



# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles  
 Sunday 28th 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 28th JUNE – 5th JULY 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 27th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul	Sam McBride (RIP)
<b>Sunday 28th</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul	John McCready (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Tea and Coffee	
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul	People of the Parishes & Riley (Spec Int)
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass of the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul	Edward Farrell (RIP) & Terry Bailey (Ann)
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	
<b>Monday 29th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Eddie King (Ann)
10.30 – 10.45 am	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
<b>No Mass or Rosary in St Matthew's today</b>			
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention
10.30 – 11.00 am	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass	Cathy McGowan (Ann)
After Mass	OLMC	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession	(until 10.50 am)
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Alice Dempster (Ann)
After Mass	St Joseph's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Christine Smith (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession	(until 10.50 am)
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>			
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention / Laurence Tinline (RIP)
<b>Friday 3rd</b>			
9.30 am	OLMC	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass	Lena O'Hare (RIP)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Anna Caroline Fraser (RIP)
7.00 pm	OLMC	First Friday Devotions with the IHM Sisters	
<b>Saturday 4th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Confession	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 5th</b>			
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	People of the Parishes
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass	Tom Cassidy (RIP)
After Mass	OLMC	Tea and Coffee	
6.00 – 6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Young Adults' (S5-30) Evening	

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

**MESSAGE FROM FR KEVIN:** Thank you to everyone who has offered their prayers and condolences at the death of my aunt, Alice McKeon. Following her funeral, I will return to the parish on Monday. The normal weekday Mass schedule will resume from Tuesday.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** The parish extends condolences and prayers to the family of the late Mary Bain and to the family of the late Alfreda Agostini who died this week. Mary's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's on Monday 6th July at 10 am. Alfreda's Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's on Friday 10th July at 10 am following a Vigil Reception on Thursday 9th July at 7 pm. May they rest in peace.

**GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS:** The latest edition of the Galloway Diocese News will be distributed after Masses this weekend. Please take one copy per household.

**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.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS' (\$5-30) EVENING:** The next Young Adults' evening takes place on Sunday 5th July in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. This month, the group will be joined by Marianne Luchessi from the Jesuit Spirituality Centre as she speaks on the theme of prayer: looking at various forms of prayer, how we pray, and taking the group through some practical examples.

The evening begins with Adoration in the church from 6.00 pm, following which Marianne's talk will be in the hall from 6.30 pm.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO BIRNIEKNOWE:** Following the success of last year's Deanery pilgrimage to the Birnieknowe, we are planning another for this year. This year it will take place on **Sunday 2nd August** to Birnieknowe, just outside Auchinleck, and be followed by a reception in the church hall. Birnieknowe was the location of the former Our Lady and St Patrick's church, school and convent until the mid 1960s (pictured below).

This year's Mass will also be the August Diocesan Mass to the Holy Spirit with Bishop Frank joining us.



**WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE:** The annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 30th August. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank on the beach at 4 pm, and at the church in Whithorn at 4.45 pm for those unable to walk to the beach. A coach will travel from St Joseph's for those who wish to take part, although you can also travel independently if you prefer. We're keen to have as many pilgrims as possible at the beach this year and so, if you're free, please do join us – it will be possible to sign up for the coach shortly.

**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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND SUNDAY TEAS:** This will be the last Sunday for Children's Liturgy and Sunday Teas as they take a well deserved break over the summer holidays.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** The Community Café will be closed over the summer holidays as the team enjoy a well deserved break over summer. It will resume in late August when the schools go back.

**JULY ORGAN RECITALS:** We welcome back Alessandro Bianchi from St Edward's Anglican Church, Lugano, Switzerland for an organ recital on 7th July at 12 noon. Then later in the month on Tuesday 28th July at 12 noon, James Gough, Director of Music at St John the Evangelist's Church, Upper Norwood, London, will perform a recital. It is a privilege to host such esteemed musicians at St Joseph's. Please spread the word that all are welcome.

**TUESDAY 7 JULY, 12 noon**

**Recitalist:**  
**ALESSANDRO BIANCHI**  
(Lugano, Switzerland)

**TUESDAY 28 JULY, 12 noon**

**Recitalist:**  
**JAMES GOUGH**  
(St John the Evangelist Church, Upper Norwood, London)

**ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK**  
**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2026**

15a Hill Street,  
Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

A one hour organ recital  
featuring a programme of music  
on the church's restored  
Harrison & Harrison (1903, 2023)  
pipe organ.

Admission free - Retiral collection

No booking required - just come along

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

**PARISH FUN DAY:** On **Sunday 9th August** there will be a Parish Fun Day after 11 am Mass with a bouncy castle and games for the children, face-painting, home baking, hot rolls and more. All welcome.

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**WELCOME:** Welcome to Fr Eddie McGhee who will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel this Sunday.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** The First Friday devotions, led by the IHM Sisters will take place on Friday 3rd July from 7 – 8 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church.

**U R WELCOME CLUB:** The next schedule date for the club is Wednesday 8th July in the Norbert Room of Our Lady of

Mount Carmel Church 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Celia McQueen will share her exciting experiences of cycling Lands End to John o'Groats come along and join in the fun and chat. All seniors friends and neighbours most welcome.

## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

**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.**

## A REFLECTION ON GOD'S MERCY

**Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply.**

(St Francis de Sales)

What do you do when you realise you have sinned? Do you throw up your hands and declare defeat to any sin that might want to follow it? Do you perhaps wallow in self-pity or self-hatred? Or do you come to the Lord in true sorrow and then move on with your life?

How we deal with the inevitability of our own sins is crucial for finding holiness. When we have sinned, the devil will often try to convince us that the virtuous path is too hard for us to climb. We tell ourselves that if we were the good Christians we hope to be, we would surely not have offended God. Clearly, holiness is out of reach for us, we conclude, and so there is no point in carrying on. But this is not the truth.

However, this doesn't tally with what we know about Jesus. Look at the Gospels: did Jesus condemn the woman caught in adultery? Was He too disgusted by the tax collectors to dine with them or call them to follow Him? Did he tell St Peter that he'd missed his chance to be the leader of His Church? When the disciples squabbled, did Jesus tell them not to bother following him anymore? No, of course not. So why, then, would He reject you? Why would He forgive all those people but not you? He wouldn't.

The shame and blame that we feel after sinning do not come from Jesus. What the Lord wants from us at that time is to repent and sin no more. He wants us to come not with self-loathing but with real contrition and a genuine desire not to sin again. Then, after that, He doesn't want to keep it hanging over us for the rest of our lives, but to forget all about it.

The path to holiness does not require us to never sin. Instead, it requires us to respond to God's grace when He offers it, letting Him sanctify us and do the heavy lifting in conquering our sins. So hold onto that peace, that comfort you find in your relationship with God. Your sin is not the end of the story unless you let it be.

## MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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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.



**WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER**

We've had a fantastic year at Galloway Youth and have been delighted to share it with so many young people new and old. As we head into the summer, we've had our last Youth Evenings of the session, and are looking forward to the summer. But just because our Youth Evenings stop for the summer, it doesn't mean that we stop – we've a *fantastic* lineup of events for you to join!

<b>SUMMER WITH GALLOWAY YOUTH</b>		
<b>25TH JULY</b> 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION DAY</b> (ONLY OPEN TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS)	
<b>15TH AUGUST</b> 11.00 AM - 4.00 PM	<b>SUMMER YOUTH GATHERING</b>	
<b>30TH AUGUST</b> ALL DAY	<b>WHITHORN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE</b>	
<b>OTHER EVENTS</b>		
<b>YOUTH EVENINGS</b> 5.00 - 7.00 PM	<b>27TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>25TH OCTOBER</b>	<b>15TH NOVEMBER</b> <b>13TH DECEMBER</b>
<b>27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER</b>	<b>ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT</b>	
<b>7TH - 11TH AUGUST 2027</b>	<b>GALLOWAY'S SEOUL</b>	
<b>KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS:</b> <a href="https://www.rcdgyouth.org.uk">@RCDGYOUTH - YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK</a>		

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION DAY:** Did you celebrate your First Holy Communion this year? If you did, we invite **YOU** to join us on Saturday 25th July to celebrate at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. Over the course of the day, we'll have a great selection of our favourite games, pizza and a BBQ, a couple of short talks about the Eucharist (Holy Communion), and celebrate Mass as part of the day. You'll meet some of our fantastic Junior Leaders who lead our activities, and find out what it's like to be a part of Galloway Youth!

Following the First Holy Communion Celebration Day, we're inviting you join us for any of our events (*excluding residential*) throughout the year – just sign up by scanning the QR code.

**Please note, this event is only open to young people who celebrated their First Holy Communion this year.**

**SUMMER YOUTH GATHERING:** The 2026 Summer Youth Gathering takes place in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on Saturday 15th August from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. The day is open to all young people going into P5-S4 and is completely free of charge. Over the course of the day, young people, led by our S3/4 Junior Leaders, will take part in a wide variety of games and

activities, as well as hearing two short talks on the theme of the Saints. The day also includes lunch: pizza and a BBQ, and Mass.

Scan the QR code to register and, if it's your first Galloway Youth event, be sure to complete a Consent Form as well. When registering, you'll have the opportunity to book free transport from: Dumfries, Cumnock, Ayr, or Saltcoats.



**WHITHORN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:** St Ninian, the patron of our Diocese, landed in Whithorn when he first arrived in Scotland. Each year, the Diocese gathers on the beach by St Ninian's Cave – where Ninian retreated to for prayer – to celebrate Mass.

This year, young people from across the Diocese will travel to Whithorn as part of the pilgrimage. The day will begin in Newton Stewart where we'll enjoy a range of games and activities followed by lunch: pizza, crisps, sweets and juice. After lunch, the coach will take us to near the cave from where we'll walk to the beach. On the beach, we'll hear from Fr Philip Kitchen about the importance of St Ninian before joining Bishop Frank for Mass. After Mass we'll have a packed supper on the beach, or at Newton Stewart (weather dependent).

There is no charge to take part however young people are asked to bring a packed supper. Transport is available from: Saltcoats, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Maybole, Girvan, Dumfries, and Kirkcudbright. Scan the QR code to register and remember, if it's your first event, please also complete a Consent Form.

**RESIDENTIAL EVENTS**

**ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT:** Registration is now open for the 2026 Advent Youth Retreat. Join us for a weekend of outdoor activities, including: tree climbing, archery, archery tag; arts and crafts, silent disco and lots more! We'll also have times of prayer and discussion on the theme of Advent, Mass, Reconciliation (Confession), and much more!

The retreat takes place at Gowanbank (near Darvel) from Friday 27th – Sunday 29th November. Free transport is provided from Dumfries and Kilmarnock, with leaders available to meet young people from the bus station as well if required. Young people will be in shared rooms with their friends/ young people of a similar age, with boys and girls in separate rooms.

The total cost for the weekend is £160.00, with funding available to support any young person in need or families with more than one young person taking part. For pictures and to register, see our website.

**2027 GALLOWAY'S SEOUL:** In 2027, Pope Leo will gather with young people from around the world in Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day. While we cannot travel there from Galloway, we look forward to following the events taking place in Seoul from Gowanbank as we take part in Galloway's Seoul – a five day celebration of World Youth Day taking place at Gowanbank.

From 7th – 11th August 2027, we'll be taking over Gowanbank (near Darvel) to follow the events of World Youth Day. Each day will include: a time of Catechesis (faith learning) led by a visiting priest/ the Bishop, Mass, outdoor activities, including: canoeing, hillwalking, tree climbing, archery tag, and more; all meals, and times of prayer and discussion. The whole event is being organised and led by the Galloway Youth Office team and so young people will already know the leaders from other events.

The week costs £400 per person, which includes all activities, meals, supervision, and transport (from Kilmarnock/ Dumfries). It's open to anyone going into P6–S5 this year (P7–S6 at the time of the event). We recognise that today the cost of living is expensive and so, to support young people in taking part, we have grants and bursaries available, as well as having bimonthly fundraising events – more details to follow.

Do you want to take part? Scan the QR code to find out more information and to register.

**Next Fundraiser:** The next fundraiser will be a sponsored cycle around Millport, taking place on Thursday 6th August. Over the course of the day, young people will cycle round the island of Millport several times, with the option of sponsoring them by distance, or simply directly for taking part. Keep an eye on our social media: @rcdgyouth for more details and how you can support our young people.

## SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR LEADERS



We're hugely grateful to all of our leaders – adult and junior – for their commitment to supporting youth events across the Diocese, we couldn't do what we do without their support. To thank our S3/4 Junior Leaders and Mentors on Saturday 6th June we had our first Rewards Day, attended by many of our Junior Leaders.

The day began with a meeting of the Youth Forum – the group which is made up of the Junior Leaders and Mentors and which informs the direction and work of the Youth Office. The meeting reflected on the year's events before looking at the draft programme for next year. Afterwards, we enjoyed a pizza lunch before heading down to the Garage in Kilmarnock for crazy golf and bowling. It was wonderful to be able to thank the Junior Leaders for their ministry and to give them a chance to share their thoughts on youth ministry in the Diocese.

**What do our Junior Leaders do?** Our Junior Leaders are responsible for organising the games and activities at our events, as well as leading the talks. Their role gives them the opportunity to gain leadership experience, support younger young people who are taking part, and also share faith and love of Christ with others.

**Are you heading into S3?** Would you like to join our team of Junior Leaders? If you'd be interested in joining our fantastic team of Junior Leaders, you can email the Youth Office – [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) – or speak to your RE teacher in school. After the summer, Fr Kevin and Margaret will be visiting schools and talking to young people about the opportunities on offer.



## YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)

**JULY YOUNG ADULTS' EVENING:** On Sunday 5th July, Marianne Luchessi from the Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Glasgow will be speaking on prayer: looking at various forms of prayer, how we pray, and taking the group through some practical examples. The evening begins with Adoration from 6.00 – 6.30 pm in the church.

**BBQ SUMMER SOCIAL:** Our Young Adults had a fantastic evening at the Summer BBQ last year, with almost thirty coming to enjoy a good BBQ and great company. Following on from their Spring Social in Ayr, they can't wait for the next one on Saturday 8th August at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. The evening begins with the group joining the parish community for the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, following which they'll head into the garden to enjoy their BBQ. Aged S5 – 30? Scan the QR code to register to join them.

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# Young Adults

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## Young Adults (S5-30) Programme

**5th July**  
**Prayer: How and Why?**  
Marianne Luchessi  
(Jesuit Spirituality Centre)



**8th August**  
**BBQ Summer Social**  
St Joseph's, Kilmarnock  
(After 6.00 pm Vigil Mass)



**13th September**  
**Life and Death:  
What do we believe?**  
Fr Kevin Rennie



**St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB)**  
or join via Teams - register online: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk)  
**6.00 - 8.00 pm**

@ youth@rcdg.org.uk
 Diocese of Galloway Youth - @rcdgyouth

## SUPPORT OUR WORK, JOIN OUR 200 CLUB!

Join the 50+ 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 win 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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club) or email us for a registration form.

*The winning numbers from the May draw: 1st – 21, 2nd – 42, 3rd & 4th – 44 & 30. All winners have been contacted.*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Minibus Trip – Monday 6th July (*Open to all*)
- Organ Recital by Alessandro Bianchi – Tuesday 7th July at 12.00 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Deanery Pilgrimage to Birnieknowe for Mass of the Holy Spirit with Bishop Frank – 2.30 pm
  - Waverley Minibus Trip – Monday 3rd August (*Open to all*)
  - Parish Fun Day – Sunday 8th August from 12 noon – 2 pm (*St Joseph's*)
- Whithorn Pilgrimage – Sunday 29th August – Mass on the beach at 4 pm and in the town at 4.45 pm
- 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 27 June</b> St Joseph's 6pm	K McGhee, M Kirk, G McIntyre	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> St Matthew's 9.30 am	M Musilli, P Brown, F Boyle	R: A M Gilmour, Sister L: S Duff, C Gordon, C Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca		-		
<b>Sunday 28 June</b> St Joseph's 11 am	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> OLMC 11.30 am	M Smith, A Starrs	G Rannochan, C Lamberth, Sister	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	Julie, Graham	C McGuire, C Lamberth	
<b>Saturday 4 July</b> St Joseph's 6pm	A Davidson, H Rameckers, F Donachie	C McGowan, K McGhee, A Gorman, M McGrath, R Chojeta	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> St Matthew's 9.30 am	C Brown, B Gilhooley, M Merrick	R: A Gillion, Gilmour, M Gordon L: N McKenna	Luca, David, Rebecca		-		
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> St Joseph's 11 am	H Matthews, G McGee, R Doak	F McCann, L Dorrian, P Dorrian, D Custodio, M Walker	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	-	-	Alan, Theresa	
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> OLMC 11.30 am	M Wilkie, C Cox	M Urquhart, A Starrs, S Clark	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	-	M Duffy, M Wilkie	

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