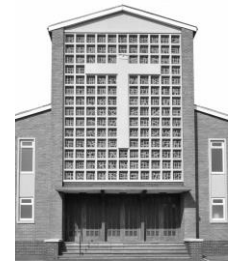




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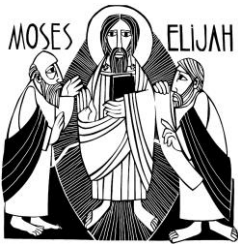
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Liturgy	Sunday 5th March, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent - A
Psalm Response	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."</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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Pope Francis says:

Loving others is a spiritual force drawing us to union with God. Indeed, one who does not love others "walks in darkness", "remains in death" and does not know God. Benedict XVI has said that closing our eyes to our neighbour also blinds us to God and that God in the end is the only light which "can illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working." When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. If we want to advance in the spiritual life, then, we must constantly be missionaries. The work of evangelisation enriches the mind and the heart, it opens up spiritual horizons: it makes us more and more sensitive to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and it takes us beyond our limited spiritual constructs, becoming a spring that spills over and refreshes others. Only the person who feels happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness, can be missionary. . . . We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide.

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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 5th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>	
Monday 6th March	Rosary from 9.30am. at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 6:36-38</i>	
Tuesday 7th March	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 23:1-12</i>	
Wednesday 8th March	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Matthew 20:17-28</i>	
Thursday 9th March	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	
Friday 10th March	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.30am Stations of the Cross at OLMC	<i>John 12:24-26</i>
Saturday 11th March	9.40am Stations of the Cross at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	6.00pm Mass at St. Joseph's	<i>Luke 15:1-3.11-32</i>
Sunday 12th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John 4:5-42</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: *Michael & Mary Murray, William & Mary Gallacher, Anne Hunter and Oisín Feids*

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)

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for 3rd Sunday of Lent - A

<i>Exodus 17:3-7</i>	<i>Psalm 94</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-2;5-8</i>	<i>John 4:4-5.15.19-36,39-42</i>
Venue	Readers		Ministers
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St. Matthew's	Cherry Stacey Eric Allan Margaret Merrick		Maureen Walsh Stephen Duff

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NOTICES

Feasts This Week	Sun 5th – 2nd Sunday of Year A; Fri 10th – St John Ogilvie; Sun 12th – 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year A.
Special Collection	Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent SCIAF Collection in support of the Syria-Turkey earthquake appeal. £861.95 was collected at St. Matthew's and £524.97 from Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Stations of the Cross	There will be Stations of the Cross at the following times – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (at 10.30am after Friday Mass) St Matthew's (at 9.40am before Saturday Mass).
Lenten Online Prayer Group	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 mariannelucchesi@gmail.com . The booklet can be ordered or downloaded at ISC Lent retreat.
OLMC Pastoral Council	You are invited to the Parish Council which will take place in the Hall on Thursday, 16 th March at 7pm. Items to discuss: heating bills; fabric projects; future Parish plans.
First Confession	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 st 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: martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk . 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 th March at 7pm.
World Day of Prayer	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 rd March at 2.00pm
Church Unity Service	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. We 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.
SCIAF Talk	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 th 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.
Do This in Memory of Me	The children preparing for First Communion should come to Church on Sunday 19 th March to take part in a special Liturgy.
Lenten Reconciliation Service	For all Kilmarnock parishioners. This will take place in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, 28 th March at 7pm. Please mark this date in your diary as the special moment of grace when you come before the Forgiving Father.
Holy Week	Holy Week celebrations for this year are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Thursday (6th April): 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Our Lady of Mount Carmel • Good Friday (7th April): Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm in St Matthew's • Holy Saturday (8th April): Easter Vigil at 8.30pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel • Easter Sunday Mass (9th April): 9.30am at St Matthew's and 11.00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran – Patient Transport Pilot Scheme	Every day, thousands of patients in Scotland need to get to hospital for treatment. St John Scotland's Patient Transport service provides free, comfortable and reliable transport to patients across the country. Anyone who is interested should contact Colin McCormick: colin135@btinternet.com
Holy Land Pilgrimage October 2023	Fr. David Borland is putting together a small group Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 15 th – 22 nd 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 www.rcayr.org.uk/pilgrimage or email Fr. David on david.borland@gallowaydiocese.org.uk The earlier you book then the lower the price as airfares only increase as we get nearer the departure date!
World Youth Day Quiz Night	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 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 th 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.
Foodbank Appeal	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.
Pilgrimage to Iona	This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate its 60 th Jubilee. To mark the occasion, we are planning a day's pilgrimage to Iona on Saturday 22 nd 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): mlarchbank@hotmail.com or 07714981255
OLMC Lourdes Helpers	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 th 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.
Invitation To Tea In The Church	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 th February or Saturday 11 th 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
SCIAF Wee Boxes	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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