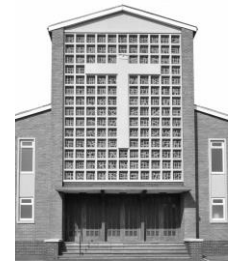




# SUNDAY BULLETIN



## ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - A</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.</i>
<b>SUNDAY MASSES: 9.30am at St. Matthew's &amp; 11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	

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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### Empathy

...Sometimes you will find that it is very difficult indeed to wrench the focus away from self and towards the other, whether the other is God or another human being.

It is hard because it means coming face to face with the unpleasant fact that we all tend to relate to others in terms of how they are affecting us. Some people 'make us feel good', some disturb us, annoy us, antagonise us. Some seem well meaning, others seem to undermine us. If we look at these sorts of feelings, we have to admit, in all honesty, that they are about 'how I feel'. They are not about how the other person feels.

Empathy is about switching the focus from 'I' to the 'other'. If we can (as the Indians say) "walk a mile in his moccasins" then we are beginning to learn to focus our hearts and to love with God's love. Empathy lies at the heart of true listening.

So, try this exercise:

Try noticing one or two conversations you have each day with another person. It doesn't matter whether they are friendly or not so friendly. Just be aware of them in a deliberate way. Before you go to sleep reflect on these conversations. Ask yourself: 'Where was my focus, for the most part?' On myself or the other? But a word of warning – don't be discouraged if you find that focus is mainly on yourself. That is how we humans are, so, welcome to the human race! But we can learn to listen better.

Try reflecting on the best of teachers, Jesus. Matt. 14:22-33 – notice what happens to Peter's focus here. Luke 18: 35-43. Where is the blind man's focus? How does Jesus change his focus? What do you want me to do for you?

Find and treasure any moments of real empathy in your daily experience – your empathy or another's empathy towards you. Ask God to imprint on your heart how it feels when you are relating to another person in this way.

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

## Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Rosary from 9.30am. at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 6:7-15</i>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Luke 11:29-32</i>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 7:7-12</i>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.30am Stations of the Cross at <b>OLMC</b>	<i>Matthew 5:20-26</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.40am Stations of the Cross at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	6.00pm Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 17:1-9</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: Mary Corr*

*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., Mary McLaughlin, May Hollywood, Frances O'Neill, Helen McClure, James Hughes, Max McLean, Peter Herral, Agnes Morrison, Terry Bailey, Mary Rea, Stuart Mason Carolanne Gallagher and Margaret Paton.*

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

### Community Support

A Donation's box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for your continuing generosity. 'Bags for Life' are always welcome.



### OLMC SSVP Conference

All donations are most welcome and needed. Please use the Donations Box as you leave the church.  
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### Liturgy Ministry Rota for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - A

<i>Genesis 12:1-4</i>	<i>Psalm 32</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:8-10</i>	<i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	M McGuire F McCann		A Starrs
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Maureen Bradley Kenny Ainsworth Veronica Kelly		Ann Gillion Martin Dempster

### Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

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# NOTICES

<b>Baptism Congratulations</b>	To Myles Mallon who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year A; Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year A.
<b>Special Collection</b>	Many thanks to everyone who contributed to last weekend's SCIAF Collection in support of the Syria-Turkey earthquake appeal. £861.95 was collected at St. Matthew's and £ was collected at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Beginning this week, there will be Stations of the Cross in the following Churches – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (at 10.30am after Friday Mass) St Matthew's (at 9.40am before Saturday Mass).
<b>Lenten Online Prayer Group</b>	You are invited to a one hour weekly faith sharing group based on the Inspirational Lives Lent materials prepared by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. This is suitable for all Christian denominations. If you are interested, please contact Marianne at <a href="mailto:mariannelucchesi@gmail.com">mariannelucchesi@gmail.com</a> . The booklet can be ordered or downloaded at ISC Lent retreat.
<b>OLMC Pastoral Council</b>	You are invited to the Parish Council which will take place in the Hall on Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Items to discuss: heating bills; fabric projects; future Parish plans.
<b>First Confession</b>	For the Kilmarnock children who are in P3 this year, First Confession will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. This is for all children in the parishes of St. Matthew's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Please contact Fr. Martin to register your child for this Sacrament: <a href="mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a> . There will be a Parents' Meeting to prepare for First Confession. It will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.
<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	All parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Matthew's are invited to join Kay Park Parish Church for World Day of Prayer on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00pm
<b>Church Unity Service</b>	The Fellowship's next shared worship will be at New Laigh Kirk on Sunday, 12 March, at 3 p.m. The theme will be Christian Love in Action.ve organised a further Unity Service to which everyone is invited. It will take place at New Laigh Kirk on Sunday, 12 March, at 3 p.m. The theme will be Christian Love in Action.
<b>SCIAF Talk</b>	To mark the season of Lent and prepare for SCIAF SUNDAY, there will be a talk on the work of SCIAF in St. Matthew's Church Hall on Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Siobhan Wright, from SCIAF, will lead the talk and there will be a prayerful reflection in the Church after the Talk. All are welcome.
<b>Lenten Reconciliation Service</b>	For all Kilmarnock parishioners. This will take place in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please mark this date in your diary as the special moment of grace when you come before the Forgiving Father.
<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage October 2023</b>	Fr. David Borland is putting together a small group Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2023, flying with British Airways from Glasgow to Tel Aviv via London Heathrow. The cost of the Pilgrimage is approximately £1,850 per pilgrim (exact fare will depend on the price of the airfare at your time of booking) based on two people sharing a twin room for 7 nights on a half-board basis in three-star hotels. Single rooms are limited in number and unfortunately carry a supplement of £440. For more information on how to book please visit <a href="http://www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage">www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage</a> or email Fr. David on <a href="mailto:david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a> The earlier you book then the lower the price as airfares only increase as we get nearer the departure date!
<b>World Youth Day Quiz Night</b>	A message from our young parishioners of the diocese. During the summer we will embark on a pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal to celebrate the World Youth Day Festival. As part of the process, we have been tasked with raising not just our own fair but that of a young person of a young person from a mission country. In order to do this, we have planned a fundraiser. We thank you for your continued support. World Youth Day Quiz night and raffle Cash Prize to be won! Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church Hall, start time 7:30pm Maximum of 6 people per team £6 team entry £2 entry on the night Pay on the night Raffle prize donations welcome Raffle donations can be left in the porch or bring on the night Bring your own bottle Team signup sheet will be left in the porch. Alternatively, you can text Kieran with your name and team size on 07931974095 to enter.
<b>Foodbank Appeal</b>	St Matthews and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners and Foodbanks are doing a fantastic job in helping the needy but we are short of supplies. We are particularly short of tins of meat, soup, sauce for pasta and Long-life milk. If you can help, please donate at the church.
<b>Pilgrimage to Iona</b>	This year our Church will celebrate its 60 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee. To mark the occasion, we are planning a day's pilgrimage to Iona on Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April. Parishioners from St Matthews are very welcome to join us. The Coach will leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel around 6.00am and return just after 10.00pm We will have approx. 5 hours on the island with Mass in the Abbey at 3.00pm. There will be several hours free to explore the Abbey precincts, the burial place of Scottish kings and the many fine beaches on the other side of the island, all within easy walking distance. The Cost will be approximately £65 which includes coach, ferry tickets and Abbey admission charges. If interested, please contact Brian (Murphy): <a href="mailto:mlarchbank@hotmail.com">mlarchbank@hotmail.com</a> or 07714981255
<b>OLMC Lourdes Helpers</b>	This year we have 11 members of the parish going as volunteer helpers on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, to support their fundraising efforts an afternoon tea has been arranged. It will take place on Saturday the 18 <sup>th</sup> March in St Matthew's Hall from 2pm ~ 6pm. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale after Sunday Mass, tickets include afternoon tea, hot drinks and entry into our special prize draw. This coincides with Mothers' Day weekend, so a great opportunity to have a nice family outing, while supporting our friends. All welcome.
<b>Invitation To Tea In The Church</b>	Due to Covid19 there has been no Christmas party for senior parishioners for some time now. Therefore, OLMC St Vincent de Paul is inviting all those aged 60 and over to a tea and chat afternoon in the Norbert Room. There are two dates to choose from, Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February or Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Tea, sandwiches and cake will be served from 1.00pm with an opportunity to chat until 3.00pm. Please feel free to bring a friend, perhaps someone that has not managed back to Church since Covid19. If you would like to come along then please add your name to the list in the Norbert room or speak to one of the members of SSVp
<b>SCIAF Wee Boxes</b>	The "wee box" campaign will run during Lent this year as usual. Packs containing the "wee box" for your donations are available in the porch. Thank you

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