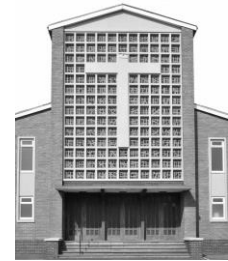




SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 27th March, 2022 4th Sunday of Lent - C
Psalm Response	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."</i>
SUNDAY MASSES: 9.30am at St. Matthew's & 11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	

Please, ask your child(ren) to return to you immediately after the Children's Liturgy if you do not wish them to be captured on the live-stream recording.
LIVESTREAM MASSES: [YouTube St Matthew's & Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kilmarnock](#) and [YouTube St Joseph's Church Kilmarnock](#)

The spiritual path moves through self-knowledge to knowledge of God, as we have already heard in the words of many a mystic or spiritual teacher.

The following Sufi story beautifully describes what is required during this process. The story began with a gentle rain falling on a high mountain in a distant land. The rain was at first hushed and quiet, trickling down granite slopes. Gradually it increased in strength, as rivulets of water rolled over the rocks and down the gnarled, twisted trees that grew there. The rain fell as water must without calculation; water never has time to practise falling. Soon it was pouring, as swift currents of dark water flowed together into the beginnings of a stream. The brook made its way down the mountainside, through small standards of cypress trees and fields of lavender tipped purslane, down cascading falls. It moved without effort, splashing all around stones – learning that a stream interrupted by rocks is the one that sings most nobly.

Finally, having left its heights in the distant mountain, the stream made its way to the edge of a great desert. Sand and rock stretched beyond seeing. Having crossed every other barrier in its way the stream fully expected to cross this as well. But as fast as its waves splashed into the desert, that fast did they disappear into the sand. Before long the stream heard a voice whispering, as if coming from the desert itself, saying, "The wind crosses the desert, so can the stream. "Yes but the wind can fly!" cried out the stream, still dashing itself into the desert sand. "You'll never get across that way," the desert whispered. "You have to let the wind carry you." "But how?" shouted the stream. "You have to let the wind absorb you." The stream could not accept this, however, not wanting to lose its identity or abandon its own individuality.

After all, if it gave itself to the winds, could it ever be sure of becoming a stream again? The desert replied that the stream could continue its flowing, perhaps one day even producing a swamp there at the desert's edge. But it would never cross the desert so long as it remained a stream. "Why can't I remain the same stream that I am?" the water cried. And the desert answered, ever so wisely, "You can never remain what you are. Either you become a swamp or you give yourself to the wind." The stream was silent for a long time, listening, listening to distant echoes of memory, knowing parts of it having been held before in the arms of the wind. From that long forgotten place, it gradually recalled how water conquers only by yielding, by flowing around obstacles, by turning to steam when threatened by fire.

From the depths of that silence, slowly the stream raised its vapours to the welcoming arms of the wind and was born upward, carried easily on great white clouds over the wide desert waste. Approaching distant mountains on the desert's far side, the stream then began once again to fall as a light rain. At first it was hushed and quiet, trickling down granite slopes. Gradually it increased in strength, as rivulets rolled over the rocks and down the gnarled, twisted trees that grew there. The rain fell, as water must, without calculation. And soon it was pouring, as swift currents of dark water flowed together – yet again – into the headwaters of a new stream.

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PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND ST. MATTHEW'S

Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

Sunday 27th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Luke</i> 15:1-3.11-32
Monday 28th March	9.30 Rosary at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>John</i> 4:43-54
Tuesday 29th March	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 5:1-3.5-16
Wednesday 30th March	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	Rosary after Mass at St. Joseph's	<i>John</i> 5:17-30
Thursday 31st March	10.00am Funeral Mass at St. Matthew's John McGowne RIP		<i>John</i> 5:31-47
Friday 1st April	9.30 Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10.30am Stations of the Cross	<i>John</i> 7:1-2.10.25-30
Saturday 2nd April	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's . 10.30am Stations of the Cross	<i>John</i> 7:40-52
Sunday 3rd April	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 11:1-45

SACRAMENTS

Marriage	By arrangement with Fr. Martin. The Diocese of Galloway requires that couples give a minimum of six months' notice of their intention to marry
Baptism	By arrangement with Fr. Martin.
Reconciliation	Available on request at suitable times

St. Matthew's Weekly 200 Club	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Monthly 200 Club

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Jim Clark, Anne Hunter and John McGowne
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

People who are ill: Willie McCann, Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan, Michelle Hanlon, Mary Gibson, Michelle Dunne, Leona McAllister, Mary Hasson, Donald Gibon, Senga McCann, Valerie Toal, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, Nathalie Feeney, Mary McLaughlin, Agnes Lennon, May Hollywood, Frances O'Neill, Helen McClure, James Hughes, Max McLean and Peter Herral. (Please alert the Parish co-ordinator of any changes)

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for 5th Sunday of Lent - C

<i>Isaiah</i> 43:16-21	<i>Psalm</i> 125	<i>Philippians</i> 3:8-14	<i>John</i> 8:1-11
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	C Harper C Lamberth		J McCrossan
St. Matthew's	Eric Allan Mary Cassidy Veronica Kelly		Clare Gordon Maureen Bradley

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Feasts This Week	Sun 27 th – 4 th Sunday of Lent Year C; Sun 3 rd – 5 th Sunday of Lent Year C.
Fr. Martin	Will be on holiday from 20 th -27 th March. For any emergencies, please contact Fr. Stephen McGrattan at St Joseph's (521832)
Welcome	We welcome Fr. Eddie McGhee for Sunday Mass on Sunday 27 th March.
Message From the Bishops' Conference of Scotland	As more Covid restrictions are lifted in Scotland on 21st March, parishes are asked to continue to observe the legal requirement to wear face coverings (except where existing exemptions apply). In addition, parishes are asked to observe the following principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please respect the space of fellow parishioners where possible 2. Hands should be sanitised on entering and exiting the Church 3. Continue to ensure good ventilation. <p>The Bishops thank all parishes, priests and volunteers for all their efforts during the past two years and encourage all Catholics to return with confidence to our celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments, the source and summit of our faith.</p>
Mass Intentions	When asking for a Mass to be offered, please put any stipends/donations in an envelope and mark on the envelope for whom the Mass is to be offered.
Diocesan Administrator	Congratulations to Fr. Willie McFadden (from Kilmarnock) who was elected by the College of Consultors of the Diocese as the Diocesan Administrator of Galloway Diocese until a new Bishop is appointed by Rome.
Stations of the Cross in Lent	Please join in with this Lenten prayer: after 10am Mass on Friday (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) and Saturday (St Matthew's).
SCIAF Sunday	This will take place TODAY Sunday, 27 th March. There will be a special collection at Masses for the work of SCIAF in Malawi .
Baptism Preparation	For anyone who wishes to have their children baptised, please come to a Preparation session on Thursday, 31 st March at 6.15pm in St Matthew's.
Children's Reconciliation Service	Fr. Martin apologises for the confusion but there will be NO service on Tuesday 29th March. All children and parents are invited to join in the PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE which will take place IN ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022 AT 7PM..
Parish Reconciliation Service	There will be a Joint Parish Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, 5 th April at 7pm in St Mathew's Church.
Diocesan Chrism Mass	Archbishop Nolan will celebrate the Diocesan Chrism Mass on Tuesday, 12 th April at 7.30pm in St. Margaret's Cathedral, John Street Ayr.
Sr Imelda's 1 st Anniversary	Saturday 9th April is the 1st anniversary of our beloved Sr Imelda dying and in remembrance of her I am going to be silent for 24hrs! Fr Martin doesn't think I can do this so I will prove him wrong. I will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel church on Saturday 9 th April from 8am until 8pm and the Blessed sacrament will be exposed for this period so please feel free to pop into church that day but PLEASE DO NOT speak to me as I will not be replying. I will then go home and not speak until 8am on Sunday 10th April - no phone either which will be for me! I have prepared sponsor sheets which are in the Norbert Room and would be pleased if you would donate to this wonderful charity which helps people affected by MND and funds research into the disease. I also have a Justgiving page which you will find at: Justgiving.com and it's listed as Frances's sponsored silence. Thank you for your support in memory of this beloved friend of our parish.
Lenten Retreat	The Ignatian Centre in Glasgow have prepared an online retreat for Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022 and is based on the life of St. Ignatius Loyola. Each day of Lent there will be an episode in the life of Ignatius; a reading from Scripture; a picture to ponder; music to inspire; and a short reflection. The retreat is available at: www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html
SCIAF UKRAINIAN APPEAL	SCIAF has set up a page for donations to help the people of Ukraine in their hour of need. You can donate online at the following page: https://www.sciaf.org.uk/.../741-ukraine-emergency-appeal If you're not able to donate online, please hand in monetary donations at any Mass in either of the churches or at the St Matthew's Foodbank on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm. Many thanks also to all who donated so much recently at St Matthew's Church Hall - immense generosity!
Setting Up St. Matthew's	Please speak to Fr. Martin if you are willing/able to help set out the chairs for Sunday Mass.
St. Matthew's Teas/Coffees	Please volunteer at St Matthew's kitchen on a Sunday if you are willing to set up and serve the Coffees after Sunday Mass.
Diocesan Priesthood	Are you thinking about being a Priest in 2022? The Diocese of Galloway is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. Martin Chambers at: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk
Fr Gabriel & Team St. Sophia's	Fr Gabriel and a team from St Sophia's are running in the Supernova Kelpies in aid of SCIAF. If you wish to contribute, please go to https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gabriel-Onoyima...
Hospital Visiting	The hospital chaplains of Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals will be pleased to visit patients on request. Chaplains are not automatically notified when a Catholic patient is admitted so self-referral is required. For general visiting in Crosshouse Hospital please contact Fr Stephen McGrattan at crosshousehospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 01563 521832. For general visiting in Ayr Hospital please contact Deacon Robert Mackie on ayrhospital@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 07703 751403. For the urgent or emergency assistance of a chaplain please ask the hospital staff to page the priest on call.
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/



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