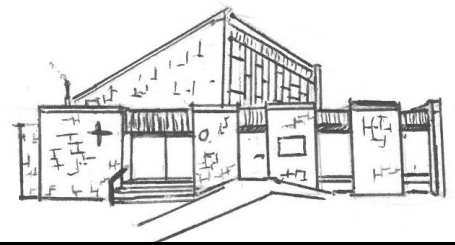


SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 28th January, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy

Fourth 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:

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. 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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES: [YouTube Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Matthew's Kilmarnock](#) and [YouTube St Joseph's Church Kilmarnock](#)

Service Schedule for the Forthcoming Week

Sunday 28th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Mary Hasson (RecDec) and Po Kam Faustina Wong (Gravely ill).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Mary Murphy (RecDec) and Carolyn Harper (5th Ann).	Mark 1:21-28
Monday 29th January	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.		Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday 30th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: Agnes Colgan (RecDec), Scott Margison (RecDec) and Edward Kenney (Ann).	Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday 31st January	10.00am Mass at St Matthew's	Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec)	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday 1st February	9.30am Rosary at St Matthew's	10am Mass at St Matthew's Intention: Jordan Robertson (Ann)	Mark 6:7-13
Friday 2nd February	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Mary Murphy (RecDec)	Mark 6:14-29
Saturday 3rd February	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec)	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's Mark 6:30-34
Sunday 4th February	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Margaret Menneteau (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Fr Tommy McNulty (RecDec)	Mark 1:29-39

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Tommy McNulty, Scott Margison, Agnes Colgan, Margaret Menneteau, Patrick O'Connor, Kathleen Chambers, Mary Hasson, and all victims of war and violence.

Anniversaries: Carolyn Harper, Edward Kenney, Jordan Robertson.

People who are ill: Po Kam Faustina Wong, Murdoch Maguire, Mary McLaughlin, Sarah Hall, 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).


CALLING INTO FULLNESS

Jesus made it clear that we need to care for the powerless and the outsider, not just to help them, but because we need to stand in that position for our own ongoing conversion! Helping others has too many social payoffs: knowing that I still do not know the other is the real message! It keeps us growing. When humans are too smug and content, we have no real need for – or understanding of – grace and mercy. They are just pious words. “I am doing quite well by myself,” we, in effect say to God, and the great transformation can never happen. In the spiritual world, nothing is more of a dead end than any kind of self-sufficiency or autonomy. So Jesus hides out with the crucified ones, He is found wherever the pain is found. Jesus is always loyal to human suffering, more than to any group or religion. That is where we will meet him. Thus he is what mythology calls a shape-shifter, and no-one seeking power can use him for their own private purposes. He is found in what Mother Teresa called God’s “most distressing disguise.”

Those whose hearts are open to human pain will see Jesus everywhere and he will seduce them from that vulnerable place. This is God’s hiding place so only the humble will find him!

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: £247.94 and 2nd: £179.40.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £303.31 and 2nd: £243.53 with the Community Box: £77.00

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St Matthew’s Hall Bookings: Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: margaret.merrick@btinternet.com	
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 28th January 2024– The 4th Sunday in OT-Year B.

Scripture	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalms 94	I Cor. 7:32-35	<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Kenny Ainsworth and Joseph Duff. Euch.Ministers: Clare Gordon (L), Stephen Duff (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Catherine Brown (R), Sr Mabel (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Colin Cox and Charlie Harper Euch.Ministers: Suzy Hollywood, Linda Hefron and Sister			

Ministry Rota for 4th February 2024– The 5th Sunday in OT-Year B.

Scripture	Job 7:1-4, 6-7.	Psalms 146	I Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23.	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Madaline Musilli, Michael Thomson and Caron Bias. Euch.Ministers: Larry Tommie (L), Martin Dempster (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Maureen Walsh (R), Louise Johnston (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Greta McNeil and Helen Kennedy Euch.Ministers: Josephine McCrossan, Graeme Rannochoan and Donna Shearer.			

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. 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. If you would like a chance to represent the parish at either of these ceremonies then please write your name on a wee slip found in the Church Porch and put it in the basket from which draws will be taken to allocate the invitations we receive. 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Ninian-pray for him, pray for us all.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">The Sacrament of Confirmation</h3>	<p>The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for the 5 parishes of the deanery at 7pm on Thursday 15th February. The children will prepare for this by taking part in a Retreat Day in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 10th February beginning with 10am Mass and ending at 2pm with a parents meeting (till 2.30pm). The children are asked to bring along a packed lunch.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Community Box Outreach</h3>	<p>All those involved in this wonderful ministry meet after 9.30am Mass today at St Matthew's for their regular update and planning meeting.</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 8th February from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Ladies Spirituality Group</h3>	<p>Come and join in our next meeting in St Matthew's on Wednesday 31st January from 2-4pm. Tea/Coffee and even a biscuit will be provided! All welcome!</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 this coming Tuesday (30th January) at 7pm.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Access to Church</h3>	<p>If you are having difficulty getting to Mass because of transport issues then our parishes are committed to operating a monthly free Taxi service. Contact the Parish Office by phone or email to register your interest and we'll get back to you as soon as we have made some arrangements.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">St Andrew's Primary School p.1 Registra- tion.</h3>	<p>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;">SSVP Seniors Club at OLMC</h3>	<p>The first meeting of this new initiative took place last week and what a great success it was. It was a lovely afternoon with a good number of friends coming along and having a good wee blether and catch-up whilst enjoying some lovely, easy to do craft work. It was so wonderful to see it take off so well. Why not come along to the next Seniors gathering in the Norbert Room on Wednesday 21st February from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. Chat to Celia or Irene or any SSVP member for more info. Just come along-and bring a friend or neighbour-all seniors are welcome!</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-hand them into either Sacristy and Kieran will pick them up-or wait till on the night. Cash prize to be won. BYOB and snacks!</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>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Justice & Peace Job Vacancy</h3>	<p>The national Justice & Peace Scotland agency has a vacancy for a Campaigns, Communications and Events Coordinator. This is a paid position at £21,000 per annum for a 24 hour flexible working week (some evening and week-end work required). To express an interest and request a job description please contact the Chairperson (Jill Kent) on jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk Closes 5th February.</p>



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