



SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 14th May, 2023 6th Sunday of Easter - A
Psalm Response	<i>Cry out with joy to God all the earth.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!</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.

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Loving Others

Is a spiritual force drawing us to union with God; indeed, one who does not love others "walks in darkness..... Benedict XVI has said that closing our eyes to our neighbour also blinds us to God," and that love is in the end the *only* light which can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeing their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are open to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. If we want to advance in the spiritual life, then we must constantly be missionaries. The work of evangelisation enriches the mind and the heart; it opens up spiritual horizons, it makes us more and more sensitive to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and it takes us beyond our limited spiritual constructs. A committed missionary knows the joy of being a spring which spills over and refreshes others. Only the person who feels happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness, can be a missionary. The openness of the heart is a source of joy, since it is more blessed to give than to receive. We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide.

Pope Francis "The Joy of the Gospel"

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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 14th May	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 14:15-21
Monday 15th May	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 15:26 – 16:24
Tuesday 16th May	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Funeral Mass at St. Matthew's - John Sharkey RIP	<i>John</i> 16:5-11
Wednesday 17th May	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>John</i> 16:12-15
Ascension 18th May	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Mathew</i> 28:16-20
Friday 19th May	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 16:20-23
Saturday 20th May	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's <i>John</i> 16:23-28
Sunday 21st May	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>John</i> 17:1-11

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, John Sharkey and John Murphy
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Anna Hasson

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 7th Sunday of Easter - A

<i>Acts</i> 1:12-14	<i>Psalm</i> 26	<i>1 Peter</i> 4:13-16	<i>John</i> 17:1-11
Venue	Readers		Ministers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	G McNeill H Kennedy		G Rannochan
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NOTICES

Baptism Congratulations	To Jack Clark who received the Sacrament of Baptism recently. May this Baptism be a moment of blessing from God.
Feasts This Week	Sun 14th – 6th Sunday of Easter Year A; Thu 18th – Solemnity of the Ascension; Sun 21st – 7th Sunday of Easter Year A.
Communications Sunday 21st May	This year Pope Francis has chosen, as the theme for Communications Sunday: <i>Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love"</i> (Eph 4:15) The theme, which connects with that of 2022 – "Listen with the ear of the heart" is intended to form part of the path that will lead the entire Church to the celebration of the Synod in October 2023. Speaking with the heart, means giving "a reason for your hope" and by doing so gently, "using the gift of communication as a bridge and not as a wall."
Community Lunch	Our Community Lunch will take place TODAY, Sunday 14 th May, starting at 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome to come and serve, lunch or set up.
Funeral	Please note the Funeral of Agnes Morrison will take place on Wednesday, 17th May at 12.30pm at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May Agnes rest in peace
Welcome	To the Children who will receive FIRST COMMUNION today. May God bless you and your families. Let today be a beacon of Christ's Light for you and your families.
Christian Aid Appeal	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.
Special Collection	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.
Silent Disco	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.
Race Night	Hillhouse are having a Race Night on Saturday 20 th 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: mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk . We look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you
Missionary Outreach	You are invited to Kay Park Church on Thursday, 1 June, at 7 pm to meet Dr David Liu and to be inspired by the mission outreach of our Kilmarnock forefathers. Dr David will travel from Taiwan to tell the story of "Kilmarnock to Formosa (Taiwan)". The connecting link between these two places was Dr David Landsborough III, who was related to a former minister of the then Henderson Church (now Kay Park Church). In 1896 Dr Landsborough established Changhua Christian Hospital in Formosa. This link with Kilmarnock is very precious to Taiwanese people who continue his work to this day.
St. Matthew's Parish Pastoral Council	This will take place on Thursday, 8th June at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome. Please note – this is a change of date!
OLMC Parish Pastoral Council	This will take place on Thursday, 15th June at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome.
Please Pray	For the Parish children who over the next few weeks will be celebrating their First Communion. May God bless them and their families.
Prize Bingo	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lourdes Helpers are hosting a Prize Bingo on Friday 19 th 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.
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