



# SUNDAY BULLETIN



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

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<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Sunday 23rd April, 2023</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - A</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<i>Show us, Lord, the path of life.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. 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.

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### WOMEN AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Women followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem and did not abandon him at the moment of his execution. They heard his message, learned from him, and followed him close at hand, just as his male disciples did. This is an indisputable fact confirmed in all Christian sources, although some gospel writers played down their presence. .... These women were part of the group following Jesus from the beginning, some with their husbands some as single women. The gospels do not record their individual invitation from Jesus but they probably were attracted by his person and would not have been able to stay without his approval. He never excludes or separates them for reasons of gender or impurity. They are sisters who belong to the new family Jesus is creating and they are respected along with the brothers..... We know a few of their names. Mary of Magdala holds a pre-eminent place, as Peter does among the men. She, with Mary the mother of James the younger and Salome is in the group of three who are apparently closest to Jesus, just as Peter, James and John enjoy the position of special friendship. Mary and Martha were also special friends of Jesus, with whom he stayed when he went up to Jerusalem but did not seem to travel with him. There is little doubt that the women shared the Last Supper. How could they be absent from this farewell meal when they usually helped prepare, serve and eat meals with Jesus. Moreover, the Passover feast is a meal that Jewish women did attend. Also, after the crucifixion when the disciples met in the same house the women were present. The male and female disciples reacted differently to the execution of Jesus. While the men fled the women remained near him. ....Women are identified with the first report of Jesus resurrection. Two traditions circulated in the Christian community; one attributes the first experience to Mary of Magdala while the other gives primacy to Peter probably because an important role was attributed to both in the origin of faith in the risen Jesus. In many ways the women were a true model of discipleship. They did not argue who was to be the greatest and they probably did most of the "service" required

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>John 6:22-29</i>	
<b>Tuesday 25<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>Mark 16:15-20</i>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>John 6:35-40</i>	
<b>Thursday 27<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>John 6:44-51</i>	
<b>Friday 28<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 6:52-59</i>	
<b>Saturday 29<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>	6.00pm Vigil Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 11:25-30</i>
<b>Sunday 30<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 10:1-10</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: Betty McCann, Frank Templeton, Hugh Gallacher, Tom Gallacher, James McCluskey and Tony Fields*

*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

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### OLMC SSVP Conference

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### Liturgy Ministry Rota for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - A

<i>Acts 2:14,36-41</i>	<i>Psalm 22</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:20-25</i>	<i>John 10:1-10</i>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	J McCrossan M Connolly	M McGuire	
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Catherine Brown Eric Allan Madaline Musilli	Fred Stacey Maureen Bradley	

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## NOTICES

<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>Special Collection</b>	Many thanks for the welcome that was shown last Sunday at the missionary appeal. The special collection raised was: £721.35 in St. Matthew’s and £747.63 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel
<b>OLMC Reader’s &amp; Eucharistic Ministers’ Rota</b>	Please pick up a copy of the new rota from the church porch. Please remember to make arrangements for cover, in advance, if you will not be attending mass on your rota day. Thank you.
<b>Do This in Memory of Me</b>	The children preparing for First Communion will take part in a special liturgy at TIODAY’S Mass, Sunday, 23rd April.
<b>St. Matthew’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	A regular second collection will start TODAY in St. Matthew’s (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>Invitation From St. Kentigern’s Church</b>	An invitation is extended to anyone in St Matthews to join the congregation at St Kentigern’s Church of Scotland on Sunday 7 May at 11am as they celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Everyone is then invited to stay for Afternoon Tea immediately after the service. Please let Fr. Martin know if you intend to be present as St Kentigern’s would like to know for catering etc.
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass</b>	To celebrate sixty years of the Parish, an Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 12th May at 7pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. All friends and family from Kilmarnock and beyond are very welcome.
<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>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.

*Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of someone else*

*Judy Garland*



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