

ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY LITURGY: 31st January

4th Sunday of the Year- B

Psalm Response	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i>
Sunday Masses: Live-stream at 10.00am	

The Good News of a Kingdom

A Costly Project

After close on two thousand years, the reign of God, to which he committed his life, remains a project so costly that we dare not believe it into practice. For today's young generation, it remains a buried treasure and the clues they seek, are not located in the hallowed precincts where their forebears sought them.

The Charter of the Kingdom, it must be admitted, is a distinctly odd one, judged by the criteria of modern industrial society. In this kingdom, the rich and powerful were to give way to the lowly. Competitiveness and rivalry were to be replaced by collaboration and solidarity. Neither lean-ness nor mean-ness nor profitability were to determine its corporate policy but 'good measure, pressed down and flowing over.' Its product, a durable tissue, woven from the strong cords of justice and compassion. Its simple sign, the broken Bread and the Cup that is offered to all comers, in memory of Jesus. Not through zealotry or violence but through constantly being attuned to his Spirit, would this kingdom of God gently rise and grow and spread, like the leaven in the baker woman's dough.

Delma Sheridan (Spirituality- vol.2 May-June 1996)

Day	Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week			Gospel Reading
Sunday 31st January	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's		<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>
Monday 1st February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's	6.00pm Rosary from Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Mark 5:1-20</i>
Tuesday 2nd February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's		<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>
Wednesday 3rd February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's	6.00pm Rosary from Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Mark 6:1-6</i>
Thursday 4th February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's		<i>Mark 6:7-13</i>
Friday 5th February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's	6.00pm Rosary from Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Mark 6:14-29</i>
Saturday 6th February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's		<i>Mark 6:30-34</i>
Sunday 7th February	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from St. Matthew's		<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: *Sister Cathy McVitie, William McCabe, Frances Steven, William Queen and Marion Campbell
May all our departed rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: *Carolyn Harper,*

People who are ill: *Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan & Michelle Hanlon, Mary Gibson, Michelle Dunne, Bridget Kirkwood, Leona McAllister, Helen Wass-O'Donnell, Betty Deeney, Lorette Pearson, Mary Hasson, Donald Gibon, Senga McCann, Benny McGuinness Snr, Bernard McGuinness Jnr., Valerie Toal, Sarah Lobban, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, Nathalie Feeney, Mary McLaughlin, Agnes Lennon, May Hollywood, Frances O'Neill, Joan Murtagh, Patricia Stevenson, Anna Hendry, Helen McClure and James Hughes.*

Feasts This Week	Tuesday 2 nd – Presentation of the Lord; Friday 5 th – St Agatha; Saturday 6 th – Sts Paul Miki & Companions
Sunday Obligation	Please remember that, during this next stage of the COVID pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday has been lifted. You may decide, therefore, to attend Mass through the week instead of at the weekend.
Foodbank Donations	With the prospect of a continued pandemic, further job losses and business closures, the local FOODBANK is asking for help. The Kilmarnock office is open at 13 – 15 Old Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, KA1 1DH. Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm. Phone 550951 Alternatively, donations of food can be handed in to Fr. Martin.
Livestream	Go to YouTube “St Matthew’s & Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kilmarnock” for Mass every day from 10am (preceded by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am) Also join the Parish Sisters who will pray the Rosary on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm
Spred Galloway	Offers spiritual and personal development for people with special needs. The Diocesan branch is looking for two successful candidates to join its Board of Trustees. If you are interested in these posts, please contact Janette Douglas, Coordinator for SPRED GALLOWAY on 07568 346 390 or email info@spredgalloway.org.uk for an application pack. Closing date for applications is 1 st February 2021
Norbertine Order Jubilee	This year marks the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the Norbertine Order. Especially for members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, this will bring back a lot of pleasant memories for the many priests who served the parish and the area. The motto of the jubilee year is "among the people" and, indeed, we had Norbertine priests among us for many years.
New Safeguarding Webpages	The diocesan website has been updated to reflect the current work of the Safeguarding Team. The pages can be accessed by visiting www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk and selecting "Safeguarding". This will bring you to a new page with a further menu providing information on different aspects of Safeguarding within the diocese. Please note that any volunteers who still require training can visit the "Training" page and contact any trainer to arrange a session, or can join a session scheduled in the calendar.
Being Catholic Website	www.beingcatholic.org The Scottish Bishops have been giving some consideration to various ways of facilitating access to online resources to support those who are unable to attend their local parish church during these times. The Being Catholic website some resources that can be used in different pastoral settings: prayers and devotions, catechesis talks and a youth section.
Ecumenical Call to Prayer	You are invited to join with Christians throughout the country in praying together online every Sunday at 7pm. Join in on: http://www.acts-scotland.org/
Bulletin	This bulletin is available online but, if you know of anyone who wishes to receive a letter by post, please let Fr. Martin know.
East Ayrshire Coronavirus Call Centre	East Ayrshire Council will coordinate assistance to the community at a single telephone number 01563 554400 from Monday to Friday from 9 am – 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am – 3 pm. You will be asked to describe the type of support or assistance required. Urgent needs, including meals and food parcels will be supported through local resilience groups. In a crisis, support will be arranged by a council officer.
St. Matthew’s Collections	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Collections	
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