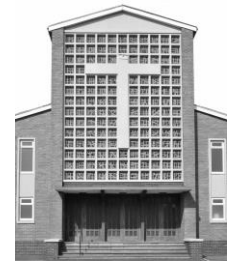




SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 25th December, 2022 The Nativity of The Lord - A
Psalm Response	<i>All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. 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](#)

HIDDEN GIFT

Stephen Hough (composer) said, "One of the things that I treasure about Catholicism is that it isn't a way of looking at religion as something up in the sky, something that we have to reach for, but it is actually in tangible things. It is having tea with friends or bread and wine with someone, or sharing music with someone. It is the material world that it celebrates, that God is present in everything that exists. This is my link to the spirituality in music which in itself has no dogma, no real message beyond beauty....."

How beautiful are the sentiments of the Christmas Preface111

Today a new light has dawned upon the world;

God has become one with humanity

And humanity has become one again with God.

The eternal word has taken upon himself our earthly condition

Giving our human nature immortal value

.....this life, which in the light of incarnation is now being called God's real presence, is precisely the life of everyone's everyday experience on this good earth. It is people's working and eating, walking in fields or by the sea, playing for their team or dancing in the clubs, suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune or holding out a helping hand.....all is incarnation.

The Christmas Mass points to the real presence of the lived incarnation on the scarred face of our turning, churning world. It reminds people to believe there is light in the darkest places, to remember with mercy the homeless millions whose hearts, eyes and stomachs are empty this day. Every Sunday eucharist guarantees what the first Christmas revealed – that every real relationship on earth is sacred, that no bitter tear or heartfelt wish is ever wasted, that hope hides in every desperation, that every breath is God's kiss of life, that no sin is ever left unredeemed, that nothing is really lost, that all in the end is harvest.

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

Saturday 24th December	5.30pm Christmas Mass at St. Matthew's	7.00pm Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Luke 2:1-14</i>	
Sunday 25th December	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's		<i>Matthew 1:18-24</i>	
Monday 26th December	NO Mass at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass St. Joseph's	<i>Matthew 10:17-22</i>	
Tuesday 27th 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>John 20:2-8</i>	
Wednesday 28th December	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Matthew 2:13-18</i>	
Thursday 29th December	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 2:22-35</i>	
Friday 30th December	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 2:13-15.19-23</i>	
Saturday 31st December	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00 Mass at St. Matthew's	6.00pm Mass at St. Joseph's	<i>John 1:1-18</i>
Sunday 1st January	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's		<i>Luke 2:16-21</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: *Mary Donnelly, Janet Murray and Carol O'Grady*
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries: *James Boyle and June Farrell*

People who are ill: *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*

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

Community Support

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for Mary, Mother of God - A

<i>Numbers 6:22-27</i>	<i>Psalm 66</i>	<i>Galatians 4:4-7</i>	<i>Luke 2:16-21</i>
Venue	Readers	Ministers	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	C Harper C Lambeth	B Murphy	
St. Matthew's	Maureen Walsh Brian Gilhooley Caron Bias	Patricia Gilhooley Philip Brown	

Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

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Baptism Congratulations	To Eddie McCrone who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God
Feasts This Week	Sun 25 th – Christmas Day; Mon 26 th – St Stephen; Tue 27 th – St John; Wed 28 th – Holy Innocents; Fri 30 th – Holy Family; Sun 1 st – Mary, Mother of God.
Fr Martin's Prayer	May the coming Christmas season fill you, and your families, with Christ's abundant gifts of peace and happiness.
Christmas Masses	Please note the following Christmas Masses: 24 th December at 5.30pm in St. Matthew's 24 th December at 7pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel 24 th December at 9pm in St. Joseph's. 25 th December at 10am in St. Matthew's 25 th December at 11am in St. Joseph's
Special Collection	On the Feast of the Epiphany (8 th Jan) there will be a special collection for the work of the Church in JUSTICE & PEACE. Please be generous
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
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.
Joint Christmas Party	Families, friends and Children are invited to the Parish Christmas Party for Our Lady of 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
Community Lunch	Alert! Alert! The next community lunch will be on Sunday 8 th January, the 2nd Sunday of the month. All welcome.
Online Prayer Event	For young Catholic Adults aged 20-40. Join us for a post-Christmas rosary and reflection via Zoom on Tues 27 th Dec at 8:00-8:30pm. Our events are a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other young adults. For more info and tickets email: 2040network@gmail.com
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 2023?
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
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
Thank You	Terry and Helen Bailey would like to thank parishioners for all the cards and good wishes that they have received during Advent. They wish you to know that it is very much appreciated. Thank you.

A Christmas Prayer

May a new understanding of incarnation transform your life with hope and happiness this Christmas. May next year bless you with health of mind, heart, body and soul. May the divine beauty of your human smile grow brighter every day. And may our beautiful broken world and all who live in it, be healed and renewed by your compassion, and be blessed with a more abundant life.



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