



# SUNDAY BULLETIN



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

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Liturgy	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - A</b>
Psalm Response	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." 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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### Risen

All the evidence points conclusively that Jesus did rise from the dead. Many people have weighed the evidence and decided it must have happened. Some have even set out with the aim of disproving Jesus' physical resurrection. Yet on weighing all the evidence, they too have concluded that it must be true and have become Christians. C.S. Lewis for a long time resisted believing the gospel message, before he eventually came to a personal faith. He considered himself England's least willing convert.

John saw the evidence and believed. Peter initially went away thoughtful before encountering the risen Jesus personally. The Pharisees and other religious leaders simply refused to believe. The challenge today is still the same. In recent months I have spent time with several people talking through this evidence. Whilst putting our trust in what Jesus has said and done doesn't require us to throw our brain out the window, it does require us to take a step of faith. Unbelief is fundamentally a heart issue. Voltaire apparently said, "If a thousand people and myself saw a miracle on the streets of Paris, I would rather disbelieve two thousand eyes plus my own than believe a miracle had happened."

Mary was the first of over 500 followers to see Jesus alive – a remarkable number. Many of these people were prepared to die because they were convinced Jesus had risen from the dead. They knew that what Jesus accomplished on the cross was real. They knew where they were going. For them, death held no more fear. Jesus had pulled its sting.

Jesus knew Mary's name. He knows your name. He knows my name. For him this is personal. He wants us to respond as Mary did. We will never have all our questions answered this side of heaven, but we mustn't let what we don't understand affect what we do understand. Like Mary we need to take a step of faith and worship him. . . . . A Muslim, who recently came to faith, when asked what had convinced him to become a Christian, tapped the Bible and said, "It is this Jesus."

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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 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>John</i> 14:1-12	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</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</i> 14:21-26	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</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</i> 14:27-31	
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>John</i> 15:1-8	
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>		6.00pm Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>John</i> 15:9-11	
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.00pm Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> (60th Anniversary Mass)		<i>John</i> 15:12-17	
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</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>John</i> 15:18-21
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>John</i> 14:15-21	

## 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:** Janet McPartland, Isabel Hanlon, Agnes Cameron, Agnes Morrison and John Sharkey  
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)

#### Community Support

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#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - A

<i>Acts</i> 8:5-8,14-17	<i>Psalm</i> 65	<i>1 Peter</i> 3:15-18	<i>John</i> 14:15-21
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	J Summers C Harper		S Hollywood
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Maureen Bradley Eric Allan Michael Thomson		Clare Gordon Martin Dempster

#### Collection Totals. Thank you for your generosity

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## NOTICES

<b>Baptism Congratulations</b>	To Kathleen Casey who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Sun 7th – 5th Sunday of Easter Year A; Sun 14th – 6th Sunday of Easter Year A.
<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>Community Lunch</b>	Our next Community Lunch will take place on Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May, starting 12.45. Everyone is welcome to come and serve, lunch or set up.
<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>Ascension Thursday</b>	Takes place on Thursday, 18th May and is a Holyday of Obligation. Our Masses will be: 9.30am in St. Matthew's; and 11am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
<b>Christian Aid Appeal</b>	They have received permission to hold a collection for Christian Aid in Tesco Extra, West Shaw Street, Kilmarnock on Saturday, 20th May. Christian Aid collecting buckets and tabards will be provided. If anyone is willing and able to help, please contact Helen Colman: helenmcolman@gmail.com or on 01563 524259.
<b>Special Collection</b>	The second collection on Sunday 21st May (Communications Sunday) will be for the Church's 'Communication Fund' to promote the work of the Church in the field of communications.
<b>Silent Disco</b>	Do you like listening to, and dancing to, Disco music! Come along to St Sophia's Church Hall in Galston on Friday 26th May at 7pm. The event will cost £10 per person and is to raise funds for St. Sophia's Building Fund. For more information, contact Hannah 07971 922 631.
<b>Race Night</b>	Hillhouse are having a Race Night on Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May in St Joseph's Church Hall from 7pm-11.30pm. All tickets are £5, and this includes a buffet. All drinks are £3 each. For tickets, please call 01563 523362 or email: <a href="mailto:mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk">mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk</a> . We look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you
<b>St. Matthew's Parish Pastoral Council</b>	This will take place on Thursday, 8th June at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome. Please note – this is a change of date!
<b>OLMC Parish Pastoral Council</b>	This will take place on Thursday, 15th June at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome.
<b>Please Pray</b>	For the Parish children who over the next few weeks will be celebrating their First Communion. May God bless them and their families.
<b>Prize Bingo</b>	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lourdes Helpers are hosting a Prize Bingo on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May from 7.00pm. Entry is £2.00 which includes refreshments and snacks. Bingo Books are £6.00 and raffle tickets will be available on the night.
<p>THE HUMAN HEART IS EXQUISITELY FRAGILE. OUR JUDGEMENTS NEED TO BE GENTLE. OUR UNDERSTANDING DEEP AND OUR FORGIVENESS WIDE</p>	



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