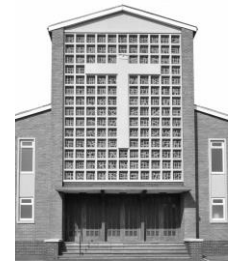




SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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| Liturgy | Sunday 4 th December, 2022 2 nd Sunday of Advent - A |
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| Psalm Response | <i>In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</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](#)

Life is Headed Somewhere This Advent

Evolution, the idea that something is unfolding and coming to a fulness, is an active ongoing process. We are all part of this movement of the ever-growing Cosmic Christ that is coming to be in this one great act of giving birth> (Rom 8.22

I don't know when it will happen or what it will look like to reach the tipping point, for the Christ mystery to come to fullness. All I know is that this meaning, planted in the middle of things, gives us direction, purpose, hope and confidence. Evolution is never a straight path, but three steps forward and two steps back, as we see throughout scripture, history, nature and in our own lives. We fight change and death to our small selves; we avoid uncertainty and the unknown. Yet the descent into darkness is necessary to all life, to transformation and to fresh expressions of God. Creation begins with the Spirit hovering over a formless dark deep to bring forth light and life.

"Come, Lord Jesus", the Advent mantra, means that all of history must live from a kind of deliberate emptiness, a chosen non-fulfilment. Perfect fullness is always yet to come; we do not need to demand it now. This keeps the field of life wide open to grace and to a feature created by God through our surrender and participation. Advent is, above all else, a call to full consciousness and a forewarning about the high price of consciousness.

"Come Lord Jesus" is a leap into the kind of freedom and surrender that is rightly called the virtue of hope: the patient and trustful willingness to live without closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because our satisfaction is now at another level, and our source is beyond ourselves. We are able to trust that Christ will come again, just as Jesus has come into our past, into our private dilemmas and into our suffering world. Our past then becomes our prologue, and "Come Lord Jesus" is not a cry of desperation but an assured shout of cosmic hope.

This is the good news the angels gave Mary and the shepherds in a very specific and concrete way. We can now trust that history – and our small roles within the larger story – is moving in a positive direction. We who know the end from the beginning, who trust the Christ mystery, must participate in the movement towards the fulness of every living thing's union in love. We are the second coming of Christ.

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

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| Sunday 4th December | 9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's | 11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i> | |
| Monday 5th December | 9.30am Rosary at St. Matthew's | 10.00am Mass St. Matthew's | <i>Luke 5:17-26</i> | |
| Tuesday 6th December | 9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | <i>Matthew 18:12-14</i> | |
| Wednesday 7th December | 10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's | 10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's | <i>Matthew 11:11-15</i> | |
| Thursday 8th December | 9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's | 10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's | <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> | |
| Friday 9th December | 9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | <i>Matthew 11:16-19</i> | |
| Saturday 10th December | 9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's | 10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's | 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's | <i>Matthew 17:10-13</i> |
| Sunday 11th December | 9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's | 11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel | <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i> | |

SACRAMENTS

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| 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:

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

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OLMC SSVP Conference

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

Liturgy Ministry Rota for 3rd Sunday of Advent - A

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| <i>Isaiah 35:1-6.10</i> | <i>Psalm 145</i> | <i>James 5:7-10</i> | <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i> |
| Venue | Readers | | Ministers |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel | B Murphy M McGuire | | G Rannochoan |
| St. Matthew's | Fran Boyle Kenny Ainsworth Margaret Malarvie | | Catherine Brown Maureen Walsh |

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| Our Lady of Mount Carmel | | | |
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| St. Matthew's | | | |
| Weekly | Ecuador | Community box | Youth Hub |
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| Feasts This Week | Sun 4 th – 2 nd Sunday of Advent – Year A; Wed 7 th – St. Ambrose; Thu 8 th – Solemnity of Immaculate Conception; Sunday 11 th – 3 rd Sunday of Advent - Year A. |
| Community Box | There will be a short meeting in the Cry Chapel after Mass today, if you can manage. |
| OLMC SSVP | If you feel SSVP could be of assistance to you or someone you know, please give details to one of the members or put a note into one of the black collection boxes at mass. We can also be contacted by email at olmc_ssvp@icloud.com |
| Education Sunday | Many thanks to all who contributed to last week's Special Collection for Education Sunday. £301.18 was collected at St. Matthew's and the total from Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be published once known. Muchas Gracias! |
| OLMC Pastoral Council | This will take place in the Norbert Room THIS COMING Tuesday, 6 th December, at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome |
| Do This in Memory of Me | There is an invitation for ALL CHILDREN preparing for the Sacraments to come to the special liturgy at next Sunday's Mass, 11 th December. Children are also invited to bring along the CHRIST-CHILD from the Home Crib – they will be blessed during the Mass. |
| EACHa Christmas Gifts | 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 |
| Joint Advent Reconciliation Service | 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 th December at 7pm. |
| Carols By Candlelight | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will host a Quiet Evening and 'Carols by Candlelight' service. It will take place on 18 th 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 |
| Carols at the Cross | Join in this ecumenical singing of carols at Kilmarnock Cross on Saturday, 17 th December, from 11am-Noon. |
| St. Matthew's Quiet Evening | St Matthew's Church will be open for quiet prayer on Thursday, 22 nd 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> |
| Christmas Masses | Fr. Martin will celebrate the following Christmas Masses: 24 th December at 5.30pm in St. Matthew's 24 th December at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel 25 th December at 10.00am in St. Matthew's |
| Cycle The Advent Calendar | 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 ... www.justgiving.com/page/martin-chambers-1669106102688 |
| 91 st Ayrshire St. Joseph's Scout Group | The 91 st 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 th and 8 th December and All Masses on 10 th and 11 th December. Deliveries will take place over the weekend of 16 th /17 th /18 th December. This fundraising effort is very important for the success of our Scout Group throughout the year. |
| Cathedral Service of Advent Readings and Carols | 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. |
| Children's Toys/Dolls Clothes | These will be on sale at St. Matthew's Church in aid of HCPT Group 138 that takes children to Lourdes at Eastertime. |
| SCIAF Real Gifts | 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 www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts |
| Mary's Meals Double The Love | From 1 st November 2022 to 31 st 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 marysmeals.org.uk |
| Be Busy Be Friend | 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. |
| Hillhouse Christmas Project | 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. |



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