Centre hotel, approximately a 5 minute walk from the Pantheon.
- Visits to all four Papal Basilicas
- Wednesday Audience with Pope Leo
- A walking tour of the city
- (Participants 18 and over) A free day to explore the city
- Breakfast and Dinner each day

The pilgrimage is open to all Young Adults in current S5 to age 30 and will be led by Fr Kevin Rennie (Diocesan Youth Chaplain) and Margaret McGrath (Diocesan Youth Leader). In the run up to the pilgrimage, the group will also be undertaking a range of fundraising activities to reduce the overall cost.

**Register by Thursday 5th March to guarantee the current price,** registrations can still be received after this date, but the cost of flights may change affecting the total price – to check, please email the Youth Office.

### UPCOMING YOUNG ADULTS' EVENINGS

**1st March (Mass - 5.45 pm)**  
**The Holy Spirit**  
 Fr Ben Mkeri, CSSp



**29th March (Mass - 5.45 pm)**  
**An Evening with Bishop Frank**  
 Bishop Frank Dougan



**YOUNG ADULTS EVENING:** The next Young Adults evening takes place tonight (Sunday 1st March) when Fr Ben Mkeri, CSSp, will be joining the group to speak about the Holy Spirit, both in general and in the context of our Diocesan Year of Prayer. The evening begins with Mass at 5.45 pm in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, before continuing in the hall from 6.30 pm.

*Want to join but don't live in the area?* It's now possible to follow all of our Young Adults' talks online. If you're a Young Adult in S5 to age 30 living in the Diocese, you can follow the talk via Microsoft Teams, just go to our website and complete the registration, and we'll email you a link to the meeting to join in.

When following online, you'll be able to see and hear everything that's happening, as well as to ask questions and to take part in discussions. By joining online, you'll also be able to join our Young Adults' WhatsApp group, to keep in touch and to hear about all that's coming up.

*And don't forget!* In March, we've got two Young Adults' evenings as Bishop Frank joins us on Sunday 29th March for *An Evening with Bishop Frank*. He'll be chatting to the group as well as taking any questions they may have – not to be missed.

### SUPPORT OUR WORK

*These products are available to everyone – not just those who've attended events or are youth or young adults themselves – and by buying Youth Office products you're helping support our work.*

**ONLINE STORE:** Our online store is open all year round, whether you're looking for some stationery, a new mug for work or home, pens or a gift for someone. We're regularly updating our selection, go to <https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop> to see what's on offer.

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## JOIN OUR...

# 200 CLUB

and help support Youth and Young Adults ministry in Galloway.

## £5 per month

### Cash Prizes to be won!

(20%, 10% & 2 x 5% of the Total Income)

Go to [youth.rcdg.org.uk](https://youth.rcdg.org.uk) to register today and help support Youth Ministry in Galloway.

The Youth Office is licensed to operate a 200 Club under license no SAC/298.

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**JOIN THE 200 CLUB:** Join the 40+ members who've already become part of the Youth Office 200 Club and help support our work while being in with a chance of winning cash prizes. For only £5 per month you can join the Youth Office's 200 Club and be in with a chance to winning monthly cash prizes: 20%, 10% and 2 x 5% of that month's draw. Join the growing number of people from across the Diocese and beyond who are helping support our work, and taking home cash prizes at the same time. For details, and to register, go to: [youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club](https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club) or email us for a registration form.

*The winning numbers from the January draw: 1st – 15, 2nd – 3, 3rd & 4th – 39 & 14. All winners have been contacted.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Young Adults' Evening – Sunday 1st March, 5.45 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Extraordinary Organ and Strings Recital – Saturday 7th March, 2.30 pm (*St Joseph's*)
  - Deanery Penance Service – Monday 16th March, 7.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
  - Youth Evening – Sunday 22nd March, 5.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- First Reconciliation – Sunday 23rd March, 6.30 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)
- SSVF Afternoon Tea – Saturday 28th March, 1.00 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)

### MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers (1st, 2nd, Intercessions)	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
<b>Saturday 28 Feb</b> <b>St Joseph's 6 pm</b>	E Heron, H Rameckers, A Davidson	C McGowan, F Donachie, K McGhee, C Power, Sr Juliet	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Kathleen, Frances	H Matthews
<b>Sunday 1 Mar</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	M Merrick, B Gilhooley, A Gillion	<b>R:</b> L Vernon, Sister <b>L:</b> M Bradley, N McKenna, C Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca				
<b>Sunday 1 Mar</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	M Cunningham, T Murphy, L Hand	F McCann, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Alice Murphy	L Feeney, E O'Connell	Paul, Libby	
<b>Sunday 1 Mar</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	Charlie Harper, Kathleen Jones	Sister, J Hefron, L Hefron	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Julie, John	G Rannochan, C Harper	
<b>Saturday 7 Mar</b> <b>St Joseph's 6 pm</b>	M Kirk, F Donachie, M McGrath	Sr Mabel, G Rankin, L Rankin, K McGhee, A Gorman	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi, Maia			Clare, Margaret	Marie Wilkie
<b>Sunday 8 Mar</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	M Bradley, M Thomson, J Duff	<b>R:</b> M Musilli, S Duff <b>L:</b> F Stacey, M Thomson, M Dempster	Luca, David, Rebecca				
<b>Sunday 8 Mar</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	H Matthews, P Nicholson, G Smith	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, A Neil	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne & Gerry Smith	IHM Sisters	Devlin, Eileen	
<b>Sunday 8 Mar</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	Helen Kennedy, Colette Lamberth	S Clark, J McCrossan, A Starrs	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Marion, John	Rita Chak, Martin Duffy	

### Useful Contacts

	Hall bookings	Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators
St Joseph's	Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)	Margaret McGrath (psc.kilmarnock.stjoseph@rcdg.org.uk)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel		Alice Brown (alice.brown@rcdg.org.uk) Charles Harper (charles.harper@rcdg.org.uk)
St Matthew's	Margaret Merrick (07765 715798)	Marjorie McInnes (marjorie.mcinnis@rcdg.org.uk)
<b>Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals:</b> In emergencies ask hospital staff to page the on-call priest. For regular visiting: <i>Crosshouse Hospital:</i> Fr Stephen McGrattan (stephen.mcgrattan@rcdg.org.uk or 01563 521832) <i>Ayr Hospital:</i> Fr Benjamin Mkeri (benjamin.mkeri@rcdg.org.uk or 01655 882145)		
<b>St Andrew's Primary:</b> 01563 549549 <b>Mount Carmel Primary:</b> 01563 525897 <b>St Joseph's Academy:</b> 01563 526144		

### Parish Office & Presbytery Contact Details:

St Joseph's Presbytery, 15a Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB – Telephone: 01563 521832

### Convent Contact Details

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### Collections for Sunday 22nd February

St Joseph's	<b>Standing orders:</b> £834.08. <b>Weekly collection:</b> £1,452. <b>Building Fund:</b> £15. <b>Holy Places:</b> £10. <b>SCIAF:</b> £10.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<b>Standing orders:</b> £261.57. <b>Weekly collections:</b> £488.24. <b>SSVP:</b> £149.90.
St Matthew's	<b>Standing orders:</b> £515.54. <b>Weekly collections:</b> £553.82. <b>Ecuador Trust:</b> £9.65. <b>Community Box:</b> £250.91.

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**St Joseph's**



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