



THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday 7th June 2026

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

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 7th – 14th JUNE 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 6th			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	Nini Gazzerro (RIP)
Sunday 7th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass	People of the parishes
After Mass	St Matthew's	Tea and Coffee	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	First Holy Communion Mass	Special Intention / Canon McSorley (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Tea and Coffee	
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass	
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	
12.45 pm	St Matthew's	Community Lunch	
4.30 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Reception for John Matthew's, RIP	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 6.25 pm)	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Young Adults Evening	
Monday 8th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Rosary	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	George Law (RIP)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Requiem Mass for John Matthews, RIP	John Matthews (RIP)
7.00 pm	St Joseph's	Joint Parish Finance Committee	
Tuesday 9th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Sheila Bartlett (RIP) / Mary Cassidy (RIP)
10.30 – 11.00 am	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
No Mass or Adoration in Our Lady of Mount Carmel today			
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	Community Caf�	
Wednesday 10th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	John & Evelyn Downie (Ann)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
1.00 – 3.00 pm	St Joseph's	U R Welcome (in St Joseph's Hall – this week only)	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Special Intention
After Mass	St Matthew's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession (until 10.50 am)	
Thursday 11th			
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention / Special Intention
Friday 12th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Lena O'Hare / Edward Farrell (RIP)
No Mass or Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel today			
11.30 am	St Joseph's	Memorial Mass for Sister Anne Smyth, SND	Sister Anne Smyth, SND (RIP)
Saturday 13th			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	Helen Kyle (RIP)
Sunday 14th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass	People of the Parishes
After Mass	St Matthew's	Tea and Coffee	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Donald Gibson (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	First Holy Communion Celebration (in St Joseph's Hall)	
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass	Patricia McNamara (RIP)
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	

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

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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.

GENERAL NOTICES

JOINT PARISH FABRIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The first meeting of the three parishes Joint PFFC will take place in St Joseph's Hall on Monday 8th June at 7.00 pm.

YOUNG ADULTS EVENING: The next Young Adults evening takes place tonight (Sunday 7th June), beginning with Adoration at 6.00 pm, and continuing in the Hall from 6.30 pm when Margaret McGrath will be speaking to the group on the theme of "What's your story? Marriage and family".

NEXT MINIBUS TRIP: This trip is now full. The bus will depart after 10.00 am Mass in St Joseph's on Monday. The cost for the trip (lunch is not included) is £14, payable on the day.

WAVERLEY MINIBUS TRIP: PLEASE SIGN UP BY FRIDAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART. The Waverley is the world's last seagoing paddle steamer and completes a range of different trips every year around the UK. In August, she will be sailing from Ayr around Ailsa Craig and back (via Girvan). For the August minibus trip, on Monday 3rd August we will travel to Ayr to join the 1.00 pm sailing around Ailsa Craig and back to Ayr. The trip will cost £55 per person – the majority of which is the cost of the sailing. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet in St Joseph's Church porch. Once numbers have been confirmed, participants will be invited to pay their fare in advance to secure their place. This trip is open to anyone from the three parishes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We had a wonderful day last Sunday celebrating First Communions in St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel and look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with the young people in St Joseph's today.

We also welcome Fr Erasmus Egenou to Our Lady of Mount Carmel for 11.30 am Mass today, to allow both Frs Stephen and Kevin to join the children for First Holy Communion.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: With sadness we inform you of the death of John Matthews. John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am in St Joseph's on Monday 8th June. We extend the prayers and condolences of the parish to his grieving family, and may he rest in peace.

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.



ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRESENTS SISTER ACT! *Sister Act* is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that will have you jumping to your feet!

When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.

Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing and a truly moving story, *Sister Act* will leave you breathless. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, *Sister Act* is reason to REJOICE!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Scan the QR code or go to: <https://www.ticketsource.com/sisteractjrstjoac>

KILMARNOCK FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES: The next Fellowship event is a Summer Songs of Praise service at 3 pm on Sunday 14th June in Irvine Valley Parish Church, Hastings Square, Darvel. It would be great if our parishes could be represented.

Appeal for new members for the Fellowship Planning Group: Our next Fellowship planning meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 11 June at my home at 42 Annanhill Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 2LQ. Anyone with an interest in the future of the Fellowship is welcome to join us at any of our meetings to see how we develop a varied programme of events throughout the year. For more information please contact Barbara Graham on barbara.graham74@btinternet.com or 01563-522108.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LATE SISTER ANNE SMYTH, SND: Sr Anne Smith was a parishioner of St Joseph's who became a Sister of Notre Dame. After 66 years as a religious sister, Sr Anne died on 7th March and was buried at the convent in Birkdale near Liverpool on 30th March. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday 12th June at 11.30 am in St Joseph's and all are welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING: The next Church cleaning morning will take place on Friday 5th June following 10.00 am Mass. New volunteers welcome, speak to Frances Donachie for details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION: One week after First Holy Communion, after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 14th June, you are invited to join the children who made their First Communion in the hall for cake and a presentation.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES (23rd JUNE): We welcome Aaron Hawthorne to perform the next recital on Tuesday 23rd June at 12 noon. Aaron is a versatile organist, playing theatre, church and concert instruments. His programme will be both enjoyable and entertaining. The Community Café is also open on Tuesdays from 11 am, so why not come along for some lunch and then enjoy the recital? All are welcome.



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

ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

THE RESTORED
HARRISON & HARRISON
ORGAN (1903, 2023)

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
2026

Recitalist:
AARON HAWTHORNE
(Freelance)

Tuesday 23 June
12 noon

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

www.rckilmarnock.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

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (INCLUSIVE) TO ALLOW FOR ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE COMPLETED.

PLEASE SEE FURTHER DETAILS BELOW.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the young people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May they always know the closeness of Jesus to them through this Sacrament.

ELECTRICAL WORKS: These works will now take place **this week**. As a result, there will be no Masses in Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Tuesday or Friday, and the Norbert Room will not be available for groups to meet. We apologise for the confusion around the dates for these works which has been caused by circumstances outside of our control, but look forward to them being completed this week. These works are essential to ensuring the safety and security of all who worship in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

- SSVP – will continue to provide bags as normal from the side door on Monday night.
- UR Welcome – will meet in St Joseph's Hall at the usual time on Wednesday afternoon.

U R WELCOME: The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 10th June. Due to the electrical works in Our Lady of Mount Carmel, it **will take place in St Joseph's Hall (this week only)** from 1.30 - 3.30 pm. It is a Games Afternoon come along and have a cuppa and join in the fun. All seniors, friends and family most welcome.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the young people of St Matthew's parish who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May they always know the closeness of Jesus to them through this Sacrament.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: Our Community Lunch takes place today at 12.45 pm in the church hall. All are welcome to join us for a delicious 3 course meal. There is no charge to take part with the meal funded by the generosity of parishioners to the Community Fund.

RECRUITMENT OF A NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR: Due to the present Parish Safeguarding Coordinator (PSC) stepping back, a new PSC is needed for St Matthew's. This voluntary role involves:

- **Safer Recruitment:** They facilitate the vetting process for all volunteers and staff who work with vulnerable groups, ensuring they are registered with the national PVG Scheme (Protection of Vulnerable Groups).
- **Training:** They ensure all parish workers and volunteers attend required safeguarding and child/adult protection training.
- **Incident Reporting:** They act as the primary contact for anyone wishing to raise a wellbeing or abuse concern, and they immediately escalate these to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor or relevant authorities.
- **Record Keeping:** They maintain secure and accurate records of volunteers, training, and PVG clearances in compliance with GDPR guidelines.

Training will be provided. If someone feels able to take on the role of PSC or would like more information, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

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 Merrick.

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

BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN – SILVER JUBILEE

BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his Silver Jubilee of Ordination as a priest on Friday 26th June at 7 pm in St Margaret's Cathedral. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome to gather with the bishop for this celebration of priesthood.



If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Bishop Frank, please use the envelope inside this newsletter and place in the collection on Sunday 14th or Sunday 21st June, or hand it to the stall or the sacristy. Thank you.

MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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.

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: 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. The weekend costs £160, however subsidies and grants 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.

YOUTH EVENING: The final Youth Evening before the summer holidays takes place on Sunday 21st June, beginning at 5.00 pm, in St Joseph's. The evening will focus on the theme of 'Church: God's Family' and what this means for us, and include the usual selection of games and activities, pizza, snacks, and a short talk on the theme. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm. This will be the last evening until September, but keep an eye out for the summer programme.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- First Holy Communion – Sunday 7th June (*St Joseph's*)
- Young Adults' Evening – Sunday 7th June at 6.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Joint Parish Fabric and Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 8th June at 7.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Youth Evening – Sunday 21st June at 5.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Organ Recital by Aaron Hawthorne – Tuesday 23rd June at 12.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Minibus Trip – Monday 6th July (*Open to all*)
- Organ Recital by Alessandro Bianchi – Tuesday 7th July at 12.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Waverley Minibus Trip – Monday 3rd August (*Open to all*)

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 6 June St Joseph's 6pm	H Rameckers, F Donachie, A Davidson	K McGhee, Sr Mabel, Sr Juliet, A Gorman, C McGowan	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	H Matthews
Sunday 7 June St Matthew's 9.30 am	C Stacey, K Ainsworth, M Musilli	R: C Gordon, A Gillion L: N McKenna, C Gordon, M Bradley	Luca, David, Rebecca		Carron, Kenny		
Sunday 7 June St Joseph's 11 am	R Doak, M Cunningham, G McGee	E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, R Murphy, A Neil	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Devlin, Eileen	
Sunday 7 June OLMC 11.30 am	Helen Kennedy, Colette Lamberth	M Urquhart, M Wilkie, L Shearer	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Maria, Graham	G Rannochan, M Duffy	
Saturday 13 June St Joseph's 6pm	G McIntyre, H Rameckers, M Kirk	F Donachie, G Rankin, L Rankin, M Steele, M McGrath	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Kathleen, Frances	M Wilkie
Sunday 14 June St Matthew's 9.30 am	A Gillion, E Allan, D Bias	R: A M Gilmour, Sister L: M Thomson, M Bradley, M Gordon	Luca, David, Rebecca		Kerry, David		
Sunday 14 June St Joseph's 11 am	F McCann, L Hand, T Murphy	J Shields, H Matthews, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Alice Murphy	L Feeney, E O'Connell	Alan, Theresa	
Sunday 14 June OLMC 11.30 am	J McCrossan, G McNeil	J Hefron, L Hefron, Sister	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Marie, Graham	Brian McDade, Charlie Harper	

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)	Vacant
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		

Parish Office & Presbytery Contact Details:

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Convent Contact Details:

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mount Carmel Convent, 14 Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 2DF
 Telephone: 01563 523822 • Email: ihmsisters@rcdg.org.uk

Collections for Sunday 31st May

St Joseph's	Standing orders: £834.08. Weekly collection: £1,605.90. Communications: £7. SCIAF: £28.22.
	Total Income for May: £19,343.19. Total Expenditure for May: £24,560.58.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Standing orders: £261.57. Weekly collection: £945.07. Communications: £1. SSVF: £142.90.
	Total Income for May: £3,487.24. Total Expenditure for May: £3,843.09.
St Matthew's	Standing orders: £508.62. Weekly collection: £583.37. Community Box: £140.87. Ecuador Trust: £9.
	Total Income for May: £11,166.68. Total Expenditure for May: £12,991.38.

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St Joseph's



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



St Matthew's

