



SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 18 th December, 2022 4 th Sunday of Advent - A
Psalm Response	Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory. Alleluia!
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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I light a candle
and suddenly the world about me changes.
I am reminded yet again
that one small flame is all it takes to let the
darkness know it cannot win.

I light a candle
and I see the shadows of the centuries flee;
the fear, suspicion and mistrust.
the lack of love, the hatred and
the holding on to hurts
that multiply themselves into darkness
so terrible and deep
it seems as if no ray of hope
can penetrate.

It becomes a living thing
that in the stillness
speaks of welcome
and acceptance
and hospitality
and room enough for all.

I light a candle
and I know that fighting
against the dark
is not the answer,
but rather to lay down all the efforts to
hold back,
to choose to enter the heart of it
and surrender to the light
of one small flame.

For unto us is born a child.
God's candle, in the dark;
and suddenly, quietly
and everlastingly
the world is changed.

and bravely burns,
knowing that however dark
it seems
the light still shines.
And no darkness will ever
Put it out.

*And so, I light a candle
And I know
That Jesus Christ,
Light of the world
Is present with me NOW.*



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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 18th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	
Monday 19th December	9.30am Rosary at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	
Tuesday 20th 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>Luke 1:26-28</i>	
Wednesday 21st December	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Luke 1:39-45</i>	
Thursday 22nd December	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	
Friday 23rd December	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Luke 1:57-66</i>	
Saturday 24th December	No Morning Mass	5.30pm Christmas Mass at St. Matthew's	7.00pm Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Luke 2:15-20</i>
Sunday 25th December	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's		<i>John 1:1-18</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: *May MacKinn, John Connolly McIlroy, Mary Donnelly, Janet Murray and Jean Kenney,*

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 and Mary Rea*

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for The Nativity of the Lord - A

<i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i>	<i>Psalm 97</i>	<i>Hebrews 1:1-6</i>	<i>John 1:1-8</i>
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	D Shearer J McCrossan		M Murphy
St. Matthew's	Veronica Kelly Michael Duff Madaline Musilli		Louise Johnston Maureen Thomson

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Feasts This Week	Sun 18 th – 4 th Sunday of Advent; Sun 25 th – Christmas Day.
Fr Martin's Prayer	May the coming Christmas season fill you, and your families, with Christ's abundant gifts of peace and happiness.
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	A big thank you to everyone who made Sunday's lunch a huge success with a busy, happy atmosphere. Special mention to the great contribution from two local butchers, Wales and Cameron, who gave us a great deal on the butcher meat which was scoffed heartily.
OLMC SSV	If you feel SSV 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
Carols By Candlelight	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will host a Quiet Evening and 'Carols by Candlelight' service. It will take place TODAY, 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
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
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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in aid of HCPT Group 138 that takes children to Lourdes at Eastertime.
Christmas Mass Collection	The Second Collection taken up at Christmas Masses in both Churches will be split between two charities (one home and one abroad): Shelter and the Ecuador Trust.
Christmas Crib	As in previous years, the money collected at the Christmas Crib in both Churches will be for the St. Margaret Adoption Society
Joint Christmas Party	Families, friends, and Children are invited to the Parish Christmas Party for Mount Carmel and St. Matthew's parishioners. It will take place in St. Matthew's Hall on Thursday, 29 th December from 3-5.30pm. There will be Fun with games and treats. Please bring along some food and drink to share
Hogmanay	On Saturday, 31 st December there will be an Hour of Prayer at St. Matthew's from 7.00-8.00pm. Why not come along to thank God for the blessings of the past year and pray for inspiration in 2020?
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



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