



SUNDAY BULLETIN



ST MATTHEW'S and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Liturgy	Sunday 23rd July, 2023 16th Sunday of the Year - A
Psalm Response	<i>O Lord, you are good and forgiving</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. 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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PRAYER

We sat down among the dunes to enjoy our picnic lunch and as we sat our gaze was suddenly captured by the sight of what looked like dried-up seed pods. I would probably have left it like that had not my friend pointed out that these were actually pupae of tiny butterflies we had seen.....Inside that still, silent pod an amazing transformation was taking place. Inside the pod 'beginning' starts by spinning a thread from its own body, to attach itself firmly to the stalk of a plant that will hold it throughout the pupa stage. It seems to me that we do something like this when we allow God to draw us into what is called 'contemplative prayer'. In such prayer we cling on to God by a thread of silk spun out of our deepest longings, and trust him to hold us.....

But, of course, seed pods are far from lifeless! They contain all the plant's tomorrows, just as wondrously as the ovaries of an unborn female child contain all the eggs that may ever become new life in the adult woman..... Contemplative prayer can be rather like that. It looks and feels like nothing. In the depths of contemplation there is no active imagination at work, no thinking, no feeling, no image, no petition or intercession. What there is, is that slender line of connection, linking us to the God who holds us. And there is God, nothing but God, or as they say where I come from, "Nobbut God."

Margaret Silf

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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 23rd July	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 13:24-43</i>
Monday 24th July	9.30am Rosary at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Matthew 12:38-42</i>
Tuesday 25th July	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 20:20-38</i>
Wednesday 26th July	10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's	10.30am Rosary at St. Joseph's	<i>Matthew 13:1-9</i>
Thursday 27th July	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's	<i>Matthew 13:10-17</i>
Friday 28th July	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 13:18-23</i>
Saturday 29th July	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 11:19-27</i>
Sunday 30th July	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's	11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Matthew 13:44-52</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: *Noreen Lochtie (nee Boyle)*
May all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries: *Jenny McCulloch*

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, Mary Rea, Stuart Mason Carolanne Gallagher and Margaret Paton.*

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Liturgy Ministry Rota for 17th Sunday of the Year - A

<i>1 Kings 3:5.7-12</i>	<i>Psalm 118</i>	<i>Romans 8:28-30</i>	<i>Matthew 13:44-52</i>
Venue	Readers	Ministers	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	A Starrs I Roy	D Shearer M Wilkie M Urquart	
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NOTICES

Transition Period	During the months of July & August, Fr. Martin will be available to celebrate Funerals and Baptisms in St. Matthew's and Our lady of Mount Carmel. Please speak to him on 01292 313541 or send him an email at martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk
Feasts This Week	Tuesday 25 th : St James the Greater. Wednesday 26 th : St Joachim and St Anne. Saturday 29 th : SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus.
Welcome	TO FR. STAN CHUKWUBE During the months of July & August, Fr. Stan will be living in St. Matthew's and will be celebrating weekday and Weekend Masses.
RCIA	The RCIA process will begin again shortly. IF YOU, or ANYONE you know wishes to explore the Catholic Faith more fully, please contact one of the RCIA team or approach our priest.
Fr Martin St. Matthew's	In thanksgiving for Fr Martin's 14 years of service to St. Matthew's Parish, Mass will be celebrated on the evening of Fri. 25 th Aug. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall. Envelopes will be distributed so that all who wish may contribute to his gift.
Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn	A coach will travel for all Kilmarnock, Hurlford and Galston parishes on Sunday 27th August . It will leave Galston (from Tesco) at 10.45 am, pick up at St Paul's Church, Hurlford at 10.50 am and then pick up at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock at 11.00 am. Please bring a packed lunch. The coach will stop in Girvan for toilets and to eat lunch. On arrival in Whithorn, the Whithorn Experience is an exhibition and visitor centre which has interesting displays and exhibits that tell the Whithorn story. Mass at St Ninian's Cave is at 4.00 pm. There will be Mass in the parish church at 4.30 pm for those unable to walk to the beach. After Mass the coach will leave Whithorn, stopping in Girvan at the Harbour Café for a sit-in fish tea. Bus costs £10, children/young people under 16 free. Fish and chips or alternative to be paid at the café. A great day out for individuals and families. Please add your name to the list in the porch.
Thank You	Margaret Mulhern and family would like to thank everyone for Mass cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received in their sad loss. A special thanks to Frs Chambers and McGrattan
St Matthew's Ministry List	There has been a new list prepared for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. Please collect your copy from the back of the church. Thank you.
Fr. Jim Hayes Appointed	Fr. Jim Hayes has been appointed as the new Parish Priest of St. Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kilmarnock. He will be moving in on Friday, 1st September. The Spiritan Fathers have agreed to send two new priests to the Diocese of Galloway. They will replace Father Jim in Dumfries and will become Parish Priest and Assistant Priest at St Teresa's Dumfries, Holy Trinity, Lockerbie and St Luke's Moffat. There will, therefore, be a transition period between Fr. Martin leaving and Fr. Jim taking up residence in Kilmarnock. During that transition period of July and August, Fr. Stan Chukwube will be living in St. Matthew's and will be celebrating weekday and weekend Masses. During the months of July and August Fr. Martin will celebrate any Funerals and Baptisms here in St. Matthew's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel and he will also be back once a week to settle any cheques/financial matters etc till Fr. Jim takes over.
Bishops' Instruction on Reintroduction of Communion Wine	As we have recently been given permission to once again distribute the Precious Blood of Christ at mass again following the Covid restrictions, I would advise that it is not permissible to in tincture (dip) the bread into the chalice. Thank you for your understanding on this issue
St Matthew's Food Bank	The following essential items are very low in supply. Can parishioners please help? These items are urgently needed for the foodbank: Beans, Spaghetti, Pasta. Meat, Porridge Sachets, Fruit, Custard/Rice, Soup, Noodles and Tomatoes
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