



# THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th July 2026

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

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## LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAY 5th – 12th JULY 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 4th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 5th</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>	People of the Parishes
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	Tom Cassidy (RIP)
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	
6.00 – 6.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Young Adults' (\$5-30) Evening</b>	
<b>Monday 6th</b>			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass</b>	Dorothy & David McKellar (Ann)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Mary Bain, RIP	Mary Bain (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
12.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Organ Recital</b> by Alessandro Bianchi	
10.00 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	Maurice Milloy (Ann)
After Mass	OLMC	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession</b> (until 10.50 am)	
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	<b>Mass</b>	Gina Doonan (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession</b> (until 10.50 am)	
1.30 – 3.30 pm	OLMC	<b>U R Welcome</b> (in the Norbert Room)	
<b>Thursday 9th</b>			
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention / Celia McAllister (RIP)
7.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Vigil Reception</b> for Alfreda Agostini, RIP	
<b>Friday 10th</b>			
9.30 am	OLMC	<b>Recitation of the Holy Rosary</b>	
10.00 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
10.00 am	St Joseph's	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Alfreda Agostini, RIP	Alfreda Agostini (RIP)
After Mass	St Joseph's	<b>Church Cleaning</b> (New volunteers welcome)	
<b>Saturday 11th</b>			
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Confession</b>	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 12th</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>	People of the Parishes
11.30 am	OLMC	<b>Mass</b>	Edward Farrell (RIP)
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.

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YouTube: RC Kilmarnock

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

**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 recently. 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.

**WAVERLEY MINIBUS TRIP:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up to take part in this trip which will see us join the Waverley Paddle Steamer for a trip to Girvan and Ailsa Craig on Monday 3rd August. **The tickets for this have now been booked and paid for. If you have signed up, the £55 cost – which includes transport to/ from Ayr and your ticket for the boat – is required no later than Sunday 26th July.** The cost can be paid in cash at the stall in St Joseph's.

**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.

**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)

**SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE:** The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on Saturday, 5th September 2026, 10am – 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde

Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops on how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register here: [bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26](http://bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26)

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

**TUESDAY 7 JULY, 12 noon**

**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

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

**TUESDAY 28 JULY, 12 noon**

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

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

**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.

**CHURCH BOILER REPLACEMENT:** A new boiler will be installed in St Joseph's church this week. The liturgies will not be affected. The boiler replacement including remedial roof works for the flue will cost around £20,000.

**CLEANING ROTA:** The next cleaning day is Friday 10th July after Mass. New volunteers welcome.

**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

**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.



**U R WELCOME AND PUPILS OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL:** U.R Welcome recently had a gardening afternoon. Some small plants were given to the pupils of Mount Carmel Primary to nurture and watch grow in the classroom. On Monday, the pupils returned and planted their flowers around the statue of Our Lady in Mount Carmel Church. It was a lovely occasion and we were joined by Sr Juliet.

## 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.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** A full inspection of the electrical installation took place in June and remedial work to bring the installation up to the required standard has been completed. The cost of this work was £10,081.80.

## 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.**

## MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

# SUMMER

WITH GALLOWAY YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

25TH JULY  
11.00 AM - 4.00 PM



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
CELEBRATION DAY

8TH AUGUST  
AFTER 6.00 PM  
VIGIL MASS

YOUNG ADULTS' (S5-30)  
SUMMER BBQ



15TH AUGUST  
11.00 AM - 4.00 PM



SUMMER YOUTH  
GATHERING

30TH AUGUST  
ALL DAY

WHITHORN YOUTH  
PILGRIMAGE



TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF OUR EVENTS,  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK](http://YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK).

### 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.





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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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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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 4 July</b> <b>St Joseph's 6pm</b>	A Davidson, H Rameckers, F Donachie	C McGowan, K McGhee, A Gorman, M McGrath, R Chojeta	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Kathleen, Frances	M McGrath
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	C Brown, B Gilhooley, M Merrick	R: A Gillion, Gilmour, M Gordon L: N McKenna	Luca, David, Rebecca		-		
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	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	-	-	Paul, Libby	
<b>Sunday 5 July</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	M Wilkie, C Cox	M Urquhart, A Starrs, S Clark	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	-	M Duffy, M Wilkie	
<b>Saturday 11 July</b> <b>St Joseph's 6pm</b>	M Kirk, G McIntyre, K McGhee	Sr Mabel, F Donachie, G Rankin, L Rankin, M Steele	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	Fran Boyle
<b>Sunday 12 July</b> <b>St Matthew's 9.30 am</b>	D Bias, E Allan, V Kelly	R: Sister, M Musilli L: M Thomson	Luca, David, Rebecca		-		
<b>Sunday 12 July</b> <b>St Joseph's 11 am</b>	P Nicholson, An Davidson, F McCann	P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	-	-	Devlin, Eileen	
<b>Sunday 12 July</b> <b>OLMC 11.30 am</b>	C Harper, K Jones	J Hefron, L Hefron, S Hollywood	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	-	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:</b> 01563 549549 <b>Mount Carmel Primary:</b> 01563 525897 <b>St Joseph's Academy:</b> 01563 526144		

### Parish Office & Presbytery Contact Details:

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### Collections for Sunday 28th June

St Joseph's	<b>Standing orders: £834.08. Weekly collection: £1,362.95. Peter's Pence: £992.77. Total Income for June: £14,742.39. Total Expenditure for June: £8,384.93.</b>
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<b>Standing orders: £261.57. Weekly collection: £405.11. SVP: £138.39. Apostolate of Life: £15. Peter's Pence: £445.29. Total Income for June: £15,678.81*. Total Expenditure for June: £12,665.54.</b>
St Matthew's	<b>Standing orders: £508.62. Weekly collection: £412.06. Community Box: £122.70. Ecuador Trust: £11. Peter's Pence: £467.01. Communications Sunday: £10. Apostolate of Life: £10. Total Income for June: £20,382.01*. Total Expenditure for June: £7,276.68.</b>
<i>Note on June income and expenditure: In June, the Gift Aid payments covering the last three years were paid to Our Lady of Mount Carmel (£11,201.37) and St Matthew's (£15,080.97) resulting in higher than usual incomes. The high expenditure in Our Lady of Mount Carmel is principally due to the first phase of the electrical works (£8,951.40) to address historical electrical issues in the site.</i>	

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### SUPPORT OUR PARISHES

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**St Joseph's**



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**



**St Matthew's**

