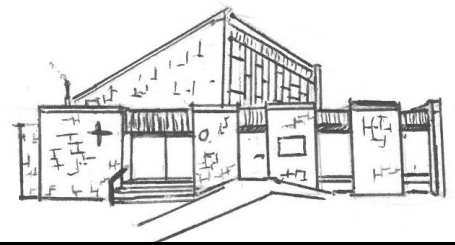


SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 14th January, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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	Liturgy	Second Sunday of the Year (B)
	Sunday Masses	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road
	Psalm Response:	<i>Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</i>
	Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
<p>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. LIVESTREAM MASSES: YouTube Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Matthew's Kilmarnock and YouTube St Joseph's Church Kilmarnock</p>		

Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

Sunday 14th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Patricia Stevenson (Ann)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Kenneth Trayner (RecDec) and Mary Power (7th Ann).	John 1:35-42	
Monday 15th January	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.	Mark 2:18-22	
Tuesday 16th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: Gillian Buxley Rannochoan (RecDec) and Gerry Murphy (RecDec).	Mark 2:23-28	
Wednesday 17th January	10.00am Mass at St Matthew's	Intention: Oisín Fields (Ann)	Mark 3:1-6	
Thursday 18th January	9.30am Rosary at St Matthew's	10am Mass at St Matthew's Intention: Anna Hendry (Ann)	Mark 3:7-12	
Friday 19th January	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: James Mackin (Sp.Int) and Murdoch & Christine McGuire (Sp.Int).	Mark 3:13-19	
Saturday 20th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: John Murtagh (Ann)	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	Mark 3:20-21
Sunday 21st January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Dymphna Brennan (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Sarah Lobban (2nd Ann) and James McClung (Ann).	Mark 1:14-20	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

We remember all those who are in need of our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Gillian Ronnochan, Gerry Murphy, Dymphna Brennan, Kathleen Chambers, Mary Hasson, Ellen McAllister, Kenneth Trayner and all victims of war and violence.

Anniversaries: Patricia Stevenson, Mary Power, Oisín Fields, Anna Hendry, John Murtagh, Sarah Lobban and James McClung.

People who are ill: James Mackin, Murdoch Maguire, Mary McLaughlin, Ann Gillion, Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan, Michelle Hanlon, Michelle Dunne, Leona McAllister, Donald Gibon, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, 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).

Riverbed of Mercy


There is a place in you that is not touched by coming and going, by up or down, by for or against, by totally right or totally wrong. It is patient with both goodness and evil, exactly as God seemingly is. It does not rush to judgement or demand closure right now. Rather, it stands vigilant and patient in the tragic gap that almost every moment offers. Could this be the essence of faith?

God is a riverbed of mercy that underlies all the ephemeral flotsam and jetsam of your life. This riverbed is vast, silent, restful and resourceful ; it receives and also releases all the comings and goings. It is awareness itself (as opposed to judgement or thinking). It refuses to be pulled into the emotional and mental tugs-of-war that form most of human life. To look out from this untouchable silence is to live from your soul space, where God dwells most generously. St Teresa of Avilla says, "I, myself , can come up with nothing as magnificent as the beauty and amplitude of a soul.....The fact that the soul is made in God's image means that it is very difficult for us to understand its sublime dignity and loveliness."

Far too many humans suffer from a negative self-image, when an entirely positive one has been given to them for free.

Fr Richard Rohr OFM

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: £209.70 and 2nd: £135.13.
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £246.67 and 2nd: £178.75 with the Community Box: £70.96.

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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 . Deadline: Thursdays 10am.	

Ministry Rota for 14th January 2024– The 2nd Sunday in OT-Year B.

Scripture	Isaiah 49:3,5-6	Psalms 39	I Cor. 1:1-3	John 1:35-42
St. Matthew's	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Michael Thomson, Caron Bias. Euch.Ministers: Clare Gordon(L), Catherine Brown (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Philip Brown (R), Sr Mabel (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Josephine McCrossan and M Connolly. Euch.Ministers: Linda Hefron, John Hefron and Sr Mabel			

Ministry Rota for 21st January 2024– The 3rd Sunday in OT-Year B.

Scripture	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 24	I Cor. 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
St. Matthew's	Readers: Gerry Coyle, Madaline Musilli and Margaret Merrick. Euch.Ministers: Larry Tommie (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Louise Johnston (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Collette Lamberth and Donna Shearer. Euch.Ministers: Agnes Starrs, Marie Wilkie and Marion Smith.			

NOTICES

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Ordination of our new Bishop</h2>	<p>Bishop-elect Fr Francis Dougan will be Ordained in St Peter's Church, Ardrossan at 11am on Saturday 9th March and the very next day on Sunday 10th March (Mother's Day) he will take "possession" of St Margaret's Cathedral in Ayr at a celebratory Mass at 3pm. To enable a wee bit of control of the capacity our parishes will be given a share of the invitations to each ceremony and those who wish to attend can sign-up as hopeful guests and we will have a raffle to allocate our share. We hope to distribute sign-up slips next week-end. The Parish Hall at St Peter's will have a first come, first seated policy for those who were unlucky in the invitation draw but want to be there and follow the ceremony on live screens. Both ceremonies will be Live streamed also to follow at home. Let us keep Fr Dougan in our prayers as he prepares to take up residence in Candida Casa, Ayr and prepare for this wonderful historical occasion. St Ninian-pray for him, pray for us all.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Community Meal</h3>	<p>Please join us in the Parish Hall at St Matthew's today (14th) at 12.45pm to enjoy another tasty Sunday lunch with a wee bit of company and chat. It is free and all are welcome.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Youth Hub</h3>	<p>All our young people from p.7 up to VI form in Secondary School are invited to join us for the Youth Hub meetings. The next takes place in St Matthew's Hall on Thursday 25th January from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">First Communion Programme</h3>	<p>We welcome the First Communion children to Mass today. After Mass the families are asked to pick up this month's special newsletter for the family to use at home.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">First Confession Programme</h3>	<p>Parents of children in p.3 should register with the parish to begin their preparation for the Sacrament in Lent of this year. Invitation letters have been distributed by both Primary Schools. We look forward to the 1st Parents' meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall on 30th January at 7pm.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">HCPT Lourdes Quiz Night and Raffle</h3>	<p>During the Easter week, young parishioners from St Joseph's parish, Mark and Kieran O'Neill, will be travelling to Lourdes as part of the HCPT Easter pilgrimage with Group 138 led by Fr Martin Chambers. They are fundraising to help take disabled and disadvantaged children and young people from Ayrshire. In order to do so they are running a quiz night on 24th February in St Joseph's Church hall. Please come along for 7:30pm. £3 per person. No sign up needed, pay on the night. Teams of up to a maximum of 6 people. Raffle donations welcome. Cash prize to be won. BYOB and snacks!</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Access to Church</h3>	<p>Access to our services isn't just about ramps and wider doorways but a number of our parishioners are now unable to drive due to failing health. We are looking for a body of volunteers with cars to organize themselves into a voluntary taxi service offering lifts to and from church on a monthly basis to those who might not otherwise be able to attend anymore. Anyone interested in joining this "Car Club" are asked to meet after Masses today (14th). Hopefully we can take this forward and help with this growing need.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">St Andrew's Primary School p.1 Registration.</h3>	<p>Registration week for new P1s (August 2024) will take place from Monday 8 January 2024 until Friday 12 January 2024 for children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025, and whose parents/carers wish them to attend school. Registration forms should be completed online on East Ayrshire Council website and submitted no later than Friday 12 January 2024. Further details will follow after the Christmas holidays. Placing requests for P1's should be completed and submitted no later than 31 January 2024. If you wish to have a look at the P1 classrooms in St Andrew's Primary then please contact the school, all places on the walk round must be booked in advance. Tel: 01563 549549.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Mount Carmel Primary School.</h3>	<p>Our Head Teacher, Mrs Fergusson, would appreciate parishioners returning their School Survey sheets by this coming Friday (19th). Hand them into the school office or here at the Church. The Parent Council will hold their regular meeting this Wednesday (17th) on-line at 6.30pm.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Ecumenical News</h3>	<p>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Church Service will take place in St Marnock's Church on Sunday 21st January at 3pm to which all are welcome.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">SSVP Seniors Club 1st meeting At OLMC</h3>	<p>Due to the overwhelming feedback from our Seniors OLMC SSVP are delighted to invite all Seniors to their first meeting of the new club in the Norbert Room at OLMC from 1.30pm till 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th January. There will be a flexible programme with the opportunity to learn new things, try different activities, enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a blether with friends. Feel free to bring your favourite game, your sewing, knitting, or a friend. There's even the chance to win a prize by designing a name for our new club. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th. For more information feel free to speak to Irene, Celia or any member of SSVP. There will be no charge for the Club-all seniors are welcome.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Used Stamps Wanted!</h3>	<p>Don't throw out your used stamps as they can be collected to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society all year round. Please leave in the Church Porch for collection. Thanks for a bumper response over Christmas-keep them coming!</p>



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