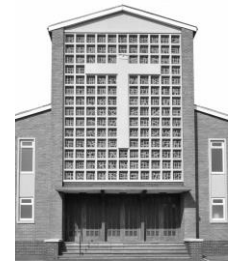




SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 26th March, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent - A
Psalm Response	<i>With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.</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](#)

The Opening of Eyes By David Whyte

That day I saw beneath dark clouds
the passing light over the water
and I heard the voice of the world speak out,
I knew then as I had before,
life is no passing memory of what has been
nor the remaining pages in a great book
waiting to be read.

It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far-off things
Seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years
of secret conversing
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert
Fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes
As if to enter heaven
And finding himself astonished,
Opened at last,
Fallen in love with solid ground.

To regret one's own experience is to arrest one's own development. To deny one's own experience is to put a lie into the lips of one's own life. It is no less than a denial of the soul. *Oscar Wilde*

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

Mass and Eucharistic Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

SCIAF Sunday 26th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 11:1-45	
Monday 27th March	Rosary from 9.30am. at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>John</i> 8:1-11	
Tuesday 28th March	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass (with pupils from Mount Carmel) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 8:21-30	
Wednesday 29th March	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>John</i> 8:31-42	
Thursday 30th March	9.30am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>John</i> 8:51-59	
Friday 31st 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</i> 10:31-42
Saturday 1st April	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>John</i> 11:45-56
Sunday 2nd April	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew</i> 26:14 - 27:66	

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: *Bobby Lockhart*
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - A

<i>Isaiah</i> 50:4-7	<i>Psalm</i> 21	<i>Philippians</i> 2:6-11	<i>Matthew</i> 26:14-27,66
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	C Harper F McCann		A Starrs
St. Matthew's	Cherry Stacey Kenny Ainsworth Caron Bias		Catherine Brown Clare Gordon

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NOTICES

Feasts This Week	Sun 26th – 5th Sunday of Lent – Year A; Sun 2nd – Palm Sunday – Year A.
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).
SCIAF Special Collection	Muchas Gracias for last Sunday's Special Collection for SCIAF. £713.83 was raised at St Matthew's & £440.57 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Do This in Memory of Me	The children preparing for First Communion will take part in a special Liturgy next Sunday during Palm Sunday Mass.
Lenten Reconciliation Service	For all Kilmarnock parishioners. This will take place in St. Matthew's Church THIS TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH AT 7PM. Please COME ALONG FOR THIS special moment of grace when you come before the Forgiving Father.
Women's Group	Please come along to the faith-sharing group which will take place in St. Matthew's on Wednesday, 29th March at 2pm.
Baptism Preparation	For any parents wishing to have their children baptised, please come along to St. Matthew's Church on Thursday, 30th March at 7pm for a short preparation session.
Community Lunch	This will take place NEXT SUNDAY, 2nd April at 12.30pm. All are welcome!!
Diocesan Mass of Chrism	This will take place at St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on Tuesday, 4th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.
Walk of Witness	On Good Friday, 7th April, you are invited to walk with members of all Churches around Kilmarnock town centre. The walk begins at the Salvation Army at 11am and ends at noon.
Good Friday Vigil	This will take place at New Laih Kirk on Good Friday from 12 noon till 3pm. Prayerful reflections will be offered every twenty minutes by Kilmarnock's clergy.
Good Friday Collection	There will be a Special Collection at the Good Friday 3pm Service in St. Matthew's. As Catholics commemorate Jesus' Passion on Good Friday, the Vatican is asking them to support the Church in the Holy Land with their prayers and financial contributions
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
Thank You	On Saturday 18th March OLMC Lourdes Helpers held an afternoon tea to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. The afternoon was a great success a grand total of £2346 was raised. A huge thank you goes to everyone who donated prizes, baking and came along on the day to support the group.
St. Matthew's 2nd Collection	Fr. Martin is proposing to start a second collection after Communion in St. Matthew's. This is to help offset rising heating costs. This second collection will start after Easter and will last for as long as is needed. It will be reviewed at subsequent Parish Pastoral Council meetings.
St. Matthew's Cleaning Jobs	The insides of the windows and venetian blinds in the hall, committee room and kitchen; The front steps; The glass doors at the front; The back steps; The hall door and A good tidy of the committee room. Please phone or text Margaret on 07765 715798 if you would like to help.
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

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