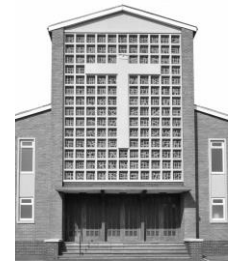




SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 2nd April, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - A
Psalm Response	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</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](#)

First Man Home

The thief's cry was bold. "Remember me when you come into your kingdom. "Remember me" is the cry of anguish from many a desperate soul throughout the Bible. Hannah, a barren and humiliated wife, Samson, a failed flawed and ruined leader, Nehemiah, who had risked everything to do something for God and yet struggled against indifference and intense opposition, Job in his darkest moments of suffering, David the God-appointed leader that people were trying to undermine, Jeremiah who was persecuted for speaking out for God.....Without exception God will hear our cry: "Remember me, O Lord." We live in a world where promises are lightly made and easily broken. Yet we are confident that Jesus always keeps his promises. God loves us so much he wants us to be with him for eternity. ..Jesus was fulfilling his Father's redemptive plan and the only way he could save us was by not saving himself!There is no difference between the two thieves as they faced their last moments on earth. Each desperately needed forgiveness. Both had nothing going for them. Neither could save themselves. They had the same opportunity to call out to Jesus. Only one did. Today there are still those who mock and ridicule Jesus and those who repent and trust him. I am not the first and I won't be the last to say that this incident is the only case of a death bed conversion recorded in the Bible. There is just one, so that no one loses hope. There is just one, so that no one takes it for granted. In a graceless world that writes off many people as being beyond redemption, it is good to be reminded that not one of us is without hope. A convicted thief was the first man home.

Steve Chick

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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 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
Monday 3rd April	Rosary from 9.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 12:1-11
Tuesday 4th April		10.00am Funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Bobby Lockhart RIP	<i>John</i> 13:21-33.36-38
Wednesday 5th April	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Matthew</i> 26:14-25
Holy Thursday 6th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Prayer at Place of Repose until 9.45pm. Night Prayer at 9.45pm	<i>John</i> 13:1-15
Good Friday 7th April	3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Matthew's		<i>John</i> 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday 8th April	8.30pm Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Mount Carmel		<i>Matthew</i> 28:1-10
Easter Sunday 9th April	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 20:1-9

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: Jennifer Thomson and Wendy Kelly

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 Easter Sunday - A

<i>Acts</i> 10:34,37-43	<i>Psalm</i> 117	<i>Colossians</i> 3:1-4	<i>John</i> 20:1-9
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	A Starrs B Murphy		J McCrossan
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NOTICES

Baptism Congratulations	To AVA MARIE SCANLAN & NUALA McCLOSKEY who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
Feasts This Week	Sun 2nd – Palm Sunday – Year A; Thu 6th – Holy Thursday; Fri 7th – Good Friday; Sat 8th – Holy Saturday; Sun 9th – Easter Sunday.
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).
Do This in Memory of Me	The children preparing for First Communion will take part in a special Liturgy TODAY during Palm Sunday Mass.
Community Lunch	Apologies to all concerned but due to other bookings for Church premises, our community lunch could not be moved to the first Sunday. However, lunch will go ahead on the 3 rd Sunday of April, (16 th). Please spread the word and a notice will be displayed to let as many as possible know.
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
Special Collection	While Fr. Martin is in Lourdes, the Mill Hill Fathers will be celebrating Sunday Mass on Sunday 16th April. They will make an appeal for their missionary work and the second collection that day will be for their work.
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.
New Farm Loch Community Council	Meet at 7.00pm, in Take a Bow on the last Thursday of every month. Please feel free to come along, if you have an interest in our community and would like to find out how going forward, we can make improvements which will help bring us together and make a better Community for all. You will be more than welcome.
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.
World Youth Day Quiz Night & Raffle	After a very successful night, combined with donations, the WYD Quiz & Raffle managed to raise a grand total of £525 . We would like to thank all those who attended from St Matthews, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, family and friends and parishioners from across Ayrshire, as well as those who donated. This makes it possible for us and young people from a developing nation to travel.
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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