



SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 8th January 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity - A
Psalm Response	<i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. 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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The Path of Metanoia

The word metanoia, usually translated as "repentance", literally means to go "beyond the mind" or "into the larger mind." Even more so than the Beatitudes, the parables are the familiar and beloved ground of Jesus' teachings....We get confused between a parable and a proverb...a story with a moral, whose purpose is to help us live better and wiser lives.

Parables are completely different! - at least the way Jesus uses them.....they are intended to turn the egoic mind upside down and push us into new ways of seeing...

It has still not been widely seen that what Jesus may really be up to is rewiring our consciousness. What we once thought of as beloved folk tales are in fact engaged in some fairly radical sabotage. Take the Good Samaritan, the most famous of Jesus' parables (Lk10.30) What makes it so confrontational is the fact that the fellow who gets beaten up is a Jew and the fellow doing the rescuing is a Samaritan. To Jewish eyes a Samaritan could do no good. So, the subversion begins when the Jew, the chosen person, becomes the victim, and the pariah becomes his rescuer - after two of his kind have left him for dead. Beneath the cheery surface of this parable Jesus is really forcing the question, "Do you really know as well as you think you do what's good and what's bad? Who are righteous and who are not? It's a direct challenge to that binary mind, which is so quick to judge, to feel self-meritorious.

Again, in the concluding image of the Prodigal Son parable, - when the older son is standing alone outside, refusing to join in the party because he feels slighted - is a vivid symbol of the way the egoic operating system holds us back from joining the dance of Divine Mercy in full swing all around us. If we are stuck in the ego, we can't hear the music. Once again, the basic structures, assumptions and beliefs about ourselves that keep the binary mind firmly in place, are challenged. The parable is supposed to challenge you, it's supposed to make you angry and to make you look at yourself more closely. Allow the parable to reflect your own state of mind.

Once you begin to see it, you can't not see it. The principal target of Jesus' teaching is not the Pharisees or the political situation but the egoic mind. He is deliberately trying to short circuit that grasping, acquiring, clinging, comparing linear brain and to open up within us a whole new mode of perception (not what we see but how we see; how the mind makes its connections). This is a classic strategy of a master of wisdom.

Cynthia Bourgeault

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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 8th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	
Monday 9th January	Rosary from 930am. at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass St. Matthew's	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	
Tuesday 10th January	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>	
Wednesday 11th January	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	
Thursday 12th January	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Mark 1:40-45</i>	
Friday 13th January	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	
Saturday 14th January	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>Mark 2:13-17</i>
Sunday 15th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John 1:29-34</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: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Frances O'Neill and John McCann Jnr.

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

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for 2nd Sunday of the Year - A

<i>Isaiah 49:3,5-6</i>	<i>Psalm 39</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:1-3</i>	<i>John 8:23-9:3</i>
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	M McGuire F McCann	A Starrs	
St. Matthew's	Catherine Brown Eric Allan Madaline Musilli	Fred Stacey Cherry Stacey	

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Feasts This Week	Sun 8 th – Solemnity of the Epiphany; Mon 9 th – Baptism of the Lord; Fri 13 th – St Kentigern (Mungo); Sun 15 th – 2 nd Sunday of Year A.
Special Collection	On TODAY'S Feast of the Epiphany (8th Jan) there will be a special collection for the work of the Church in JUSTICE & PEACE. Please be generous
Justice & Peace Letter	Please find enclosed in this week's Bulletin the letter from Archbishop Nolan to mark Justice & Peace Sunday.
Do This in Memory of Me	The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion are invited to take part in the special liturgy at Sunday Mass on Sunday 22 nd January. Please bring along your Prayer Candle!
Christmas Thanks	Thanks to all the parishioners who have worked so hard in making the Christmas celebrations go so well (liturgy, flowers, Crib, prayer services, parties, children's liturgy). You are Stars!
Christmas Mass Collection	There was a generous response to the Second Collection taken up at Christmas Masses: £936.40 was collected in St. Matthew's and £489.54 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This money 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
EACHa Thanks	Sincere thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the EACHa Christmas gift appeal. EACHa was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. Your generosity has helped brighten Christmas for 1,300 children and young people. Thanks also for cash donations, allowing EACHa to buy gifts for ages they were short of, and for the many vulnerable adults who come through EACHa's doors each week.
Christian Unity Service	Hurlford Church will host the Annual Christian Unity Service at 3pm on Sunday, 22 January. We are all invited. This is an opportunity for churches of all denominations to pray for an end to all forms of discrimination, remembering that all lives matter equally in the sight of God. The format of the service requires readers from other churches to contribute; if anyone from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Matthew's wish to volunteer for a reading, please speak to Fr. Martin.
Community Lunch	Lunch is TODAY Sunday, 8th January. All welcome.
Cycle The Advent Calendar	Fr. Martin wishes to thank everyone who donated so generously through this sponsored cycle to the Ecuador Trust. Between cash donations and online giving, £3810.63 was collected. This money will go a long way to helping our Ecuadorian friends, especially in education and in their food kitchens ... www.justgiving.com/page/martin-chambers-1669106102688
St. Joseph's Academy Food Parcel Appeal	The pupils and staff of St. Joseph's Academy have gathered food for over 100 substantial food parcels for distribution to those in need. They have been shared between the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Foodbanks of the Kilmarnock parishes. Thank you to the pupils and staff for your thoughtful kindness and for reaching out with Christmas spirit

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