



THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th October 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 25TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Time	Venue	Gathering	Mass intention
Saturday 24th			
3.00 pm	St Sophia's	I Belong Session for Young People preparing for First Communion	
4.30 pm	St Sophia's	Vigil Mass	Sadie McGhee (RIP)
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass	James Nolan (RIP)
Sunday 25th – I Belong Masses for Young People preparing for First Communion			
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	May McIntosh (RIP)
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	Special Intention
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	People of the Parishes
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass followed by tea and coffee	People of the Parishes
5.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass with the Diocesan Youth	
5.30 pm	St Joseph's	Diocesan Youth (P5-S4) Evening (in the Hall)	
6.15 pm	St Joseph's	Choir Practice for Christmas (New members welcome)	
Monday 26th			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Mass	Riccardo Lucchesi (RIP)
After Mass	St Matthew's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession (until 10.50 am)	
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Special Intention
10.30 – 10.45 am	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Tuesday 27th			
9.30 am	St Sophia's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
10.00 am	St Sophia's	Mass	Special Intention
10.00 am	St Matthew's	Requiem Mass for Allan McKay, RIP	Allan McKay (RIP)
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass (followed by Adoration until 11.00 am)	Michael & Marlene McCloskey (Ann)
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	Community Café	
6.00 – 6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Kilmarnock Parishes Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (in the Hall)	
Wednesday 28th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass (followed by the Recitation of the Rosary)	Edwina Beveridge (RIP)
10.00 am	St Paul's	Mass (followed by Adoration until 10.50 am)	Iain Mair (RIP)
1.30 pm	OLMC	U R Welcome (Halloween Party)	
2.00 pm	St Matthew's	Ladies Spirituality Group	
Thursday 29th			
3.00 pm	St Paul's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	Mass	Winston McGarvey (RIP) / Theresa Corry (RIP)
7.00 pm	St Matthew's	Month of Mission talk: "Mission Impossible" – Fr Philip Kitchen	
Friday 30th			
9.30 am	OLMC	Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
10.00 am	OLMC	Mass	Special Intention
10.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass	Peter Maxwell (Ann)
11.00 am	St Paul's	Adoration and Recitation of the Holy Rosary	
7.00 pm	St Joseph's	Halloween Quiz Night (in the Hall)	
Saturday 31st			
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	Allan McKay (RIP)
Sunday 1st			
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	People of the Parishes
11.00 am	St Joseph's	Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall	Elspeth McNeil (RIP)
11.30 am	OLMC	Mass followed by tea and coffee	Edwina Beveridge (RIP)
5.45 – 6.15 pm	St Joseph's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	Young Adults (S5-30) Evening (in the Hall)	
6.15 pm	St Joseph's	Choir Practice for Christmas (New members welcome)	

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

PASTORAL VISIT OF BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN

On Saturday 24th October, Bishop Frank will pay a pastoral visit to the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's, then on Sunday 25th October, Bishop Frank will make pastoral visits to St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes.

In addition to the pastoral visit, Bishop Frank will meet with the Kilmarnock Parish Joint Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 27th October at 6.30 pm.

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

**RC KILMARNOCK**
St Joseph's - Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St Matthew's

Month of Mission

**29th October**
Mission Impossible
Fr Philip Kitchen



7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
St Matthew's Church, Kilmarnock

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MONTH OF MISSION TALKS: The final Month of Mission talk – open to all in our parishes and beyond – takes place in St Matthew's church on Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. This week, Fr Philip Kitchen will be speaking on the theme of *Mission Impossible* – examining the mission of the church in history.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: This year, the Solemnity falls on a Sunday and, as such, the usual Sunday obligation applies. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November when we pray for all of the faithful departed who have died.

OVER 60s AFTERNOON TEA AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Our Lady of Mount Carmel SSVP will be running two afternoon teas this autumn (which are entirely free of charge) for over 60s on Saturday 7th and 28th November from 1pm to 3pm within the Norbert Room at OLMC. Parishioners from all five parishes are invited.

Because of restrictions on accommodation, the numbers are restricted to 45 people each day and therefore people will be accommodated on a first come first served basis. You can either sign up on the forms in the Norbert Room at OLMC or email Charlie Harper at: olmc_ssyp@icloud.com. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of good food and company.

CAR BOOT SALE: Your chance to de-clutter or pick up some pre-Christmas goodies! A Car Boot Sale will be held at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 14th November 9.30am-2.00pm (set up from 8.30am). To book a space in the Car Park or table in the Church Hall, please complete the form issued with this week's Newsletter. Fee (payable in advance) is £15.00. All profits will go to Church funds. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR SERVERS' CHRISTMAS PANTO: Every year Altar Servers new and old are invited to the Kilmarnock Christmas Panto as a thank you for their ministry in our parishes. This year the trip will take place on **Sunday 27th December** to the 3.00 pm performance of "*Beauty and the Beast*". Servers are invited to gather in St Joseph's Hall from 12.00 pm onwards for pizza and games. They'll then be walked down to the Galleon for the 3.00 pm performance. Any altar servers who wish to take part, please sign up in the sacristy. There is no charge.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES: The Fellowship's next service will be held at Kay Park Parish Church on Sunday 25th October at 3 pm. The theme of this service will be "Remembering Our Babies: a service to commemorate the

babies who are in our hearts". Please advertise this event to your congregation with the attached poster and invite anyone else who may find the service beneficial.

SPRED COME AND SEE EVENING: Kilmarnock SPRED are hosting an informal drop-in evening on Tuesday 3rd November from 7 to 8.30pm in St Matthew's Hall.

All are welcome to come along to speak to the volunteers, who run the group, over a cup of tea. There will also be an opportunity to browse the resources used by the group in their work supporting adults with additional needs in their personal and spiritual development. A special invitation is extended to those who may be thinking of joining the group or anyone who cares for a person with additional needs.



ROSSLYN CHAPEL MINIBUS TRIP: On Monday 5th October parishioners enjoyed the final minibus trip of the current series to Rosslyn Chapel, enjoying a tour of the historic chapel followed by lunch in the village of Rosslyn. Our monthly trips have now finished for the year, but the team look forward to resuming them in March 2027 – watch this space! Do you have a suggestion for a destination in next year's programme? Email rckilmarnock@rcdg.org.uk to add it to the list.

GRIEF TO GRACE – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth: Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: **Grief to Grace (Scotland)** at margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

"I would go as far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from a person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

During November, the weekend and weekday Masses will be offered in the parishes for departed priests, friends and family. (For this reason, particular Mass intentions requested will be carried forward to December.) Please take a November List from the back of the church and add the names of those you would like to pray for and place it in the basket beside the altar. If you are able, you may make a Mass offering with your

November list. The names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered this month will be inserted within the album at the altar.

All the faithful can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory. And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day: Piously visit a church to pray for the faithful departed; - Say one "Our Father" and the "Creed" in the visit to the church; - Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope; - Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day); - Make a Sacramental Confession within a week of (before or after) All Souls Day; - That one be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence from November 1st to 8th: Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; - Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope; - Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day); - Make a Sacramental Confession within a week of (before or after) All Souls Day; - That one be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

Praying for the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory: While it is easy to remember to pray for those whom we have known, particularly our family and friends, there are also souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them: those who were the last of their family, or the last of their generation and have no friends to survive them. It is a good and holy practice to pray as well for these people who are so much in need of our prayers to aid them in their journey through purgatory – please remember them in your prayers as well.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST NOVEMBER: At 11.00 am Mass in the Kilmarnock parishes on Sunday 15th November, the faithful departed of our parishes who have died during the last year will be prayed for and remembered by name. A letter will be sent to their families inviting them to attend.

KILMARNOCK PARISHES ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS: The annual Kilmarnock Parishes Cemetery Mass will take place on Saturday 7th November at 11.00 am in Grassyards Cemetery. All are invited to join us in praying for all of those from our parish community who are buried there.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: The annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd November in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr, at 12.00 noon. All are invited to gather to pray for the repose of the souls of the clergy who have ministered in our Diocese.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Edwina Beveridge. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her family. Edwina's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd November at 10.00 am following which she will be interred in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

WELCOME: To Bishop Frank who joins us this weekend for a Pastoral Visit. Bishop Frank will celebrate the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass.

ORGAN RECITAL: The final Organ Recital for 2026 takes place on Tuesday 17th November at 12.00 pm. For this recital, we will be joined by Matthew Hynes from Ayr.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Choir practices for Christmas began on Sunday 18th October. They will continue each Sunday evening, 6.15-8.15 p.m. until the final practice on Sunday 20th December (inclusive). The practices will prepare the choral music to be sung during the liturgy of the Solemn Mass celebrated late on Christmas Eve.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ: This year's quiz is on Friday 30th October at 7 pm in St Joseph's Hall. All are welcome. Halloween costume is not required but is recommended! A light supper will be served. Bring your own bottle. Tickets, £7,

on sale at the back of the churches from this weekend. School children are free of charge.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Allan McKay. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to his family. Allan's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 27th October at 10.00 am following which he will be interred in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

WELCOME: To Bishop Frank who joins us this weekend for a Pastoral Visit. Bishop Frank will celebrate the 9.30 am Mass. After Mass you are invited to join the Bishop in the hall for tea and coffee.

50TH ANNIVERSARY: Would anyone interested in organising the celebrations and Mass for the 50th anniversary of the church, please meet in the hall next Sunday, 1st November, after Mass.

LADIES SPIRITUALITY GROUP: The ladies spirituality group will meet in St Matthew's on Wednesday 28th October at 2.00 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All ladies welcome.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Patricia Aitken. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her family. Patricia's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 6th November at 10.00 am followed by a committal at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

WELCOME: To Bishop Frank who joins us this weekend for a Pastoral Visit. Bishop Frank will celebrate the 11.30 am Mass. After Mass you are invited to join the Bishop in the hall for tea and coffee.

ON STREET PARKING: During Mass on Sunday, cars are sometimes being parked across the driveways of residents, blocking them from driving their car in and out of their property. Please park with special care and do not block any residential access.

UR WELCOME: Come along and join in the Halloween party of Wednesday 28th October, and have a cuppa in great company in Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Norbert Room 1.30pm – 3.30pm. All seniors most welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING: The next church cleaning will be on Monday 2nd November at 10.00 am. We are actively seeking new volunteers, and all are welcome to attend for cleaning followed by a cuppa and a blether.

ST SOPHIA'S PARISH

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Liz Collins. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her family. Liz's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th November at 10.00 am following which she will be interred in Galston Cemetery.

BUILDING FUND: There will be a second collection taken up next weekend (31st October) in aid of the Parish Building Fund. Please give generously.

THANK YOU: The Lucchesi family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support following the loss of Riccardo. The collection raised £200 for SCIAF, thank you once more.

CHURCH CLEANING: the church will be cleaned on the 1st and 3rd week of the month; the next cleaning will take place on Saturday 7th November at 9.30 am. All welcome to come along and help.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The "I Belong" sacramental preparation meetings for children preparing to

receive First Holy Communion will take place in St Sophia's church hall at 3.00 pm on Saturdays on the dates listed below. The children and their families would remain for Mass at 4.30 pm.

Session 2: **Saturday 24 October 2026**

Session 3: **Saturday 7 November 2026**

Session 4: **Saturday 19 December 2026**

ST PAUL'S PARISH

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We were sorry to hear of the recent death of our parishioner Thomas Holton. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to his family. Thomas' Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th November at 10.00 am following which he will be interred in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday 4th December from 8pm – 11pm in the Church Hall. Music will be provided by Jackson City. Tickets cost £6.00, which includes Pie and Peas. Bring your own bottle, drinks, nibbles. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout November and will be drawn on the night. Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 1.30 pm in the church hall. New Members are always welcome.

APPEAL FOR A NEW HALL COORDINATOR: The present hall coordinator will soon step back from this role, and we appeal for a new volunteer to step forward. The role involves getting hall hirers to fill in the booking and safeguarding forms, logging bookings into a diary, informing the parish finance coordinator of how much each hirer will be paying into the bank and on what date, buying the toilet paper, hand towels and soap, arranging repairs reported to them by hall users. For more information, please speak to Isobel Gallacher or one of the priests.

PARISHES' 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.**

MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE



R.C. Diocese of Galloway

Youth Office

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Galloway Youth Evening (P5-S4)



GALLOWAY YOUTH EVENING!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FRIENDS, FAITH AND PIZZA - OPEN TO ALL P5-S4. FREE OF CHARGE.

PRAYER . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . PIZZA . SOCIAL

SUNDAY
25TH OCTOBER

5.00 PM
- 7.00 PM

ST TERESA'S,
DUMFRIES

ST PETER-IN-CHAINS,
ARDROSSAN

ST MARGARET'S,
AYR

ST JOSEPH'S,
KILMARNOCK

@ youth@rcdg.org.uk



Diocese of Galloway Youth - @rcdg youth

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings continue **tonight** (Sunday 25th October) from 5.00 – 7.00 pm! Join them in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock for an evening of games, activities, lots of pizza and sweets, a short talk on the theme of Scripture – and LOTS of time with friends, and the chance to make new friends as well! The evening begins at 5.00 pm with Mass. Interested? Just come along! There's no charge and anyone in P5-S4 is welcome, but if your child is coming for the first time, please complete a consent form on our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Youth Events Registration'.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30) EVENING: The next Young Adults evening takes place from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Sunday 1st November. This month, Fr Philip Kitchen will be continuing his series on "The History of the Church". Any young adults welcome to come along and take part. Can't join in person? Follow online! Register for online participation on the Youth Office website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Join Galloway Youth 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 Kilmarnock. Young people will be in shared rooms with their friends/ young people of a similar age, with boys and girls in separate rooms. For pictures from last year and to register, see our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Youth – Advent Youth Retreat'.

200 CLUB: The Youth Office's 200 Club exists to ensure that all young people, regardless of their financial means, have the opportunity to participate in the larger residential for young people. These events give young people the opportunity to go away for the weekend: to grow in faith and knowledge of God, to grow in friendship with one and other, and to have fun while doing so. As far as possible the Youth Office runs all events free of charge but for residential this isn't possible, and so the funds

from the 200 Club ensure that no young person is excluded. For £5.00 per month you could support young people in having these opportunities, while also being in with the chance of winning cash prizes. Over the last year the 200 Club has raised over £2,000 and already provided funded places for young people on the Advent Retreat last year, and again this year. With almost 60 members now in the club, the first prize almost covers the cost of a year's membership! If you'd like to join, please pick up a form at the back of any of the churches, or speak to Fr Kevin or Margaret McGrath (St Joseph's).



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JOIN OUR...

200 CLUB

£5 per month

Cash Prizes to be won!
(20%, 10% & 2 x 5% of the Total Income)

Register today and help support Youth Ministry in Galloway.

The Youth Office is licensed to operate a 200 Club under licence no. SAC208

THE CHURCH AND WIDER COMMUNITY

CALLED AND SENT: Leadership Formation for a Synodal Church. The journey into a synodal way of being Church together, begun by Pope Francis and continued by Pope Leo is one where we will require a new passion for equipping, and using the gifts of, leaders. Responding to this call and to what people have asked for, the Bishops' Conference are excited to offer Called and Sent, formation for Christian leaders. This course will equip people with skills and tools that, while necessary in the Church today, will be even more so in the Church going into the future, where clergy, lay and religious are called to be co-responsible for 'the being and action of the Church'. (Pope Benedict). The course will be conducted in a spirit of prayerfulness and entail one full day's formation and four follow up online formation sessions.

We are looking for people who are prayerful, faith-filled and already involved in the life of the Church in their parish, diocese or organisation. Please consider if you might be the right person for this course. For more information, and to apply for Called and Sent, go to: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/called-and-sent>

YOUNG CARITAS SCOTLAND: SCIAF is launching Young Caritas Scotland, a new movement for young adults who want to put their faith into action, meet likeminded people from the global church, and help build a better world. This movement is about making a real difference – about solidarity and community. A space to connect with young people across in Scotland and across the world and turn frustration into something hopeful. More information and details of how to join our movement can be found at www.sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

These events are open to anyone in any of the five parishes and we would encourage you to come along, get involved, and get to know other people from across our cluster.

- Halloween Quiz – Friday 30th October 7.00 pm (*St Joseph's – Open to all*)
- Kilmarnock Parishes Annual Cemetery Mass – Saturday 7th November, 10.00 am (*Grassyards Cemetery*)
- Over 60s Afternoon Tea – Saturday 7th November, 1.00 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Open to all*)
- Car Boot Sale – Saturday 14th November, 9.30 am (*St Joseph's – Open to all*)
- Mass for Deceased Parishioners (Nov 25 – Nov 26) – Sunday 15th November, 11.00 am (*St Joseph's – For all parishes*)
- Organ Recital by Matthew Hynes – Tuesday 17th November, 12.00 pm (*St Joseph's – Open to all*)
- Diocesan Education Mass – Wednesday 25th November, 7.00 pm (*St John's, Stevenston*)
- Over 60s Afternoon Tea – Saturday 28th November, 1.00 pm (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Open to all*)
- Advent Youth Retreat – Friday 27th – Sunday 29th November (*Gowanbank SU Centre*)
- St Andrew's Night with dinner – Friday 4th December (*St Joseph's – Open to all*)
- Annual Christmas Party – Friday 4th December (*St Paul's*)
- Altar Servers' Christmas Panto – Sunday 27th December, 12.30 pm (*Meet at St Joseph's for lunch*)

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
				

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Readers (1st, 2nd, Intercessions)	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Sunday Teas	Children's Liturgy	Welcomers	Bidding Prayers
Saturday 24 Oct St Sophia's 4.30 pm	SC Mabon, F Gunn	-	-		-	-	Margaret McGrath
Saturday 24 Oct St Joseph's 6 pm	H Rameckers, A McCluskey, F Donachie	K McGhee, C McGowan, Sr Mabel, R Choyeta, M McGrath	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu			Kathleen, Frances	
Sunday 25 Oct St Paul's 9.15 am	M Kuhn, T McEwen	C Robinson	-	-		-	
Sunday 25 Oct St Matthew's 9.30 am	M Merrick, B Gilhooley, C Stacey	R: C Gordon, A Gillion L: M Thomson, F Stacey, M Musilli	Luca, David, Rebecca	-	Carron	-	
Sunday 25 Oct St Joseph's 11 am	M Andrew, An Davidson, M Walker	L Dorrian, I Love, H Matthews, R Murphy, A Neil	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Eileen, Liz	Margaret	Devlin, Eileen	
Sunday 25 Oct OLMC 11.30 am	J McCrossan, G McNeil	S Hollywood, J Hebron, L Hebron	Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	Julie, Graham	Alice, Brian	
Saturday 31 Oct St Sophia's 4.30 pm	R Fraser, C Rae	-	-		-	-	Fran Boyle
Saturday 31 Oct St Joseph's 6 pm	G McIntye, M McGrath, E Heron	F Donachie, A Gorman, E Rankin, G Rankin, K McGhee				Clare, Margaret	
Sunday 1 Nov St Paul's 9.15 am	M McGhee, A Power	T McEwen	-	-		-	
Sunday 1 Nov St Matthew's 9.30 am	F Boyle, M Thomson, D Bias	R: Sister, AM Gilmour L: M Dempster, M Bradley, C Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca	-	Helen	-	
Sunday 1 Nov St Joseph's 11 am	R Doak, L Hand, M Cunningham	G Shields, F McCann, M Andrew, P Dorrian, D Custodio	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	Alice	Lucy, Emma	Alan, Theresa	
Sunday 1 Nov OLMC 11.30 am	I Roy, M Smith	Sister, D Shearer, J McCrossan	Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	Alice, John	Rita, Marie	

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St Joseph's	Standing orders: £966.00. Weekly collection: £1,229.83. Building Fund: £15.00. Mission Sunday: £1,294.42
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Standing orders: £364.12. Weekly collection: £458.71. Building Fund: £10.00. SSVP: £128.55. Mission Sunday: £476/74.
St Matthew's	Standing orders: £625.75. Weekly collection: £303.48. Building Fund: £15.00. Community Box: £49.02. Ecuador Trust: £3.50. Mission Sunday: £663.24.
St Sophia's	Standing orders: £314.40. Weekly collection: £94.00. Mission Sunday: £226.00.
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