

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

All Saints Solemnity
Sunday 1st November 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 1st – 8th NOVEMBER 2026

Time	*Venue*	*Gathering*	*Mass intention*
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) & Joao Branco (Ann)*
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**	
Monday 2nd			
9.30 am	St Matthew's	**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**	
10.00 am	St Matthew's	**Mass**	*The Faithful Departed*
After Mass	St Matthew's	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession** (until 10.50 am)	
10.00 am	St Joseph's	**Mass**	*Faithful Departed*
10.30 – 10.45 am	St Joseph's	**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**	
11.00 am	OLMC	**Church Cleaning** (New volunteers welcome)	
Tuesday 3rd			
9.30 am	St Sophia's	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**	
10.00 am	St Sophia's	**Mass**	*The Faithful Departed*
10.00 am	St Joseph's	**Requiem Mass** for Edwina Beveridge, RIP	*Edwina Beveridge (RIP)*
11.00 am – 1.00 pm	St Joseph's	**Community Café**	
12.00 pm	Cathedral	**Mass for Deceased Clergy** (St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr)	
1.00 – 3.00 pm	St Paul's	**SVDP Community Lunch** (in the Hall)	
7.00 pm	OLMC	**RCIA** (in the Norbert Room)	
Wednesday 4th			
10.00 am	St Joseph's	**Mass** (followed by the Recitation of the Rosary)	*The Faithful Departed*
10.00 am	St Paul's	**Requiem Mass** for Tom Holton, RIP	*Tom Holton (RIP)*
Thursday 5th			
3.00 pm	St Paul's	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** with the Divine Mercy Chaplet	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	**Mass**	*The Faithful Departed*
6.30 pm	St Joseph's	**RCIA** (in the Parish House)	
7.00 pm	St Sophia's	**RCIA** (in the Hall)	
Friday 6th			
9.30 am	OLMC	**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**	
10.00 am	OLMC	**Requiem Mass** for Patricia Aitken, RIP	*Patricia Aitken (RIP)*
10.00 am	St Joseph's	**Mass**	*The Faithful Departed*
11.00 am	St Paul's	**Adoration and Recitation of the Holy Rosary**	
7.00 pm	OLMC	**First Friday Devotions**	
Saturday 7th			
9.30 am	St Sophia's	**Church Cleaning** (New volunteers welcome)	
11.00 am	Cemetery	**Cemetery Mass** (in Grassyards Cemetery)	*The Faithful Departed*
1.00 pm	OLMC	**Over 60s Afternoon Tea** (in the Norbert Room)	
4.30 pm	St Sophia's	**Vigil Mass**	*Joan Leslie (RIP)*
5.30 – 5.45 pm	St Joseph's	**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**	
6.00 pm	St Joseph's	**Vigil Mass**	*The Faithful Departed*
Sunday 8th			
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	*The Faithful Departed*
11.00 am	St Joseph's	**Mass** followed by tea and coffee in the hall	*The Faithful Departed*
11.30 am	OLMC	**Mass** followed by tea and coffee	*Hugh Gray (Ann)*
12,45 pm	St Matthew's	**Community Lunch** (in the Hall)	
6.15 pm	St Joseph's	**Choir Practice for Christmas**	

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

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. 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 and in other cemeteries in the town.

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.

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

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_ssvp@icloud.com. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of good food and company.

CAR BOOT SALE: Car Boot Sale being held at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 14th November 9.30 am-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 Beastie"*. 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.

If your child is taking part in this trip, please complete the sign-up sheet in the sacristy this weekend if you have not already done so or email rckilmarnock@rcdg.org.uk – the tickets will be booked this week.

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.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION: The annual Mass for Those Involved in Education will be celebrated in St John's, Stevenston on Wednesday 25th November at 7.00 pm. All staff who teach and work in our schools are warmly invited, including those who have retired. The faithful of the diocese, especially school pupils, are welcome to join in the Mass. After Mass, there will be a light buffet in the hall and an opportunity to socialise.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN: The next *I Belong* weekend takes place in:

- St Sophia's – Saturday 7th November
- Kilmarnock Parishes – Sunday 22nd November

Attendance at these sessions, as well as ongoing attendance at Mass, form an essential foundation in preparing children to receive the Eucharist.

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@grieftograceuk.org**

HILLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL FOR CHILDREN: Last year Hillhouse gave 3,288 presents to 1,644 young people in East Ayrshire aged 16 and under by providing Christmas gifts to those most in need. When you are buying Christmas presents, can you please remember the Hillhouse outreach?

- toys for children aged 7-16 years,
- pyjamas for 0 -16 year olds,
- boxer shorts and socks for teenage boys,
- toiletries for teenage girls (e.g. perfume, deodorant and make up)
- toiletries for teenage boys (e.g. shower gel, after shave, deodorant).

Please donate items in the box in the porch unwrapped before the beginning of December.

ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE: St Joseph's Academy warmly invites families, friends and members of our wider school and parish community to join us for our Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 28th November** from 11 am – 1 pm.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful festive atmosphere, with Christmas stalls, games, tombolas, home baking and plenty of festive treats!

We would also be very grateful for any donations of tombola or raffle prizes, or contributions of home baking, to help make the event a success. Any tombola donations can be handed in to our school office. Thank you for your support.

FELLOWSHIP OF KILMARNOCK CHURCHES: The next Fellowship service will be held in New Laigh Kirk at 3 pm on Sunday 15th November. The theme will be "Faithful Followers" and the service will focus on those who live their Christian faith under persecution and in difficult circumstance.

KILMARNOCK PARISHES JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Over recent months, Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin have been working with the Parish Pastoral Councils (PPCs) individually and jointly to discern the best format for these going forward to ensure that they best serve the mission of the Kilmarnock Parishes. They are grateful to all of those who have served on the Parish Pastoral Councils, and the term of the PPCs now comes to an end. After reflection with the PPCs, it was felt to be more effective meet as a joint PPC with representation from the three parish communities, and to reduce the number of members on the Joint PPC from around 30 to 15.

The new Joint Parish Pastoral Council will meet for the first time in January and will consist of 15 members: 4 each from St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and 7 from St Joseph's. This ratio reflects the size of the congregations attending in each parish, and therefore ensures that the worshipping communities in all three churches are well represented.

Fr Stephen and Fr Kevin express their thanks to all of those who have been involved in this process: for their contributions and efforts in supporting the important work of our churches in nourishing the Kilmarnock Catholic Mission.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: Fr Stephen and Fr kevin invite nominations of adults (16+) of all ages who would like to be members, or of people whom others think would be good members of the PPC. It is important that those who wish to be considered have the good of the parish at heart and are willing to meet up to six times a year (in the evening, usually on a Monday) and would be pleased to take on some small tasks to build up the life of the parish. (Members of the former PPC are welcome to offer to serve again.)

Nominations are open until 3rd December. Fifteen people (as described above) will be selected, in a way that represents the whole parish, from the nominations to form the new Joint PPC which we hope to be in place before the summer, for a first meeting in January. Names should be given/sent to Fr Stephen.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: The Requiem Mass for Edwina Beveridge will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd November at 10.00 am followed by a burial in Kilmarnock Cemetery.

ORGAN RECITAL: The final Organ Recital for 2026 takes place on Tuesday 17th November at 12.00 pm and will be performed by Matthew Hynes, Burgh of Ayr Organist.



SAVE THE DATE – ST ANDREW'S NIGHT: Our annual St Andrew's Night will be celebrated on Friday 4th December with dinner and live music as we welcome Sean Kelly back. Tickets on sale next weekend.

HALL HIRE: Did you know that our Church Hall is available for hire for community events, fundraisers and family gatherings? We offer competitive rates for the hire of the hall which are affordable and, by hiring the hall, you're helping to support the parish. For more information or to book the hall, please contact Margaret McGrath.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

50TH ANNIVERSARY: Would anyone interested in organising the celebrations and Mass for the 50th anniversary of the church, please meet in the hall today (Sunday) after Mass.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: The Community Lunch continues next Sunday, 8th November, 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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: You are welcome to come along for a time of quiet prayer and reflection on Friday 6th November from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

U R WELCOME: Come along and join us in the Norbert Room, 1.30-3.30pm on Wednesday 11th November (Remembrance Day) for an afternoon of good company and a cuppa. All seniors, friends and neighbours most welcome.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: The next church cleaning will be on Monday 2nd November at 11.00 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 1st December** at 10.00 am following which she will be interred in Galston Cemetery. (Please note that the wrong date was printed in last week's newsletter, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.)

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

CAROLS WITH THE NEWMILNS AND GALSTON BRASS BAND: On Sunday 29 November at 2.00 pm you're invited to join the Newmilns and Galston Brass Band for an afternoon of Christmas Carols in the church to truly put you in the mood for Christmas. Afterwards, you're invited to the hall for tea and coffee.

Tickets, priced £5.00 per person, are available to pre-order from Hannah Farley by calling 07971 922 631, with PayPal payments available. There will also be a raffle, with tickets on sale in advance and on the day. All welcome.

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 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.

SVDP COMMUNITY LUNCH: Please join us on Tuesday 3rd November from 1pm-3pm for homemade soup, sandwiches, a cuppa and a cake. All are 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:

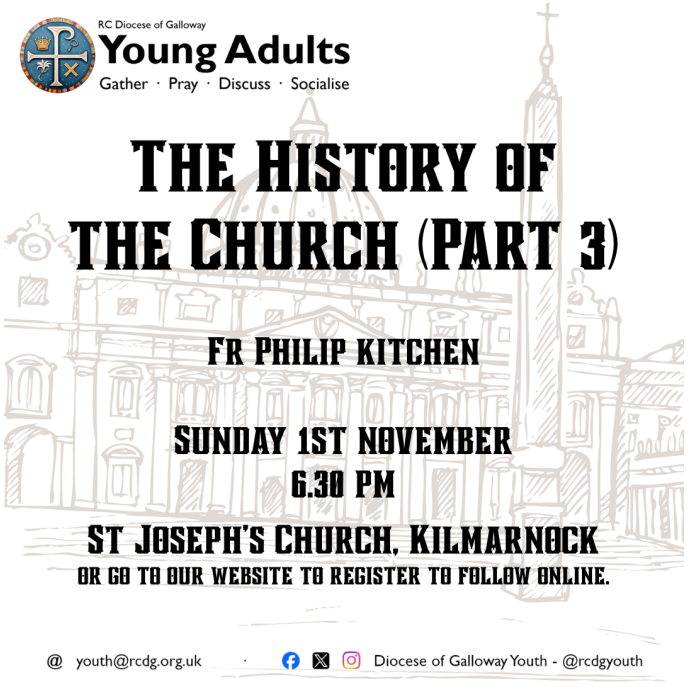
- Can of soup
- Canned meal, e.g. beef stew, chilli con carne, curry
- Pasta or rice (only small bags)
- Tinned fruit / vegetables / beans
- Cartons of long-life milk (UHT)
- Tin of tuna
- Packet of biscuits
- Toilet roll.

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



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'.

YOUTH (P5-S4) EVENING: Our Diocesan Youth Office's monthly Youth Evenings continue on Sunday 15th November from 5.00 – 7.00 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock. Join with young people from across the cluster for an evening of fun, games, faith, and friends as they learn about God and spend time with friends.

STARTING TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS CARDS? The Bishop's Christmas Card competition winners were announced this week with all five designing beautiful cards which capture the essence of Christmas. The Youth Office now has these on sale, as well as a selection of other items: baubles (using the same deisigns), keyrings, mugs, pens and 2027 Calendars. Check out their website: youth.rcdg.org.uk and click on 'Shop' to order yours now for collection from your local parish/ delivery to your door. Samples will soon be available in the porches of all of our parishes as well as paper order forms.

200 CLUB: The Youth Office's 200 Club exists to ensure that all young people, regardless of their financial means, have the opporutnity to participate in the larger residentials for young people. These events give young people the opporutnity 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 residentials 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).

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.

- Kilmarnock Parishes Annual Cemetery Mass – Saturday 7th November, 10.00 am *(Grassyards Cemetery)*
- Over 60's 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 *(All Kilmarnock 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)*
- Carols with the Newmilns and Galston Brass Band – Sunday 29th November, 2.00 pm *(St Sophia's – Open to all)*
- 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 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	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu			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	
Saturday 7 Nov St Sophia's 4.30 pm	C Fraser, M Gunn	-	-		-	-	Helena Rameckers
Saturday 7 Nov St Joseph's 6 pm	A McCluskey, K McGhee, A Davidson	Sr Juliet, C McGowan, C Power, M Steele, R Choyeta	Joseph, Ethan, Antoni, Ravindu			Kathleen, Frances	
Sunday 8 Nov St Paul's 9.15 am	S Bain, B Kennedy	R McGhee	-	-		-	
Sunday 8 Nov St Matthew's 9.30 am	M Bradley, K Ainsworth, M Musilli	**R**: M Gordon, A Gillion **L:** S Duff, M Thomson, F Stacey	Luca, David, Rebecca	-	Kerry	-	
Sunday 8 Nov St Joseph's 11 am	P Nicholson, G Smith, T Murphy	M Walker, P Chigbo, E Cunningham, L Dorrian, I Love	Ryan, Luca, Mark, Rachel, Gabo, Jason, Kamili, Bianca, Jude	-	IHM Sisters	Devlin, Eileen	
Sunday 8 Nov OLMC 11.30 am	C Cox, D Shearer	M Urquhart, M Wilkie, C McQueen	Katie, Aaron, Akunna, Raphael	Suzy	Maria, John	Alice, Charlie	

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Collections for Sunday 25th October

St Joseph's	**Standing orders:** £966.00. **Weekly collection:** £1,196.08. **Organ Recital:** £193.50. **Building Fund:** £65.00. **Mission Sunday:** £110.00. **Retired Priests:** £50.00.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	**Standing orders:** £364.12. **Weekly collection:** £370.55. **SSVP**: £105.73. **Mission Sunday:** £85.00.
St Matthew's	**Standing orders:** £625.75. **Weekly collection:** £366.32. **Community Box:** £151.20. **Ecuador Trust:** £11.00. **Mission Sunday:** £10.00.
St Sophia's	**Standing orders:** £314.40. **Weekly collection:** £120.00.
St Paul's	**Standing orders:** £113.25. **Weekly collection:** £205.60. **Building Fund:** £92.50.

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