

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Sunday 19th November, 2023

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy

33rd Sunday of the Year - A

World Day of the Poor

Sunday Masses

9.30am at St Matthew's

11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Psalm 62 Response

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

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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Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

Sunday 19th November	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Rose Duffy (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Sp.Int (MMcC).	<i>Matthew</i> 25:14-30	
Monday 20th November	Our Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10.00 Mass at St. Joseph's	<i>Luke</i> 18:35-43	
Tuesday 21st November	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.	<i>Matthew</i> 12:46-50	
Wednesday 22nd November	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.	Requiem for John Quigley RIP.	<i>Luke</i> 19:11-28	
Thursday 23rd November	9.30am Rosary at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St Matthew's. Intention: Maureen Orr (RecDec).	<i>Luke</i> 19:41-44	
Friday 24th November	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Cathie Carolan (3rd Ann) and deceased members of Carolan and McNulty families.	<i>Luke</i> 19:45-48	
Saturday 25th November	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: In Thanksgiving (B.M)	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	<i>Luke</i> 20:27-40
Sunday 26th November	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Seamus Moloney (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Briege Colville (Happy 82nd Birthday).	<i>Matthew</i> 25:31-46	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

We remember all those on the Altar Lists of the Dead in this month of Remembrance.

Recently Deceased: John Quigley, Richard Bryden, Maureen Orr and all victims of war and violence.

Anniversaries: Rose Duffy, Cathie Carolan, Seamus Moloney.

May all our departed loved ones rest in peace.

People who are ill: Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan, Michelle Hanlon, 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, Charlie Smith, Gerda Devlin and Margaret Gay.

(Please let us know if any circumstances change).

REFLECTION

Remember the conundrum, “the one and the many”? Most of us don’t know how to be diverse and yet one. In unhealthy religion, we’ve felt this pathological need to make everyone the same; church has become more and more an exclusionary institution instead of this great banquet feast where Jesus constantly invites in “sinners” outcasts, the marginalised and the ne’er-do-wells.

Jesus, in effect, says “ Go out into the highways and byways.....good and bad alike”


But we don’t like that , do we? We don’t want those people in here with us. Maybe send some money or missionaries “over there” but please don’t bring them here, with us! Our little culture has defined the “bad people” as those others because the ego is much more comfortable with uniformity. People who look like me and talk like me don’t threaten my boundaries.

What a contrast to the Trinitarian God who totally releases all claims on such boundaries for the sake of the other. This might be the essence of the spiritual journey for all of us – to accept that we’re accepted and to go and live likewise.....

You cannot create your union with God ; it is already given to you. The only difference between people are those who are consciously drawing upon this union and those who are not. We are all united to God but only some of us know it. As the psalmist asked,

Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go to the heavens you are there;
If I make my bed in the depths, you are there

SACRAMENTS

Marriage	By arrangement with Fr. Jim. The Diocese of Galloway requires that couples give a minimum of six months’ notice of their intention to marry
Baptism	By arrangement with Fr. Jim.
Reconciliation	Tuesdays and Saturdays during Exposition and at any other time on request at suitable times.
	Community Support. A Donation’s box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for your continuing generosity. ‘Bags for Life’ are always welcome.
	OLMC SSVP Conference. All donations are most welcome and needed. Please use the Donations Box as you leave the church. Email: olmc_ssvp@icloud.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. With grateful thanks we acknowledge the following generosity

OLMC	1st: £176.52 and 2nd: £134.81.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £239.14 and 2nd: £234.52 with the Community Box: £98.00.

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ITEMS FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN: Parish/Diocesan based info/news will be given priority. If room allows we will gladly include items from other organisations. Please Email the Parish Office on either: kilmarnock.olmc@gallowaydiocese.org.uk OR kilmarnock.stmatthew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk	

Ministry Rota for Today. Year - A

Scripture	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	Psalm 127	I Thessalonians 5:1-6	Matthew 25:14-30
St. Matthew’s	<u>Readers:</u> Fran Boyle, Kenny Ainsworth, Caron Bias. <u>Euch.Ministers:</u> Catherine Brown (L), Philip Brown (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sr Mabel (R), Louise Johnston (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<u>Readers:</u> Briege Abbott, Brian Murphy. <u>Euch. Ministers:</u> Marion Smith, Sr Juliet, Agnes Starrs.			

Ministry Rota for Christ the King. Year - A

Scripture	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17	Psalm 22	I Cor 15:20-26. 28	Matthew 25: 31-46
St. Matthew’s	<u>Readers:</u> Maureen Bradley, Eric Allan, Dawn Bias. <u>Euch.Ministers:</u> Maureen Thompson (L), Fred Stacey (L), Stephen Duff (L), Clare Gordon (R), Maureen Walsh (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<u>Readers:</u> Josephine McCrossan, Matt Connolly. <u>Euch.Ministers:</u> Linda Hefron, Suzy Hollywood, Graham Rannochoan.			

NOTICES

Month of Remembrance	It's not too late to leave the names of your deceased family and friends on the Altar Lists of the Dead. Lists and envelopes are available in the Church Porches but they can be written/printed on any type of stationery.
Catholic Education Week	Our annual time for reflecting on the great work that goes on in our Catholic Schools has begun. Today at OLMC we welcome our Head Teacher from Mount Carmel Primary School, Mrs Andrea Ferguson who will share a thought or two with us. Next week we will hear a pastoral letter read on the subject. At St Matthew's we will hear the Pastoral Letter today and a speaker will join us next weekend there to share their thoughts with us. Next Sunday there will be the annual special collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) in both parishes.
First Communion Registration	Parents of children in p.4 should register with the parish to begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Fr Jim.
Community Box Meeting	All those involved in this good work are invited to meet at St Matthew's after 9.30am Mass today (19th) for an update on the good work taking place. Please join us if you can.
St Joseph's Academy Christmas Raffle	Today at our parish Masses young people from St Joseph's Academy ask you to support their annual Christmas Raffle to help them reach out to local vulnerable families for Christmas. A marvellous well-stocked Hamper is among the prizes. See Orla or Olivia after Masses to support this wonderful initiative on this annual Day for the Poor.
Fabric & Finance Committee Members	Thank you to the parishioners who have already volunteered to form the new F&F groups for each parish. St Matthew's has enough now to have our first meeting-which will be called soon. A couple more volunteers from OLMC will get that group up and running too. Chat, call or email Fr Jim.
Youth Hub	All our young people are invited to join us for the Youth Hub meetings. The next takes place in St Matthew's Hall this coming Thursday-23rd November from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!
Diocesan Youth Evening	The diocesan Youth Office Ministry team invite all our young people from Secondary school age and above to join them to celebrate the Universal World Youth Sunday on Sunday 26th November in St Matthew's Church and Hall. It begins with Mass at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. There is no charge-all young people are welcome.
Sick/Housebound	Could those parishioners who visit the sick or housebound with holy communion please pick up a wee form from the church porch to let Fr Jim know who they are and whom they visit. Thank you.
SCIAF Water for a Village	Clean water is a most basic need, but it is so scarce amongst some of the poorest people in the world. By donating to SCIAF's "Water for a Village" campaign this Christmas you will bring fresh water to villages and towns where it is most needed by enabling SCIAF and its' partners to sink a well or build irrigation systems to sustain life. To make a donation contact SCIAF at: 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow. G1 2PR or telephone: 0141 354 5555 or go online: sciaf.org.uk/waterforavillage . See the SCIAF Christmas Real Gifts catalogue at sciaf.org.uk/realgifts .
St Vincent De Paul Afternoon Tea	We had a wonderful Afternoon Tea in the Norbert Room yesterday (Saturday 11th) and another will take place on 25th November from 1pm until 4pm and anyone over 60 is invited to attend. Please indicate your attendance by adding your name to the list in the Norbert Room, by speaking to one of the SSVp members or by email to OLMC_SSVp@icloud.com . We look forward to seeing you there.
Mount Carmel Primary School Christmas Fayre	Mount Carmel Primary School is hosting a Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December in the school from 6.30pm in the evening. They are looking for donations for the Bottle Stall, Tombola as well as Raffle prizes. Please email Marion Smith on mcparentcouncil@gmail.com or speak with her after Mass-she will gladly take any of your donations then too-or drop them into the school office. Thank you so much everyone.
St Matthew's Foodbank	Thank you for all your help in helping the needy in our community. Tins of: Soup, Beans, Spaghetti, Potatoes, Custard and Rice, Fruit and Cold Meat. Packets of: Pasta and Rice are always needed. 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. In need of support from the Foodbank? Telephone 01563 574000 to book an appointment (call before 3pm).
Hillhouse Christmas Campaign	Local charity, "Hillhouse", are once again running it's "The Magic of Christmas" campaign whereby they give out an age-appropriate new toy and a pair of PJ's to each child they assist. They are looking for donations of new PJ's for boys and girls aged 0-16. They can be left (unwrapped please) in the donation box in our Church porch. Tel: 01563 523362 for more info.
Mass Intentions	It is an honourable and ancient practice to have a Mass said for a specific intention. To ensure Fr Jim applies the Mass as you intended please mark your requests clearly as "Recently Deceased" or "Anniversary" or "Birthday Remembrance" or "Sp.Int" or another reason. "RIP" on the request does not give Father enough information to apply the Mass. It would be a great help too if you mark whether you wish the mass to be offered at OLMC or St Matthew's. Each week the intentions will be seen in the Mass schedule here in the bulletin. Thank you.



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