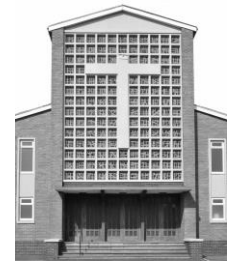




# SUNDAY BULLETIN



## ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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## ADVENT

Liturgy	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2022</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - A</b>
Psalm Response	<i>I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</i>
<b>SUNDAY MASSES: 9.30am at St. Matthew's &amp; 11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	

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](#)

### Life is Headed Somewhere Good This Advent

Advent, from the Latin Coming or Arrival, is upon us. This season is more than a sentimental reminiscent waiting for a new baby Jesus. The need for adult Christianity and Jesus' actual message is so urgent that we cannot allow the great feast of Christmas and its preparation in Advent to be watered down in any way. The suffering, injustice and devastation on this planet are too great to settle for an infantile Gospel of Jesus. Jesus taught us that the "Kingdom of God" asks a great deal of us personally – surrender, simplicity and solidarity with suffering.

Advent is a time to focus our anticipation on the eternal and cosmic Christ, beyond and before the child in a manger. Jesus is the union of human and divine, psychic and physical, in a single life and person....Jesus is a concrete and personal embodiment of universal love. Christ is the blueprint and icon of God's loving presence and plan – always and everywhere. It is to this adult and concrete Christ that we say, "Come, Lord Jesus Come." (Rev22.20)

The creation poem (Gen.1) portrays a joyful, creative outpouring of love. The Big Bang is really the first moment of Incarnation in our universe....God takes shape in colour, movement, shape and texture; incarnate and present in each living thing. From the moment of our universe's inception, along the slow stages of evolution, and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we see that life is headed somewhere good. We can trust that death simply brings new forms of love making itself known. Thus, ever since, Christ has come again – and again and again in every created thing, drawing creation to greater wholeness, fullness and union.

The mystery of Christ is revealed whenever you are able to see the psychic and the physical co-existing, in any moment, in any event and in any person. God's hope for history seems to be that humanity will one day be able to recognise its own dignity as the divine dwelling place, which it also shares with the rest of creation.

God creates things that create themselves, and we are called to be co-creators with God (Rom.8:28). Rather than Jesus coming to fulfil us, we have come to fulfil the cosmic Christ (Col.1:17-20, 24) *to be continued*

Richard Rohr

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

## Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 24:37-44</i>	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 8:5-11</i>	
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Luke 10:21-24</i>	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 4:18-22</i>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 7:21,24-27</i>	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 9:27-31</i>	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	6.00pm Vigil Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 9:35-10:1.6-8</i>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	

## 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

*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

*Recently Deceased: Terry McAllister  
May all our departed rest in peace.*

*Anniversaries: Tommy Tomson*

*People who are ill: Willie McCann, Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan, Michelle Hanlon, Mary Gibson, Michelle Dunne, Leona McAllister, Mary Hasson, Donald Gibon, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, Nathalie Feeney, Mary McLaughlin, May Hollywood, Frances O'Neill, Helen McClure, James Hughes, Max McLean, Peter Herral, Agnes Morrison, Terry Bailey, Mary Rea and Frankie Forsyth*

(Please alert the Parish co-ordinator of any changes)

### Community Support

A Donation's box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for your continuing generosity. 'Bags for Life' are always welcome.



### OLMC SSVP Conference

All donations are most welcome and needed. Please use the Donations Box as you leave the church

### Liturgy Ministry Rota for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - A

<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Psalms 71</i>	<i>Romans 15:4-9</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	F McCann A Starrs		S Hollywood
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Fred Stacey Eric Allan Catherine Brown		Clare Gordon Maureen Bradley

### Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

Our Lady of Mount Carmel			
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St. Matthew's			
Weekly	Ecuador	Community box	Youth Hub
£308.73	£2.25	£101.10	£

<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A; Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew; Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> – St Francis Xavier; Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A
<b>Education Sunday</b>	This will be marked in our Parishes TODAY, Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November when we welcome School representatives at Mass. There will also be a SECOND COLLECTION that day which will go towards the work of the Church in the field of Education.
<b>Freespace</b>	This faith-sharing group will meet at St. Matthew's Presbytery this coming Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm. Parishioners from all parishes are welcome.
<b>Ecuador Talk</b>	Fr. Martin will give a talk and update on his recent visit to Ecuador. The talk will be at 7pm THIS THURSDAY, 1st December, in St. Matthew's Hall. Warning – the talk includes tales of poverty and great insecurity for the people of Ecuador!
<b>OLMC Pastoral Council</b>	This will take place in the Norbert Room on Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome
<b>EACHa Christmas Gifts</b>	East Ayrshire Churches Homeless Action are once again organising a Christmas gift collection for children in need throughout the town and area. Please bring the gifts to Church and leave them in the box provided at the back of Church. Please do this before Sunday, 11th December so that they can be with the children before Christmas. Gifts can be clothes, toys or toiletries and should be wrapped, labelled boy or girl and age
<b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b>	All parishioners of St. Joseph's, St Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are invited to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
<b>Carols By Candlelight</b>	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will host a Quiet Evening and 'Carols by Candlelight' service. It will take place on 18 <sup>th</sup> December. The church will be open from 4.30pm - 6.30pm for quiet prayer and reflection with candlelight and quiet carols playing. This will be followed by Carols by Candlelight at 7.00pm
<b>Carols at the Cross</b>	Join in this ecumenical singing of carols at Kilmarnock Cross on Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December, from 11am-Noon.
<b>St. Matthew's Quiet Evening</b>	St Matthew's Church will be open for quiet prayer on Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December from 7-10pm. There will be soft Carols playing and candlelight on the altar. Fr. Martin is looking for volunteers for half hour slots to make sure there is always someone in the Church. <i>Take some time out of the mad rush to listen to the still voice in your heart.</i>
<b>Cycle The Advent Calendar</b>	Each day of the Advent Calendar this year, Fr. Martin will be 'cycling for an hour' to raise funds for the Ecuador Trust. If you can, please think of donating and helping our Ecuadorian friends ... <a href="http://www.justgiving.com/page/martin-chambers-1669106102688">www.justgiving.com/page/martin-chambers-1669106102688</a>
<b>91<sup>st</sup> Ayrshire St. Joseph's Scout Group</b>	The 91 <sup>st</sup> Ayrshire (St Joseph's) Scout Group will be delivering Christmas cards within the Kilmarnock town area, Hurlford and Crookedholm only. All cards must be correctly addressed to ensure delivery. The cost is 30 pence per card. Collection points are: Beaver, Cub and Scout gatherings on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> December and All Masses on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> December. Deliveries will take place over the weekend of 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> December. This fundraising effort is very important for the success of our Scout Group throughout the year.
<b>Cathedral Service of Advent Readings and Carols</b>	A Service of Advent Readings and Carols will take place in St Margaret's Cathedral on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30 pm. This traditional service of many years in the Cathedral has suffered over the last two years due to the pandemic. The 2022 service provides an opportunity to come together once again as a diocesan family to celebrate the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. All are welcome.
<b>SCIAF Real Gifts</b>	As in previous years, SCIAF are encouraging people to think about giving a Christmas gift that makes a real difference for people living in some of the world's poorest places. Please look at these gifts at <a href="http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts">www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts</a>
<b>Mary's Meals Double The Love</b>	From 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at <a href="http://marysmeals.org.uk">marysmeals.org.uk</a>
<b>Mount Carmel Primary Christmas Fayre</b>	Our Christmas Fayre will return on Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm. Lots of Christmas stalls, gifts, raffle and even a visit with Santa will be available on the night. Entry is £2.50 for adults (children free) all proceeds going back into support school activities. We would appreciate any donations for tombola, raffle and bottle stall. These can be handed into the school or after mass on Sundays to Marion in the repository shop.
<b>St Kentigern's Ceilidh</b>	Our friends in St Kentigern's have invited St Matthew's and OLMC parishioners to a ceilidh in St Kentigern's Church Hall on Saturday 3rd of December. All are invited - adults and children. It will start with a buffet at 6.30pm and finish about 9.30pm. Admission is free but you can make a donation on the night if you would like to contribute. Please put your name on the list in the porch at St Matthew's or call Margaret on 07765 715798 if you would like to go.
<b>Be Busy Be Friend</b>	Helping people who are at risk of isolation or loneliness keep in touch. A phone call or a personal visit once a week can make such a difference. Volunteers are needed; if you are able to help, call 0787 339 4005.
<b>Hillhouse Christmas Project</b>	Support is much needed again this year so if you are able to donate pyjamas for a boy or girl age 0-16 years we would be beyond grateful. Please don't wrap them before placing them in the box in the porch as we have a team of volunteers who take on this task.
<b>Community Box</b>	From all who benefit from your continued and generous support A HUGE THANK YOU. Thanks also to SSVP in St. Paul's Hurlford and our friends at St Kentigern's for their kind donations. As we approach Christmas, we hope to link with providers throughout the town to ease the burden of those experiencing hardship.
<b>Hillhouse Christmas Fayre</b>	Hillhouse are having their Christmas Fayre and coffee morning is TODAY, Sunday 27th November, in St Joseph's Church Hall from 11am - 2pm. We've plenty of stalls including home baking and fancy goods. There will also be some local craft stalls including The Personal Touch. Entrance is £2.00 for adults and £1.00 per child and this includes a coffee/juice and cakes. There will also be hot breakfast rolls and soup available. We hope to see you all there!



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