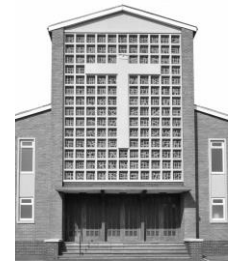




# SUNDAY BULLETIN



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

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Liturgy	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2023</b> <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - A</b>
Psalm Response	<i>The day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are Glad</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord, Alleluia!</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.

**LIVESTREAM MASSES:** [YouTube St Matthew's & Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kilmarnock](#) and [YouTube St Joseph's Church Kilmarnock](#)

### A STRING OF EMPTY TOMBS

We celebrate many things with Easter. The Resurrection is not just the mystery of Christ rising from the dead and our future rising from the dead. It's life's spring, the event and power that brings new life out of what's been crucified by winter, from what's died, from what lies frozen and lifeless. .... Before being buried in our graves we are, largely buried in our lives – what's best in us, the image of God, lies frozen and so we begin to settle for second best. We make do; A life without enthusiasm, without fire, with passion quieted, with joy frozen. We despair, not by suicide, but by protest, protesting that our lives are without new possibilities. "If you really knew what my life is like, you wouldn't tell me I could be happy." Bitterly we accept our limits. "This is the way I am, this is the way things are, this is the way it has always been. This is the way it will always be!"

So we live on, far from being truly alive, on automatic pilot, the Christ in us lying in the tomb, what's most precious in us frozen under bitterness. There is darkness at the end of the tunnel, save for one thing.

May you leave behind you a string of empty tombs

That's the challenge of Easter: To resurrect daily, to leave behind us a string of empty tombs, to let our crucified hopes and dreams be resurrected so that, like Christ, our lives will radiate that, in the end, everything is good, reality can be trusted, love does triumph over apathy and hatred, togetherness over loneliness, peace over chaos and forgiveness over bitterness. We need regular resurrection.... Nature, all of it including ourselves, is incredibly resilient, incredibly resurrectable. Given any chance, life wins out, brokenness heals, bitterness melts, new seeds form and life bursts forth from what once appeared to be dead.

So as the song says:

Just remember in the winter  
Far beneath the bitter snows  
Lies the seed that with the sun's love  
In the spring becomes the rose.

Ronald Rolheiser

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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 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>John 20:1-9</i>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am Mass from <b>St. Joseph's</b>		<i>Matthew 28:8-15</i>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am 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>John 20:11-18</i>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Luke 24:35-48</i>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>John 21:1-14</i>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	NO MORNING MASS	6.00pm Vigil Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Mark 16:9-15</i>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>John 20:19-31</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:** Bobby Lockhart, Paul Smith and Sr Imelda  
 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)

### 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 Easter - A

<i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	<i>Psalm 117</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	M McGuire M Connolly	C Harper	
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Ann Gillion Philip Brown Madaline Musilli	Fred Stacey Maureen Thomson	

### Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

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## NOTICES

<b>Baptism Congratulations</b>	To ADDISON MOFFAT who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Sun 16th – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Year A; For following week's Bulletin ... Sun 16th – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Year A; Sun 23rd – 3rd Sunday of Easter – Year A
<b>St. Matthew's Community Lunch</b>	This will take place of Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm. All are welcome!!
<b>St. Matthew's Community Box Meeting</b>	A meeting will be held, after Mass, on Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>Special Collection</b>	We welcome the Mill Hill Fathers who are 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.
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	To mark Divine Mercy Sunday, a special Service will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hurlford at 2pm on Sunday 16th April. The Service will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Veneration of the Holy Image and Holy Mass. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend. If you would like further information, please contact Isobel on 07827 796 779.
<b>Do This in Memory of Me</b>	The children preparing for First Communion will take part in a special liturgy at Mass on Sunday, 23rd April.
<b>St. Matthew's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	A regular second collection will start on in St. Matthew's on Sunday, 23rd April. It will be for Church maintenance, especially in the light of rising heating costs. It will be reviewed at future Pastoral Council meetings.
<b>Freespace</b>	This is a prayer & faith-sharing meeting open to all people. It will take place on Tuesday, 25th April at 7.30pm in St. Matthew's Church House. All are welcome,
<b>Women's Group</b>	This prayer & faith sharing group will meet in St Matthew's Hall on Wednesday, 26th April at 2pm. All are welcome.
<b>Children's Retreat</b>	This is for the children preparing for First Communion and will take place in St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, 29th April. Parents are invited to bring their children to 10am Mass after which a Retreat will take place for the children until 2pm.
<b>New Farm Loch Community Council</b>	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.
<b>Our Lady's Shrine OLMC</b>	Are you able to help with the renovations of the shrine? If so we need the new wood to be varnished - varnish and brush available- please speak with Frances after mass - many thanks
<b>Weeding OLMC</b>	We are looking for help with removing the weeds from the curtilage of the church building particularly at the front steps. If you are able to help, please speak with Frances after mass - thank you
<b>St. Matthew's Foodbank</b>	Our churches are helping over 200 families every month who need food to help them cope with the ever-increasing financial challenges they face. With your help we can continue to do this in cooperation with other organisations eg, St Paul's in Hurlford, St Kentigern's in New Farm Loch, New Farm Loch Community Council. If you can spare a couple of hours on Tuesday and Thursday between 4 and 6 o'clock at St Matthews please let Fr Martin know.
<b>Dedication of the Restored Pipe Organ at St. Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock</b>	The newly restored Harrison & Harrison Pipe Organ (1903) in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock will be solemnly blessed and dedicated and an inaugural recital will be performed by Andrew Reid, FRCO, on Sunday 16th April at 6 pm in St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, Kilmarnock. All are welcome: no need to book – just come along.
<b>Pilgrimage to Iona</b>	This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel 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

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