



# SUNDAY BULLETIN



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

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Liturgy	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>
Psalm Response	<i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! 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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I looked at the stark surroundings and went through the motions of this spartan life sadly. In fact, there was a constant funeral going on in my heart. God had left me – alone and here in this lonely place. Then it happened. It was the beginning of the rest of my life.

It happened on a definite Friday evening in the early spring, while I was kicking that kneeler into place for the evening examination of conscience. With all the suddenness and jolt of a heart attack, I was filled with an experiential awareness of the presence of God within me. It has been said that no-one can convey an experience to another but can offer only reflections on the experience. I am sure that this is true. I can only say, in trying to share my experience with you, that I felt like a balloon being blown up with the pure pleasure of God's loving presence, even to the point of discomfort and doubt that I could hold any more of this sudden ecstasy.

I think of the song "He touched me" sung by Barbra Streisand, as the most apt way to describe the experience of that night. I am convinced that all human experiences, but especially the experience of an infinite God, are fundamentally incommunicable. Somehow, God will always exceed the peripheries of human understanding. Precisely because God is infinite, God can never be brought into the focus of a finite human mind; and somehow these brushes with God's infinity cannot be fitted into finite concept or words. I can only tell you that God touched me.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 17:22-27</i>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption</b> 9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Luke 1:39-56</i>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	10.30am Rosary at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St Matthew's</b>	<i>Matthew 18:21 – 19:1</i>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>		12.00am funeral Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> RIP Peter Herral	<i>Matthew 19:3-12</i>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August</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 19:13-15</i>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b>	11.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<i>Matthew 15:21-28</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:**

**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, Mary Rea, Stuart Mason Carolanne Gallagher and Margaret Paton.  
(Please alert the Parish co-ordinator of any changes)

**Community Support**

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**Liturgy Ministry Rota for 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A**

<i>Isaiah 56:1.6-7</i>	<i>Psalm 66</i>	<i>Romans 11:13-15.29-32</i>	<i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>	
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	J McCrossan B Murphy	S Hollywood G Rannochan M Smith	
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	Margaret Merrick Philip Brown Susan Faulds	Fred Stacey Martin Dempster Maureen Walshj Stephen Duff Ann Marie Gilmour	

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# NOTICES

<b>Transition Period</b>	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 <a href="mailto:martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">martin.chambers@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a>
<b>Feasts This Week</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> : Holy Day of Obligation - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity
<b>Community Lunch</b>	Everyone is invited to join in our lunch today at 12.45, in St. Matthew's Church Hall. All dishes are homemade!
<b>RCIA</b>	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.
<b>Fr Martin St. Matthew's</b>	In thanksgiving for Fr Martin's 14 years of service to St. Matthew's Parish, Mass will be celebrated on the evening of Fri. 25th Aug. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall. <b>Collection for Fr Martin's gift has been very generous and we realise that holidays have made it awkward for some. If you have been unable to join in so far, there is still a chance today.</b>
<b>Fr Martin OLMC</b>	A mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell has been arranged for Fr Martin. This will take place on Friday 15th September at 7pm; followed by refreshments in the Norbert Room. All welcome! Envelopes will be distributed to enable parishioners to contribute to his gift - thank you
<b>Hillhouse Ladies Afternoon Tea</b>	Hillhouse are having a Ladies Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th September in the Kay Park Parish Church Hall from 2pm-6pm. All tickets are £12.00 and the price includes an afternoon tea and glass of fizz on arrival. All drinks are £3.00. There will be a fashion show, ladies quiz and lots of fun! For tickets, please call 01563 523362 or email <a href="mailto:mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk">mairi@hillhousehelps.co.uk</a> . Any donations of home baking would also be gratefully received. Thank you!
<b>Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn</b>	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.
<b>October Month of Mission Talks</b>	All Talks will begin at 7.00pm and will take place in St. Matthew's Hall. Thursday 5th October: Archbishop Leo Cushley 'The Mission of the Church' Thursday 12th October: Fr. Dixie Taylor 'The Mission and Scripture' Thursday 19th October: Marianne Luchessi 'The Mission and Prayer' Thursday 26th October: 'The Mission and Young People'
<b>National Pilgrimage to Carfin</b>	The National Pilgrimage to Scotland's Marian Shrine will take place on Sunday 3rd September with Mass at 3 pm. At this Mass the bishops, priests and people of Scotland will pray for peace in our world, particularly in Ukraine. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in the UK will preach at the Mass, and the Choir of the Ukrainian Catholic Community in Scotland will participate in the Mass along with the Motherwell Diocesan Choir. A bus will run from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock for anyone wishing to participate, leaving around 1 pm. Given the particular need for peace in our world at this time I would encourage as many as possible to take part. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you wish a place on the coach. Cost £10.
<b>OLMC Readers and Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Would you like to read at mass on Sundays or during the week? If so, please speak with me anytime so we can add you to the rota. It would only be once every few weeks and would be greatly appreciated. Also, we need more Eucharistic ministers to assist in the distribution of the host and the precious blood - if you would like to do this then please speak with me - training is given! Many thanks as always. Frances
<b>St. Sophia's Ladies Fun Quiz Night</b>	Ladies, get your team together (max 6) and come along to St Sophia's Church Hall on Friday 1st September, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5.00 per person and we will have Music Bingo and a raffle too. As this is BYOB you are sure to have fun. For tickets, contact Hannah Farley on 07971922631, we would love to have you join us.
<b>Help Required</b>	If you can spare a couple of hours on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 15.30 hrs. Please come along to St Matthews and help with packing and distribution of food supplies.
<b>St Matthew's Food Bank</b>	<b>Urgently required for Foodbank</b> Tins of: Soup, Beans, Spaghetti, Potatoes, Custard and Rice, Fruit and Cold Meat. Packets of: Pasta and Rice Thank you for all your help in helping the needy in our community
<b>Aeolian Male Choir</b>	To Gentlemen old and young. Singing is very good for you, relaxes you and is good for all aspects of your health. The Aeolian Male Voice Choir is starting their new session on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Howard Centre, Portland Rd, Kilmarnock. Why not come along and give it a try, it will cost nothing and the first night will finish with drinks and eats. Great camaraderie! No audition required! No sight reading of music required either. Good fun!

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