

# SUNDAY BULLETIN



Sunday 3rd December, 2023

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

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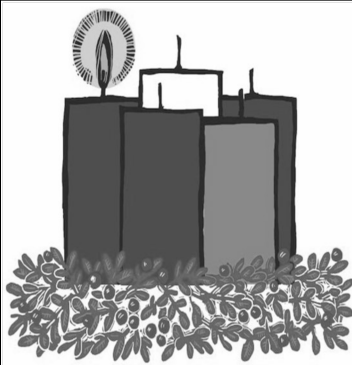
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Liturgy	First Sunday of Advent. Year - B
Sunday Masses	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road
Psalm 79 Response	<i>God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</i>

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

<b>Sunday 3rd December</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: May Brown (Ann)	11.30am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Intention: Rose Allerdyce (RecDec)	<i>Mark 13: 33-37</i>	
<b>Monday 4th December</b>	Our Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10.00 Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 8:5-11</i>	
<b>Tuesday 5th December</b>	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel.</b> Intention: Tommy Surgenor (RecDec).	<i>Luke 10:21-24</i>	
<b>Wednesday 6th December</b>	7pm Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacra- ment till 8pm (Confession available too)	Intention: Jean Baxter (4th Ann)	<i>Matthew 15:29-37</i>	
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	9.30am Rosary at <b>St Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St Matthew's.</b> Intention: Craig Davidson (RecDec).	<i>Matthew 7:21, 24-27</i>	
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	12.00 noon at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	Funeral Mass for the late John McKenna (RecDec)	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	
<b>Saturday 9th December</b>	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: For the Parish	6.00pm Vigil Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8</i>
<b>Sunday 10th December</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: Tommie Thomson (Ann)	11.30am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Intention: For the Parish	<i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	

*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:** Tommy Surgenor, Craig Davidson, John McKenna, Rose Allerdyce, John Quigley, Richard Bryden and all victims of war and violence.

**Anniversaries:** Jean Baxter, Tommie Thomson, May Brown.

**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

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. Come, Lord, Jesus.

### SACRAMENTS

<b>Marriage</b>	By arrangement with Fr. Jim. The Diocese of Galloway requires that couples give a minimum of six months' notice of their intention to marry
<b>Baptism</b>	By arrangement with Fr. Jim.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	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: £221.52 and 2nd for Catholic Education: £219.66.
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £235.01 and 2nd for Catholic Education: £298.27 with the Community Box: £58.95

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### Ministry Rota for Today. Year A

Scripture	Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8	Psalm 79	I Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13: 33-37
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Anne Gillion, Fred Stacey and Maureen Walsh <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Maureen Bradley (L), Catherine Brown (L), Martin Dempster (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Sr Mabel (R).			
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Collette Lamberth and Donna Shearer <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Mies Murphy, Brian Murphy and Charlie Harper			

### Ministry Rota for 10th December– The Second Sunday of Advent. Year B

Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11	Psalm 84	II Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Orla Duff, Michael Thomson, Madaline Musilli <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Maureen Thomson (L), Larry Tommie (L), Clare Gordon (L), Louise Johnston (R), Stephen Duff (R).			
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Joan Summer, Charlie Harper <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Josephine McCrossan, Suzy Hollywood, Marie Urquhart.			

# NOTICES

Community Lunch At St Matthew's	Our Christmas Lunch will be served next Sunday (10th) from 12.45pm. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the atmosphere and delicious traditional food.
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.
St Joseph's Academy Christmas Raffle	Orla and Olivia are back today after Masses with tickets for this wonderful raffle with wonderful prizes all to benefit families in our own area associated with the school. Thanks for your support.
Fabric & Finance Committee Members	More volunteers from OLMC will get this group up and running would be appreciated. Chat, call or email Fr Jim.
Youth Hub	All our young people in Secondary School are invited to join us for the Youth Hub meetings. The next takes place in St Matthew's Hall this coming Thursday (7th) from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!
Thank you	The afternoon tea held recently in the Norbert Room at OLMC to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care raised the AMAZING sum of £917.25. Thank you to everyone who contributed and a special thanks to all those who helped on the day. It was a really enjoyable afternoon and your kindness and generosity was overwhelming.
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: <a href="http://sciaf.org.uk/waterforavillage">sciaf.org.uk/waterforavillage</a> . See the SCIAF Christmas Real Gifts catalogue at <a href="http://sciaf.org.uk/realgifts">sciaf.org.uk/realgifts</a> .
Christmas Card Delivery	The 91st Ayrshire (St Joseph's) Scout Group will be delivering Christmas cards within the Kilmarnock town area, Hurlford and Crookedholm only. Please ensure all cards are correctly and fully addressed to ensure delivery. The cost is 40p per card. Collection points are Beaver, Cub and Scout gatherings on 6th and 7th December; then at all Masses at St Joseph's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Matthew's Churches on 9th and 10th December. Deliveries will take place over the weekend of 16th/17th December. This fundraising effort is very important for the success of our Scout Group throughout the year. Thank you for your support.
St Andrew's Primary School	The Primary School is hosting a Christmas Market on Friday 8th December in the school from 6-8pm, There will be Crafts, Raffle, Gifts, Tombola etc-see you all there!
Children's Liturgy Christmas prep	Our CL teams will work with the children over Advent to prepare their contribution to our Christmas Eve Masses. At OLMC the children are asked to volunteer to the leaders and wait behind after Mass today (3rd) to practice for about 20 minutes.
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). The Foodbank will now open from 3.30pm till 5.30pm as the dark, cold nights begin to bed in. It will close after service on the 21st December till the 4th January for the Christmas break.
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 really struggling with all sizes-Josephine has left a list of the sizes they are looking for at the back of church-have a wee look. They can be left (unwrapped please) in the donation box in our Church porch. Tel: 01563 523362 for more info.
St Matthew's Hall Christmas Clean-Up	Around this time of year a few volunteers are asked for to work with the Hall Co-Ordinator, Margaret (Merrick), to prepare the Hall for the Christmas season-mainly to clean the windows, blinds etc. If you can help please let Margaret know on 07765715798 or Email: <a href="mailto:margaret.merrick@btinternet.com">margaret.merrick@btinternet.com</a>
Advent Penance Service	On Monday 18th December a joint Penance Service will take place at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Hill Street, where 3 priests will be available for Sacramental Confession. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the great Feast of Christmas-celebrating God's wonderful love and mercy for us all.
Advent/Christmas Dates to help you plan	06, 13 and 20 December 7pm Mass followed by Adoration till 8pm in OLMC. 17 December: 4.30pm-6.30pm Advent Quiet Time in OLMC 17 December: 7pm Joint service of Carols by Candlelight in OLMC 24 December: 5pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in St Matthew's 24 December: 7pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in OLMC 25 December: 10am Christmas Day Mass in St Matthew's 01 January 2024: 10am Mass at OLMC 01 January 2024: 12 noon Mass at St Matthew's



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