



# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st 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 21st – 28th JUNE 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 20th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Lena O'Hare (RIP) & Peter Thomson (Ann)
<b>Sunday 21st</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
After Mass	St Matthew's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Eddie & Lizzie Johnston (Ann) and Frances Openshaw (Ann)
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	Mary O'Rourke (RIP)
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
5.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass (with Diocesan Youth)</b>	Galloway Youth & Young Adults
5.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>P5-S4 Cluster Youth Evening (in Hall)</b>	
<b>Monday 22nd</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
10.30 – 10.45 am	St Joseph's	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	
		<b>No Mass or Rosary in St Matthew's today</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Moira McCluskey (RIP)
		<b>No Mass or Adoration in Our Lady of Mount Carmel today</b>	
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Community Café</b>	
12.00 noon	St Joseph's	<b>Organ Recital with Aaron Hawthorne</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>			
10.00 am	St Matthew's	<b>Requiem Mass for Georgina (Gina) Doonan</b>	Georgina Doonan (RIP)
	St Matthew's	<b>No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Confession today</b>	
		<b>No Mass or Adoration in St Joseph's today</b>	
<b>Thursday 25th</b>			
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Bishop Frank Dougan (SI) / Special Intention
<b>Friday 26th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Robert Mulhern (Ann)
		<b>No Mass or Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel today</b>	
7.00 pm	Cathedral, Ayr	<b>Bishop Dougan's Silver Jubilee of Priesthood Mass of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Saturday 27th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Sam McBride (RIP)
<b>Sunday 28th</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b>	John McCready (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b>	People of the Parishes
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Edward Farrell (RIP) & Terry Bailey (Ann)
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	

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

### CHANGES TO THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Please note the changes from the originally published schedule. We apologise for the late notice but this has been necessitated by a family bereavement causing Fr Kevin to be absent from the parish this week.

## GENERAL NOTICES

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL:** This year the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul will be transferred to Sunday 28th June. This means that Monday 29th June is **not** a holyday of obligation.

**JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The minutes of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council meeting of 1st June are available on the parish website.

**WAVERLEY MINIBUS TRIP:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up to take part in this. We are now booking the tickets for the boat, information on paying for your place will be shared shortly. Please note that due to the high cost for this trip, pre-payment for all places will be required.

**GALLOWAY LOURDES HOSPITALITE 70TH ANNIVERSARY MASS:** The Mass will take place on Sunday 21st June at 3.30pm at St Winin's, St Winnings Lane, Kilwinning, KA13 6EP. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall.



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

# CHURCH

**THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY - BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? JOIN US TO FIND OUT!**



**MASS . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . PIZZA . SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 5.00 PM**

ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES	ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN	ST MARGARET'S, AYR	ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK
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**FINAL YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING BEFORE THE SUMMER:** Join Youth from across the cluster next Sunday as they gather for their final evening before the summer in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock! They'll be reflecting on the theme of The Church: The Family of God. 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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).

**APPEAL FOR ALTAR SERVERS FOR ALL PARISHES:** If any of the children who recently made their First Holy Communion would like to be altar servers, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. Training will be provided.

**TRANSPORT TO CHURCH:** If you are able to transport someone who no longer drives or who doesn't have transport to get to Mass, please let one of the priests know. Even if you can only bring someone once a fortnight or once a month, the help would be appreciated. Thank you.

**SOWNE OF ORGANE EVENT IN GALSTON:** The Irvine Valley Parish Church, Galston's 1913 pipe organ built by James J Binns is one of Scotland's most significant historic organs. At 4 pm on Saturday 4th July 2026, the Sowne of Organe team will share fascinating research insights and views from inside the instrument, alongside a variety of live musical


performances. An earlier workshop at 2.30 pm gives a fun, hands-on introduction to how an organ works, building one using an OrgelKids kit. For more information visit [www.sowneoforgane.com](http://www.sowneoforgane.com). Free entry, no booking required. All are welcome.

**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.

**SCIAF SHIELD: returns on Saturday 1st August 2026.** Put your faith into action and take part in the SCIAF Shield – our knock-out tournament that uses football to raise money for the world's poorest people. Get ready for a day of fun, football, and fundraising. The SCIAF Shield is a 5-a-side tournament that brings together 16 teams for an exciting afternoon of community and sport - all in support of SCIAF's life-changing work overseas. This year, funds raised by the SCIAF Shield will go towards our Emergency Hunger Appeal, to provide emergency food packages and help people grow more food in places devastated by floods and droughts in Africa. Sign your parish team up here: [www.sciaf.org.uk/sciafshield](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/sciafshield)

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

**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.



**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**



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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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**U R WELCOME CLUB:** Come along to our World Cup Celebrations, wear something Scottish if you like and join in the fun! All seniors, friends and neighbours most welcome. Wednesday 24th June from 1.30 - 3.30 in the Norbert Room of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

**LADIES SPIRITUALITY GROUP:** The ladies spirituality group will meet on Wednesday 24th June at 2pm in St Matthew's. Tea and coffee available. All ladies welcome. There will not be a meeting in July due to holidays.

**ECUADOR TRUST:** Donations of £1,244.76 for the Ecuador Trust have accumulated in the parish bank account, and have now been paid over to the Trust. The trustees are very grateful to all who have contributed.

**ENVELOPE NUMBER 31:** To update a gap in the parish records, could the person using collection envelope 31 please

make themselves known to Margaret McGowne or to one of the priests. Thank you.

**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.

### 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.

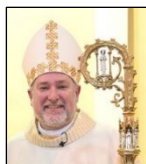
Foodbanks are available through our parishes on the following days and times. All of our foodbanks are provided free of charge.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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.



### MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

**GALLOWAY'S SEUL:** 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 Seul 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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).

RC Diocese of Galloway  
**Youth Office**  
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# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GATHERING AND CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 25TH JULY - 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM - ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

Did you receive your First Holy Communion this year?  
**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!**

Scan to Register

Join us for a day of games, pizza, and prayer as we celebrate YOU and invite you to become part of Galloway Youth!

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### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION DAY:

The Diocesan Youth Office invites all those who have made their First Communion this year to join them for a celebration at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 25th July from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. The day will include a variety of fun and engaging games, a couple of short talks, Mass, and lunch: pizza and a BBQ. Interested? Scan the QR code to register. There's no charge to take part in the day.



**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](http://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](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk). Go to [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://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.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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*)
- U R WELCOME – Wednesday 24th June 1.30 – 3.30 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)
  - 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*)
- Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches service – Sunday 20th September at 3.00 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)
- Ecuador Walk from Kilmarnock to Troon – Sunday 27th September (*details to follow*)

### 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 20 June</b> <b>St Joseph's 6pm</b>	F Donachie, A Davidson, M Kirk	Sr Mabel, K McGhee, A Gorman, C McGowan, R Chojeta	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	IHM Sisters
<b>Sunday 21 June</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	M Merrick, G Coyle, C Brown	<b>R:</b> M Musilli, M Bradley <b>L:</b> M Dempster, P Brown, F Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca		Marjorie, David		
<b>Sunday 21 June</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	M Walker, M Cunningham, L Hand	R Murphy, F McCann, P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	E Cunningham, L Heron	IHM Sisters	Paul, Libby	
<b>Sunday 21 June</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	I Roy, D Shearer	S Hollywood, M Smith, C Harper	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Alice, Graham	C McQueen, I Roy	
<b>Saturday 27 June</b> <b>St Joseph's 6pm</b>	K McGhee, M Kirk, G McInyre	G Rankin, L Rankin, Sr Juliet, F Donachie, M Steele	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Kathleen, Frances	Eric Allan
<b>Sunday 28 June</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	M Musilli, P Brown, F Boyle	<b>R:</b> A M Gilmour, Sister <b>L:</b> S Duff, C Gordon, C Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca		Carron, Kenny		
<b>Sunday 28 June</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	T Murphy, P Nicholson, G Smith	I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil, J Shields	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne & Mike Timmons	-	Devlin, Eileen	
<b>Sunday 28 June</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	M Smith, A Starrs	G Rannochan, C Lamberth, Sister	Jessica, Farrah, Katie	Suzy	Julie, Graham	C McGuire, 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)	Vacant
<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: 01563 549549    Mount Carmel Primary: 01563 525897    St Joseph's Academy: 01563 526144</b>		

### Parish Office & Presbytery Contact Details:

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

### 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 14th June

St Joseph's	<b>Standing orders: £834.08. Weekly collection: £1,438.55. Apostolate of Life: £799.84.</b>
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<b>Standing orders: £261.57. Weekly collection: £421.59. SSVP: £104.28. Apostolate of Life: £349.81. Communications: £10.</b>
St Matthew's	<b>Standing orders: £508.62. Weekly collection: £372.61. Apostolate of Life: £414.05. Community Box: £132.57. Ecuador Trust: £8.50.</b>

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**St Joseph's**



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**



**St Matthew's**



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