

# ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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## SUNDAY LITURGY: 10<sup>th</sup> January

### The Baptism of the Lord- B

<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>All Nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!</i>
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	
<i>Saturday Vigil 6.00pm: St. Matthew's. Sunday 9.30am: St. Matthew's and 11.00am: OLMC</i>	

### 'TAKE AWAY' - SERMON 227

For an Easter sermon, St Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430) bereft of ideas by then (it was his 227<sup>th</sup> sermon) heard the Spirit within him say: *"We become what we eat"*. The people heard this in his sermon and asked what he meant. He told them.

Jesus thought a lot about his life, his consuming passion for the rule of the Father in all human hearts which everyone had to realise and put into practice - love everybody, exclude nobody. He reckoned he had given folk plenty of signs of what that would look like – healing, serving, including everyone equally, men, women, children, ignoring all boundaries, man-made rules. This had landed him in deep trouble with the religious and political leaders. He knew death was approaching but still he trusted in life and he looked for a way to pass the message on'. They asked: 'did he find a way?'

Augustine said 'Yes' 'It came to Jesus as an inspiration of the Spirit on the eve of the meal of remembrance of the God of Freedom. He looked at the Passover meal and it dawned on him as an absolute revelation!

He got there early and was gazing at the table with its Passover food, I see it, he said: I am become as bread from wheat and wine from grapes – kneaded, pressed, broken, to be shared as food, to be eaten so my friends can do as I have done - bring strength to the oppressed and joy to those who suffer and grieve.

So, when his friends gathered, the fishermen and the women, his friends, he took bread and wine and said: "I am as bread from crushed wheat and wine from treaded grapes – food to be taken and eaten. Do what I have done, become what I have become – broken for others. In that way you will not only remember me but become me in what you are transformed to do!"

And Augustine said to himself: "Now I see it! If we Christians take and eat and drink in memory of Him – it is so we can 'become what we eat' for others. We walk and talk as food! So, he said this. He knew what it meant. And some who heard it – understood.

Day	<i>Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week</i>		<i>Gospel Reading</i>
	<b>ALL LIVESTREAMED</b>		
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass from <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 4:12-17.23-25</i>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Mark 6:34-44</i>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Mark 6:45-52</i>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Luke 4:14-22</i>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Luke 5:12-16</i>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>John 3:22-30</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30 am	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel &amp; St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Mark 3:13-17</i>

*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

*Recently Deceased: Alex Smith, Pat McNulty and June Farrell  
May all our departed rest in peace.*

**Anniversaries:**

*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 Sr, Bernard McGuinness Jr., Valerie Toal, Sarah Lobban, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, Nathalie Feeney, Mary McLaughlin, Agnes Lennon, May Hollywood and Jean Hall.*

<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
<b>A Christmas Message from Bishop Nolan</b>	This Christmas, despite the restrictions we face, as we celebrate the coming of the child Jesus, the prince of peace among us, may our hope in God be strengthened and our patience increased as we face the difficult and uncertain future that lies ahead. May God's blessing be with us all this Christmastide.
<b>A Christmas Message from Fr. Martin</b>	May God bless you and your families in the challenging Christmas. Let us pray that 2021 brings us renewed joy and hope. May we find an abundance of love in our Family and in our community.
<b>Sunday Obligation</b>	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.
<b>Welcome, Welcome, Welcome</b>	To our three new Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ: Sr. Rose Confidence, Sr. Mabel and Sr. Juliet. We welcome them and pray that their new chapter will bring them and us much joy from God!
<b>Foodbank Donations</b>	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. Alternatively, donations of food can be handed in to Fr. Martin.
<b>Livestream</b>	Go to YouTube " <b>St Matthew's &amp; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kilmarnock</b> " for Masses on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
<b>Eacha Christmas Gift Distribution</b>	Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Great array of gifts given through EACHa. The gifts were well loved by the children who received them.
<b>Hillhouse</b>	Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the PYJAMA APPEAL. These were well received by the children.
<b>Cycle the Advent Calendar</b>	Many thanks to the Parishioners and friends who have contributed to Fr. Martin's Cycle in support of the Ecuador Trust projects. To date, the grand total raised through JustGiving and through donations in hand was £7,632. This will be a great help to our Ecuadorian friends, especially during this pandemic Christmas time. Muchas gracias a todos!
<b>Caritas Videos</b>	All children are invited to watch and take part on the Parish Facebook pages. The S6 Caritas pupils have prepared liturgies for the whole of the C... So very well done, amigos!
<b>Being Catholic Website</b>	<a href="http://www.beingcatholic.org">www.beingcatholic.org</a> 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.
<b>Home Abortion</b>	The Scottish Government's consultation on whether to make the current temporary arrangement allowing Home abortions to take place in Scotland permanent closes at 11:59 pm on January 5, 2020. It is vital that as many people as possible make a submission to the consultation. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to make your submission. Make your submission using the tool which can be accessed by visiting the link below: <a href="http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandConsultation">www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandConsultation</a>
<b>Crib Appeal</b>	There will be a 'Virtual Crib Appeal' this Advent hosted by St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. This is instead of the collection at the Crib inside each Church. St Margaret's Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. St Margaret's Virtual Crib will be live until the Feast of the Epiphany on their website at <a href="http://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk">stmargaretsadoption.org.uk</a> . Donations can be made via the St Margaret's website or by cheque posted to the charity's office at 26 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PY.
<b>Ecumenical Call to Prayer</b>	You are invited to join with Christians throughout the country in praying together online every Sunday at 7pm. Join in on: <a href="http://www.acts-scotland.org/">http://www.acts-scotland.org/</a>

<b>Bulletin</b>	This bulletin is available online but, if you know of anyone who wishes to receive a letter by post, please let Fr. Martin know.	
<b>East Ayrshire Coronavirus Call Centre</b>	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.	
	<b>St. Matthew's Collections</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Collections</b>
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