



SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 11th December, 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent - A
Psalm Response	<i>Come, Lord, and save us.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. 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.

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INCARNATION

At the heart of Christian faith is the almost unbelievable idea that the infinitely holy mystery of God does not remain forever remote but draws near to our world in a radical way – “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Living a genuinely historical Jewish life in first-century Galilee, conditioned by the physical and psychological limits of our species, Jesus preached the reign of God, healed suffering people, sought out the lost and offered hospitality to all comers. In this he expressed what God is and always is: prodigal love. Drinking the bitter dregs of violent death on a cross outside Jerusalem, he placed the infinite mystery of God in solidarity with all vulnerable creatures who end in the dust. The presence of the Source of life in the depths of death awakens hope, seen first in the resurrection of Jesus, that there will be a future for all the defeated and the dead. Here the self-communication of God to the world in the person of Jesus Christ as a child of Earth is the lynch-pin that holds together the whole adventure of Christian faith.

The eminent theologian Karl Rahner placed his interpretation of the incarnation within the framework of God as love, thereby taking sides in an old debate. The Dominicans, led by Aquinas, took their cue from the book of Genesis where Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and God promised a redeemer who would crush the serpent's head. So the motive of the incarnation is redemption. The Franciscans, led by Duns Scotus, thought otherwise. Guided by the principle that love seeks union with the beloved, they held that the motivation of the incarnation is love. The Word became flesh so that God who is love, could enter into deep personal union with the world, the beloved. This would have happened even if human beings had not sinned. The fact that the world is sinful entailed that the suffering and death of the cross become part of Jesus' story. The primary purpose was union in love. The incarnation is first in the divine intention: God who is love eternally desires to communicate the divine self to the “other” who is not divine and so creates a world to allow this to happen.

Anchored in history by Jesus Christ, the holy mystery of God takes the initiative to surround the lives of all human beings from beginning to end with redemptive love. In Christian language, this is expressed in the idea that the Spirit of God is present at the centre of every life; it is nothing other than the gift of God's own self. It is offered freely to everyone without exception as light and the promise of life, and becomes visible in history wherever there is love of neighbour, faithfulness to conscience or courage for resistance to evil. It is true that the presence of this love in human history is marred by sin with human beings shutting themselves off in refusal. But in spite of the evil, harm and suffering that results from this, the divine offer of love is always and everywhere present and is more powerful than the mystery of human guilt.

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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 11th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	
Monday 12th December	9.30am Rosary at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass St. Matthew's	<i>Matthew 21:23-27</i>	
Tuesday 13th 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 21:28-32</i>	
Wednesday 14th December	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Luke 19-23</i>	
Thursday 15th December	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 7:24-30</i>	
Friday 16th December	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John 5:33-36</i>	
Saturday 17th 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 1:1-17</i>
Sunday 18th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 1:18-24</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:

May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries: *Edward O'Neill, Hugh Coulter, John McKee and John McCann*

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 Franky 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 4th Sunday of Advent - A

<i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>	<i>James Romans</i>	<i>Matthew 1:1-7</i>
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	M Connolly B Abbott		J Hefron
St. Matthew's	Maureen Bradley Michael Thomson Cherry Stacey		Fred Stacey Martin Dempster

Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

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Baptism Congratulations	To HARRISON BOLE & NIALL CHARTERS who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
Feasts This Week	Sun 11 th – 3 rd Sunday of Advent – Year A; Tue 13 th – St. Lucy; Wed 14 th – St John of the Cross; Sun 18 th – 4 th Sunday of Advent.
St. Matthew's Community Box	After Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Masses the donations to our box will go to Mary's Meals. In a special deal, our contributions will be doubled and in turn will have twice the impact. Please help.
Christmas Lunch	Is TODAY and starts at 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome.
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
Do This in Memory of Me	There is an invitation for ALL CHILDREN preparing for the Sacraments to come to the special liturgy at TODAY'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 THIS COMING Tuesday, 13 th December, at 7.00pm.
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
91st 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 TODAY, 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
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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