



THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 10th May 2026

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

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 10th – 17th MAY 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 9th			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	William Wallace (RIP)
Sunday 10th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Grace Fitzsimmons (RIP) & Tony Parsons (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Tea and Coffee	
10.30 – 11.30 am	St Matthew's	I Belong First Communion Programme	(Committee Room)
10.15 – 11.15 am	OLMC	I Belong First Communion Programme	(Norbert Room)
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Peter Maxwell (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Tea and Coffee	
12.30 – 1.30 pm	St Joseph's	I Belong First Communion Programme	(Meeting Room in Hall)
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass	People of the Parishes
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	
12.45 pm	St Matthew's	Community Lunch	
Monday 11th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Jean McHugh (Ann) & John Halton (RIP)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Anne Vernon (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Confession (Until 10.45 am)	
Tuesday 12th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Rosemary Grant (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
10.00 am	OLMC	Requiem Mass for Edward Farrell, RIP	Edward Farrell (RIP)
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	Community Café	
5.30 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Reception for Catherine O'Hare, RIP	
Wednesday 13th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Requiem Mass for Catherine O'Hare, RIP	Catherine (Lena) O'Hare (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Mary Cassidy (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession	(until 10.50 am)
Thursday 14th			
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension	Liz McCarron (RIP)
12.30 pm	St Joseph's	Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension	Special Intention
7.00 pm	St Matthew's	Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension	Anne Pyper (RIP)
Friday 15th			
9.30 am	OLMC	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass	Robert Lobban (Ann)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention
7.00 – 9.30 pm	St Joseph's	Healing Service	
Saturday 16th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass (This week only)	Anne Smith (RIP) & Bridget Boyle (Ann)
10.30 – 2.00 pm	St Joseph's	Deanery First Communion Retreat Day	
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 17th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Anna Hasson (Ann)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Tea and Coffee	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Jim Fleeting (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Tea and Coffee	
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass	People of the Parishes
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	
5.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass with the Cluster Youth (All Welcome)	
5.30 pm	St Joseph's	Youth (P5-S4) Evening	(in St Joseph's Hall)

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

GENERAL NOTICES

I BELONG FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME: The 'I Belong' programme for P4 children continues **today** (Sunday 10th May) in all three parishes:

- St Matthew's – 10.30 – 11.30 am (Committee Room)
- OLMC – 10.15 – 11.15 am (Norbert Room)
- St Joseph's – 12.30 – 1.30 pm (Meeting Room)

There will also be a **First Communion Retreat Day** for the P4 children from all the parishes of the deanery preparing for First Holy Communion on **Saturday 16th May** from 10 am – 2 pm at St Joseph's Church and Hall.

QUIZ NIGHT: The Diocesan Young Adults invite you to join them for a Quiz Night in St Joseph's Hall on Saturday 23rd May, doors open 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tickets £3 available from the stall and on the door with cash prizes to be won. BYOB and Snacks. Raffle donations are welcome and can be dropped off in the sacristy or to the Parish House at St Joseph's.

PARISH CENSUS: A number of years have passed since the St Joseph's parish census was taken, and it is necessary to update it. This also provides an opportunity to take a census of all three parishes. The information gathered helps the priests better serve the people and is stored in accordance with the diocesan GDPR notice available on www.rcdg.org.uk. You may complete the census online by scanning the QR code here, or return the paper census to the stall or the sacristy.



EXTENDED PENTECOST VIGIL: On Saturday 23rd May at 6.30 pm, Bishop Frank invites faithful from across the Diocese to join him in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, for the extended version of the Pentecost Vigil. The extended Vigil echoes the Easter Vigil, with additional readings inviting the faithful to reflect on the Holy Spirit and his gifts. The 6.00 pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's will be celebrated as normal that evening.

HEALING SERVICE: On Friday 15th May, Fr Frankie Mulgrew from the Diocese of Salford, along with New Dawn in Scotland Ministries will be celebrating a Healing Service in St Joseph's Church from 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm. The service includes a variety of different elements including: praise and worship, adoration, confession, the laying on of hands by several priests who'll be present, and prayer ministry.

All are invited to join for the service which is a wonderful opportunity for a moment of true encounter with Christ's healing love.

REQUIEM MASS FOR CANON PAT MCSORLEY: Copies of the Order of Service from Tuesday's Requiem are available from the back of all churches for anyone wishing to take one home. These are from the Mass in St Matthew's and not his Requiem Mass in Ireland. A recording of his Requiem Mass in Ireland, celebrated by Bishop Frank, can be accessed through our parish social media channels.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Pat and the comfort and consolation of his family and friends at this sad time.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION: The Solemnity of the Ascension is a Holy Day of obligation and this year falls on Thursday 14th May. On this day, we recall Christ's ascension into heaven, 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Masses in Kilmarnock will be celebrated at:

Time	Church
10.00 am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
12.30 pm	St Joseph's
7.00 pm	St Matthew's

There will be no evening Mass in St Joseph's and no morning Mass in St Matthew's on the Solemnity of the Ascension.

FOOTBALL CARDS: In October this year, Young Adults from across the Diocese, including several from Kilmarnock, will take part in the Diocesan Youth Office's pilgrimage to Rome. To raise funds towards the cost of their fare, the group are selling football cards: £2 per team for a chance of winning £50. There are 50 teams on a card, at £2 per team, with the winner receiving 50% of the proceeds and the rest supporting the Young Adults. You can buy a team (or more) from the stall in St Joseph's, by speaking to any of the Young Adults, or Fr Kevin.

CAMP OUT FOR HOPE: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland are excited to invite you to the Camp Out for Hope! This will be a powerful event to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters

Healing Service

Led by
Fr Frankie Mulgrew

St Joseph's RC Church
15a Hill Street,
Kilmarnock KA3 1HB
Fri. 15th May 2026
7.00 - 9.30pm

Come and experience the
healing power of Jesus

Praise & Worship
Adoration
Confession
Priests lay on hands
Prayer Ministry

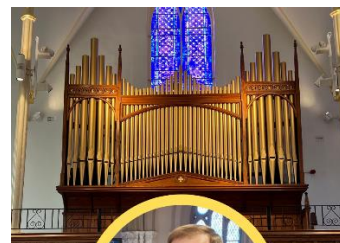
Raising Jairus' Daughter - Matt 8

Organised by New Dawn in Scotland Ministries
www.newdawninScotland.com YouTube New Dawn in Scotland

around the world. Join us for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to socialise and build new friendships, and more! **Saturday, 30th May - Sunday, 31st May, Carfin Grotto, 8pm - 8am.** Space is limited, so make sure to sign up now! **Head to Trybooking.com to sign up for free.** Participants are encouraged to fundraise, with £50 as a target. Sign-ups will receive a fundraising pack to support their efforts. You must be aged 16+ to participate. Contact ACN Scotland at scotland@acnuk.org or 01698 337 470 for more information.

SCIAF BOXES: Please return the SCIAF wee boxes to church as soon as possible.

SYNODALITY DAY - SATURDAY 16TH MAY - ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR: Bishop Brian McGee will join us and lead workshops on Conversations in the Spirit. Bishop Frank has asked that each parish send at least two people who will learn how to lead this. The bishop has asked that the question at the heart of the day is that of how the Holy Spirit wants us to proclaim the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ in 2033. If you are interested please speak to the priests.



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

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No booking required - just come along

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

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ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
2026

Recitalist:
HANS UWE HIELSCHER
(Wiesbaden, Germany)

Tuesday 19 May
12 noon

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

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

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Catherine (Lena) O'Hare died recently, we extend our condolences and prayers to her family and friends. Catherine's mortal remains will be received into the church on Tuesday evening at 5.30 pm. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10.00 am, following which she will be interred in Grassyards Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of the last PPC meeting are now available to view online and on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2026: Hans Uwe Hielscher of Wiesbaden Marktkirche Lutheran Cathedral, Germany, will return on 19th May to perform another recital in St Joseph's at 12 noon. All are welcome. Why not come to the community lunch in the hall at 11 am and then join the recital?

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Our parishioner Edward (Nedy) Farrell died peacefully on Thursday. We extend our condolences and prayers to his family and friends. Edward's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th May at 10.00 am, following which he will be interred in Grassyards Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

ELECTRICAL WORKS: We hope that these will take place from Monday 18th May to Friday 23rd May (inclusive). This is subject to Scottish Power completing essential preparatory works this week.

During the electrical works Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish will be completely closed. These works are required to ensure that the electrical system throughout the site is compliant with modern standards and to ensure the safety and security of all church users. During this time there will be no Masses celebrated and groups will not meet in the Norbert Room.

U.R. WELCOME CLUB: will meet on the following dates from 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Come along for a cuppa and a chat: all seniors, friends and neighbours welcome.

20th May – An afternoon of gardening fun and ideas. **Please note** if the electrical work taking place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel goes ahead this week, this will take place in St Joseph's Hall at the usual time.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING AND DEDICATION OF ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH: Friday 24th April begins the fiftieth year of the mission from the present St Matthew's Church building (although the community gathered for Sunday Mass for a couple of years in the Assembly Hall of St Joseph's Academy until the building was completed). The 50th anniversary will be on Saturday 24th April 2027, and if any one has ideas about how this 50th anniversary year might be celebrated, please speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or to one of the priests.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: takes place today at 12.45pm in the church hall. All are welcome to join for a delicious 3 course meal.

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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 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. All of our foodbanks are provided free of charge.

Day	Start	Finish	Location
Monday	7.30 pm	8.15 pm	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tuesday	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	St Matthew's
Wednesday	10.30 am	11.30 pm	St Joseph's Hall
Thursday	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	St Matthew's

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. We are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted to hospital and so we rely on receiving the information from family and friends. 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.

MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH EVENING: (Until the summer, these evenings are open to young people in P5 and up.) Join Youth from across the cluster on Sunday 17th May as they gather for their monthly evening in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock. They'll be reflecting on The Eucharist: Jesus' Body and Blood. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm after which they'll continue in the hall with games, activities, a short talk, and pizza. All young people in P5-S4 are welcome, if it's your first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form online: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

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.**

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: (EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSING 17TH MAY – book now to secure your place at the early-bird rate of £140.00) Takes place from 27th – 29th November at Gowanbank SU Centre, near Darvel. The retreat is open to all young people currently in P6-S3. The weekend includes a range of times of prayer, Mass, spiritual reflection, different outdoor activities and lots of time to relax and spend time with friends. Subsidies are available for those in need, or for families with more than one child wishing to attend – please contact the Youth Office by emailing: youth@rcdg.org.uk. Go to youth.rcdg.org.uk for more details and to register. When registering you will be asked to pay a £50.00 deposit with further payments due closer to the time.

GALLOWAY'S SEOUL: In 2027, Pope Leo will join young people from across the world in Seoul, South Korea. While it is not possible for us to travel to Seoul, the Diocesan Youth Office will be running a parallel event in our Diocese at Gowanbank SU Centre (near Darvel). Join young people (current P5-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather for the week to follow the World Youth Day programme, hear inspiring Catechetical talks from local priests, take part in a range of different outdoor activities, and have a fantastic week of faith and friendship. Galloway's Seoul runs from 7th – 11th August 2027 and costs £400 per person (grants are available for those in need and if more than one child in a household is taking part), but we'll be supporting young people in fundraising to reduce the cost. For full details, and to register, go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Healing Service – Friday 15th May from 7.00 – 9.30 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- First Holy Communion Retreat Day for P4 children – Saturday 16th May from 10 am – 2 pm (*St Joseph's*)
 - Cluster Youth Evening on The Eucharist – Sunday 17th May at 5.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
 - Anniversary of the Dedication of St Joseph's Church – Monday 18th May (*St Joseph's*)
- Organ Recital with Hans Uwe Hielscher (Wiesbaden, Germany) – Tuesday 19th May at 12.00 noon (*St Joseph's*)
 - Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday 26th May at 6.30 pm (*St Joseph's*)
 - Joint PPC Meeting (*This is not an open meeting*) – Monday 1st June at 7.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
 - Young Adults' Evening – Sunday 7th June at 6.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
 - Joint PFC Meeting – Monday 8th June at 7.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)

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
Saturday 9 May St Joseph's 6pm	A Davidson, F Donachie, M Kirk	M McGrath, K McGhee, Sr Mabel, L Rankin, G Rankin	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	Eric Allan
Sunday 10 May St Matthew's 9.30 am	Susan Faulds, Kenny Ainsworth, Philip Brown	R: A Gillion, L Vernon L: M Thomson, F Stacey, S Duff	Luca, David, Rebecca		Helen, Kenny		
Sunday 10 May St Joseph's 11 am	P Nicholson, R Doak, M Cunningham	H Matthews, P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne & Mike Timmons	IHM Sisters	Paul, Libby	
Sunday 10 May OLMC 11.30 am	Donna Shearer, Marion Smith	John Hefron, Linda Hefron, Suzy Hollywood	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Alice, Martin	M Duffy, B McDade	
Saturday 16 May St Joseph's 6pm	E Heron, K McGhee, H Rameckers	C Power, Sr Juliet, C McGowan, J Lennon, F Donachie	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Kathleen, Frances	Fran Boyle
Sunday 17 May St Matthew's 9.30 am	Veronica Kelly, Gerry Coyle, Caron Bias	R: A M Gilmour, Sister L: M Dempster, N McKenna, M Thomson	Luca, David, Rebecca		Kerry, David		
Sunday 17 May St Joseph's 11 am	H Matthews, T Murphy, G Smith	P Dorrian, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields, M Andrew	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Alice Murphy	L Feeney, E O'Connell	Devlin, Eileen	
Sunday 17 May OLMC 11.30 am	Agnes Starrs, Marie Wilkie	Marion Smith, Charlie Harper, Sister	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Marion, Martin	A Brown, C Lamberth	

Useful Contacts

	Hall bookings	Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators
St Joseph's	Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)	Margaret McGrath (margaret.mcgrath@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)
Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: 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)		
St Andrew's Primary: 01563 549549 Mount Carmel Primary: 01563 525897 St Joseph's Academy: 01563 526144		

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Collections for Sunday 3rd May

St Joseph's	Standing orders: £834.08. Weekly collection: £1,337.30. Building Fund: £12. Church Students Fund: £27. Ecuador Trust: £200.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Standing orders: £261.57. Weekly collection: £330.97. Building Fund: £10. Church Students Fund: £98. SSVF: £120.14.
St Matthew's	Standing orders: £508.62. Weekly collection: £375.96. Church Students Fund: £35. Community Box: £138.90. Ecuador Trust: £9.

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St Joseph's



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



St Matthew's



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Please ask your child(ren) to return to you immediately after the Children's Liturgy if you do not wish them to be captured on the live-stream recording.