



THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th September 2026



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

St Sophia's – St Paul's
Galston – Hurlford

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LITURGY AND GATHERINGS FROM SUNDAYS 13th – 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 12th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass (this week only)	Canon Pat McSorley (RIP) / Canon Pat McSorley (RIP)
10.30 – 2.00 pm	St Joseph's	First Communicants' Retreat Day (in St Joseph's Hall)	
4.30 pm	St Sophia's	Vigil Mass	Special Intention
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	Fr Martin McCluskey (Ann)
Sunday 13th			
8.50 am	St Paul's	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet	
9.15 am	St Paul's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	Claire Clarke (RIP)
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	People of the Parishes
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	John Cassidy (Ann)
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass followed by tea and coffee	Special Intention
12.45 pm	St Matthew's	Community Lunch	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Young Adults (\$5-30) Evening (in St Joseph's Hall)	
Monday 14th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
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)	
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	William James Guy (Snr & Jnr)
10.30 – 10.45 am	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 15th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass (followed by Adoration until 11.00 am)	Catherine Swan (RIP)
10.00 am	St Sophia's	Mass	Maura Donan (RIP)
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Community Café	
7.00 pm	OLMC	PPC Meeting (in the Norbert Room)	
7.00 pm	OLMC	RCIA (in the Sacristy)	
Wednesday 16th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Sr Clare Frances CBS (RIP)
10.30 am	St Joseph's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	St Paul's	Mass	Special Intention / Michael O'Brien (RIP)
10.30 am	St Paul's	Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (in St Paul's Hall)	
Thursday 17th			
3.00 pm	St Paul's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass	Tony Atwood (RIP) / Annette Taylor (RIP)
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	RCIA (in the parish house)	
7.00 pm	St Sophia's	RCIA (in the church hall)	
Friday 18th			
9.30 am	OLMC	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass	Babs Gallacher (Ann)
After Mass	OLMC	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession (until 10.50 am)	
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Calumn Gallagher (Ann)
Saturday 19th			
4.30 pm	St Sophia's	Vigil Mass	
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	Special Intention
Sunday 20th			
8.50 am	St Paul's	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet	
9.15 am	St Paul's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	People of the Parishes
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	Jean Dougan (RIP)
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	Winston McGarvey (RIP)
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass followed by tea and coffee	People of the Parishes
3.00 pm	OLMC	Ecumenical Service	

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

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend to support the retired priests of the diocese. Please use the appropriate Gift Aid envelope where appropriate.

GALLOWAY DIOCESE NEWS: The Ninian edition is available to collect in all parishes this weekend. There is enough for one per household.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, 19th/20th September, the communities of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Sophia's, and St Paul's**, will be joined by the Spiritans, priests of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, as they make the annual Mission Appeal in our parishes. The Spiritans minister in over 60 countries throughout the world, including in Scotland – in our own Diocese, four Spiritan missionaries currently minister in parishes of the Diocese.

The Spiritans describe their mission as the evangelisation of the "poor" (Lk 4:18). Therefore, Spiritans go especially:

- to peoples, groups and individuals who have not yet heard the message of the Gospel or who have scarcely heard it.
- to those whose needs are the greatest, and to the oppressed.
- We willingly accept tasks for which the Church has difficulty in finding workers.

The Spiritan option for the poor involves a solidarity which brings them to share in the world of the marginalized. *"When we opt for the poor, we opt not for poverty as such, but for people who are unjustly poor."*

The Spiritan Rule of Life (14) asks them to make themselves *"the advocates, the supporters and defenders of the weak and the little ones against all who oppress them."*

Please give generously in support of their ministry.

MONTH OF THE MISSION TALKS: The October Month of Mission talks – open to all in our parishes and beyond – take place in St Matthew's church on Thursday evenings in October. Each week, we welcome a different speaker to speak on the theme of an area of the Church's Mission. The talk begins at 7.00 pm in St Matthew's hall and lasts one hour with an opportunity for questions and discussion. The full programme is shown below:

- **1st October** – Dr Raymond McCluskey
Catholic Mission in Kilmarnock: Historical Perspectives
- **8th October** – Sr Placida McCann, FSIC
"My Kenyan Capers" – on the Mission in Kenya
- **22nd October** – Dr Mark Charlesworth
Faith, Reason and Mission – Bring your questions
- **29th October** – Fr Philip Kitchen
Mission Impossible

Please note, there is no talk on Thursday 15th October due to the school holidays.

ECUADOR TRUST 20th ANNIVERSARY WALK: On Sunday 27th September the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust will celebrate their 20th Anniversary, by walking in memory of Fr Martin from St Matthew's Kilmarnock to St Patrick's Primary School, Troon (13 miles). The walk will depart after 9.30 am Mass.

In addition to the usual walk, there will be a shorter Sponsored Walk for children, from outside Marr College to St Patrick's Primary School (1 mile), which should take no longer than 25 minutes. The walk will depart at 2.30 pm.

Once the walk is complete there are some fun activities in the playground at St Patrick's School from 3 - 5pm.

There will be an opportunity for EVERYONE to come together (whether you walk or not) to enjoy a bite to eat, have some fun and celebrate both Fr Martin's life and 20 years of the Ecuador Trust!

If you wish to do either walk, please either contact Christina on 07445 253213 or email: ecuadortrust@gmail.com

All are welcome both walkers and non-walkers!

All the details are in the following link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/martinchambers>

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next DPC Meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.30 pm in St Joseph's Hall. Each parish has up to three

representatives on the DPC, if you would be interested in representing your parish, please speak to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin.

KILMARNOCK FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES: On Sunday 20th September at 3 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will host the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches for the regular ecumenical service. The theme is **Fellowship, Belonging, Inclusion: a place for all in our faith communities**, and our SPRED group will take a full part in the liturgy. Please come along to reflect on how all can be made welcome when we gather to pray, as well as to welcome our Christian brothers and sisters from the local church communities.

AEOLIAN MALE VOICE CHOIR CHARITY CONCERT: A Charity Concert will be performed by the Aeolian Male Voice choir in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00 pm. Please come along and enjoy the wonderful choral music. There will be a retiral collection at the end in support of the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust, Hillhouse Care and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Teas and coffees will be served in St Joseph's Hall after the concert.

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process to support and share faith and Catholic teaching with those who are preparing to join the Church. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church is invited to make themselves known to Fr Stephen or Fr Kevin. Meetings to prepare those who wish to join the church are beginning, at this time. Please also let anyone you may know who is interested in becoming a Catholic. And why not evangelise and ask people you think are curious whether they would come along and find out more about the Catholic faith?

SPRED: The new session of SPRED commenced on Tuesday 8th September. There are vacancies for a few adults with special needs to join the group. In the first instance, please contact Kathleen on 07513 048722. There are information leaflets in the porches of all the churches.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Maura Prendergast. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her family. Her Requiem arrangements will be announced in due course.

RCIA GROUP: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Group for St Joseph's will begin on Thursday 17th September at 6.30 pm in St Joseph's church house. The first welcome evening is about introductions and includes an explanatory tour of the church and what we do at Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next PPC meeting will be on Monday 21st September at 6.30 pm in the church hall (preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 6 – 6.30 pm). If there are items you think should be considered on the agenda of the meeting, please email the Parish Office.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

COMMUNITY LUNCH: The Community Lunch continues today (13th September) at 12.45 pm. Join us for a delicious three course meal provided free of charge. All are welcome. The Community Lunch is funded by donations made to the Community Fund, thank you for your generosity in making this service possible.

CEILIDH AT ST MATTHEW'S: Takes place in St Matthew's hall on Saturday 7th November, beginning at 6.00 pm with supper, before clearing the tables to make space for dancing and 'turns'.

If you would like to sing or dance or recite a poem or play an instrument text Margaret on 07765 715798. Children are very welcome to do a 'turn'.

For full details, and to register and make your meal choice, please see the notice in the porch. To subsidise the ceilidh there is going to be a 50/50 raffle: you pay £1 to put your name on a

square (more if you want!). 50% goes on money prizes and 50% goes on expenses for the ceilidh. The raffle squares are available in the porch.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next PPC meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 7 pm in the Norbert Room.

U R WELCOME: The next gathering takes place on Wednesday 23rd September, 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Afternoon Tea and Quiz, with an introduction to Virtual Reality! All welcome come along and join in the fun.

KILMARNOCK FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES: On Sunday 20th September at 3 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will host the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches for the regular ecumenical service. See details in General Notices.

MISSION APPEAL: Next Sunday (20th September) the Annual Mission Appeal will take place in the parish. A second collection will be taken up for the work of the Spiritans.

CAR PARKING: As far as possible, in addition to using the church car park, please use the car park between the church and Onthank Primary to reduce street and pavement parking around the church.

ST SOPHIA'S PARISH

Bulletin Co-ordinator: Hannah Farley hfarley85@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Do you have a child at St Sophia's school? Would you like to get more involved? The Parent Council are looking for new members. They meet once a month on a Monday night in the church hall with the next meeting taking place on 5th October at 6.30pm. Please feel free to come along and see how you can join in.

MISSION APPEAL: Next Sunday (20th September) the Annual Mission Appeal will take place in the parish. A second collection will be taken up for the work of the Spiritans.

ASSIST US TO LIVE: Please fill in the postcard at the back of church and follow the instruction as to how to return it. Your help is needed once more to stop this Bill moving forward.

ST PAUL'S PARISH

Bulletin Co-ordinator: Tom McEwan tagmcewen@sky.com

MEETING WITH THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin invite those who

attended the Parish Pastoral Council meetings until now to meet on Wednesday 16th September at 10.30 am (after the morning Mass) in the church hall.

ST PAUL'S SSVP: The next Tuesday lunch will take place on 7th October in the church hall.

MISSION APPEAL: Next Sunday (20th September) the Annual Mission Appeal will take place in the parish. A second collection will be taken up for the work of the Spiritans.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SSVP & FOODBANK PROVISION: We are 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.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches service – Sunday 20th September at 3.00 pm (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
- Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September, 6.30 pm (St Joseph's)
- Youth (P5-S4) Evening – Sunday 27th September, 5.00 pm (St Joseph's)
- Aeolian Choir concert – Tuesday 29th September, 7.00 pm (St Joseph's)
- Ecuador Walk from Kilmarnock to Troon – Sunday 27th September
- Parish Ceilidh – Saturday 7th November, 6.00 pm (St Matthew's – Open to All)
- Advent Youth Retreat – Friday 27th – Sunday 29th November (Gowanbank SU Centre)

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES

You can now support our parishes by giving online, just scan the QR code to donate or go to our website and click the link.

St Joseph's	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St Matthew's	St Sophia's	St Paul's
				



GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026



SUMMER 2026! We've had a fantastic summer of events as we welcomed First Communicants from across the Diocese in July, introducing them to Galloway Youth and inviting them to become a part of our events – and it's been wonderful to see so many taking up that offer! We then followed that with our Young Adults' BBQ and the Summer Youth Gathering – bringing together young people from across the Diocese as we got ready for back to school! It was a great chance for them to catch up with friends they hadn't seen over the summer and to have lots of FUN at the same time! A particular highlight of the day was the opportunity to celebrate Mass outdoors in the garden of St Joseph's, Kilmarnock – the first time for many of the young people to experience Mass outdoors. Our summer of fun was rounded off with our Whithorn Youth Pilgrimage as part of the National Youth Pilgrimage, which saw almost 40 young people gather for a morning of fun and games at Our Lady & St Ninian's Church, Newton Stewart, followed by a fantastic buffet lunch in the garden. Afterwards, the group enjoyed hearing from Fr Philip Kitchen as he shared his knowledge of St Ninian and Whithorn ahead of Mass with the Diocese in St Martin & St Ninian's Church, Whithorn – we sadly didn't make the beach this year due to the weather, but we're starting to pray now for a good day for next year! Thank you to all of the young people who have taken part in events over the summer, and to all of the volunteer leaders who have given of their time freely to facilitate and run the events – and now that we're back to school, there's even more events coming up!



Youth Office
Gather · Pray · Discuss · Socialise

YOUTH EVENINGS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN P5-S4

**JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE
THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS!**

AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES, FAITH AND FRIENDS (AND PIZZA).

27TH SEPTEMBER	25TH OCTOBER	15TH NOVEMBER	13TH DECEMBER
CELEBRATING THE MASS	THE LITURGY OF THE WORD	THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	LIVING OUR FAITH

5.00 PM - MASS
FOLLOWED BY GAMES, ACTIVITIES, PIZZA,
AND A TALK IN THE HALL UNTIL 7.00 PM.

ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES	ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN	ST MARGARET'S, AYR	ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK
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@ youth@rcdg.org.uk Diocese of Galloway Youth - @rcdg youth

YOUTH EVENINGS RETURN SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

The wait is almost over! Our monthly youth evenings resume on Sunday 27th September – and **they're now open to any young person in P5-S4**, there's no charge, and you don't have to be Catholic (but you do still have to take part in all elements of the evenings) to come along! Until Christmas, we'll be exploring the theme of the Mass: what happens at Mass and what the various parts mean.

27th September – In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*The Beginning of the Mass*)

25th October – The Liturgy of the Word

15th November – The Liturgy of the Eucharist

13th December – Living our Faith

As usual, each evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm, following which we'll continue in the Hall with games and activities – old favourites and a few new ones too – supper (pizza, crisps, sweets, juice), and a short talk on the theme of the evening.

Whether you're new to Galloway Youth or a regular, we look forward to welcoming you along. If you're coming for the first time, please complete a general consent form by scanning the QR code on the right.



Our evenings take place monthly in: St Teresa's, Dumfries; St Joseph's, Kilmarnock; St Margaret's, Ayr; and St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. So, what are you waiting for? Come along and be part of the fun!



Bishop Frank needs YOUR help!

**He needs a new Christmas card to
send to all his friends
– and he wants you to design it!**

**Are you in P5–S4? Draw your
favourite Christmas-themed design
and send it to us! The winning design
will become the Bishop's Christmas
Card for 2026, as well as being
available to buy from our Youth Office!**

Closing date: Friday 9th October

Ask your parent/ carer to email your design to:
christmas@rcdg.org.uk including your name and age. The
winner will be notified in mid-October with their card being
featured as the Bishop's Christmas Card. The winner will
receive printed cards, their design on a set of Christmas
Baubles, and a certificate from Bishop Frank.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION: Bishop Frank needs
a new Christmas Card, and he wants YOUR help to find it! Are
you in P5-S4? Do you enjoy drawing? Draw your favourite
Christmas-themed design and send it to us:
christmas@rcdg.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 9th October. The
winner will be announced shortly after.

RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

Looking for something a bit different? Why not join us for one
(or both) of our fantastic upcoming residential!

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT – NOW ONLY £140:
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 £140.00, with funding available
to support any young person in need or families with more than
one young person taking part. For pictures from last year 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

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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 in 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. For full details, and to register, see our website.

YOUNG ADULTS' EVENINGS

Our monthly Young Adults' evenings resume on Sunday 13th
September when our Youth Chaplain, Fr Kevin Rennie, will be
speaking on the theme of "Life and Death: What do we believe?".
The evening will focus on many of the challenges to life faced in
society today and look at the Church's teaching on these issues.
All young adults are invited to join.

The evening takes place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, and begins
with Adoration at 6.00 pm following which Fr Kevin will speak
in the hall. Don't live in East Ayrshire but want to take part?
Online participation is available to any young adults from
outside of East Ayrshire, to register to follow online, go to our
website and click on 'Young Adults – Online Participation'.

SUPPORT OUR WORK

JOIN THE 200 CLUB: Join the 40+ 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 or
email us for a registration form.

*The winning numbers from the July draw: 1st – 44 2nd – 47, 3rd &
4th – 3 & 42. All winners have been contacted.*





2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT

RCDG Youth - Diocese of Galloway Youth Office

Weekend includes: Outdoor Activities (Tree climbing, Archery Tag, Archery and more!) Talks, Prayer, and Mass All Meals & Accommodation	27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER GOWANBANK £140 PP Open to Youth in P7-S4 in 2026/2027.
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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK](https://youth.rcdg.org.uk)
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!



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 (Kilmarnock)
Saturday 12 Sept St Sophia's 4.30 pm	C Rae, M Lucchesi		Ross				Helena Rameckers
Saturday 12 Sept St Joseph's 6 pm	A Davidson, K McGhee, H Rameckers	A Gorman, C McGowan, M McGrath, F Donachie, Sr Mabel	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Kathleen, Frances	
Sunday 13 Sept St Paul's 9.15 am	M Kuhn, T McEwen	C Robinson	Ross				
Sunday 13 Sept St Matthew's 9.30 am	C Brown, E Allan, S Faulds	R: A Gillion, P Brown L: M Thomson, M Bradley, C Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca		K Steel	-	
Sunday 13 Sept St Joseph's 11 am	H Matthews, R Doak, P Nicholson	J Shields, M Andrew, M Walker, D Custodio, P Dorrian	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne, Mike	IHM Sisters	Devlin, Eileen	
Sunday 13 Sept OLMC 11.30 am	G McNeil, I Roy	J Hefron, L Hefron, S Clark	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	Marie, John	C Lambeth, J Boyle	
Saturday 19 Sept St Sophia's 4.30 pm	M Gunn, C Fraser		Ross				Philip Brown
Saturday 19 Sept St Joseph's 6 pm	A McCluskey, M McGrath, G McIntyre	Sr Juliet, R Chojeta, C Power, K McGhee, Sr Mabel	Joseph, Luca, Ryan, Antoni, Ravindu, Lexi			Clare, Margaret	
Sunday 20 Sept St Paul's 9.15 am	M McGhee, A Power	T McEwen	Ross				
Sunday 20 Sept St Matthew's 9.30 am	A Gillion, B Gilhooley, C Stacey	R: Sister, M Musilli L: N McKenna, F Stacey, M Thomson	Luca, David, Rebecca		K Steel	-	
Sunday 20 Sept St Joseph's 11 am	G Smith, T Murphy, L Hand	H Matthews, P Chigbo, E Cunninghame, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Marilyn, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Anne, Gerry	-	Alan, Theresa	
Sunday 20 Sept OLMC 11.30 am	A Starrs, M Wilkie	Sister, D Shearer, J McCrossan	Jessica, Farrah, Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	-	C Harper, C McQueen	

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)	Margaret McGrath (margaret.mcgrath@rcdg.org.uk)
St Sophia's	Hannah Farley (hfarley85@gmail.com)	Rosemary Fraser (psc.galston@rcdg.org.uk)
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Collections for Sunday 6th September

St Joseph's	Standing orders: £902.50. Weekly collection: £1,234.47. Building Fund: £125.00. Ecuador Trust: £200.00. Retired Priests: £20.00.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Standing orders: £388.25. Weekly collection: £412.05. Building Fund: £137.00. SSVP: £154.40.
St Matthew's	Standing orders: £564.50. Weekly collection: £382.45. Building Fund: £147.00. Community Box: £88.70. Ecuador Trust: £13.00.
St Sophia's	Standing orders: £314.40. Weekly collection: £135.00. Building Fund: £215.00.
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