

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 31st December, 2023



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. 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>O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. 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 31st December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Gerry Kelly (RecDec), Ros MacDonald (RecDec) and Dan Hendry (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Terry Bailey RIP (6 Month's Mind).	Luke 2:22-40	
Monday NEW YEAR'S DAY 1st January 2024	10am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Peace across the world	12 noon Mass at St Matthew's Intention: Peace across the world	Luke 2:16-21	
Tuesday 2nd January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: For peace	John 1:19-28	
Wednesday 3rd January	10.00am Mass at St Matthew's	Intention: For peace	John 1:29-34	
Thursday 4th January	9.30am Rosary at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St Matthew's. Intention: For peace	John 1:35-42	
Friday 5th January	9.30am Rosary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Mass Bouquet for Christmas (N.Mc.A).	John 1:43-51	
Saturday 6th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Frances O'Neil (Ann)	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	Mark 1:6-11
Sunday THE EPIPHANY 7th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec).	Matthew 2:1-12	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Chambers, Mary Hasson, Helen (Ellen) McAllister, Ros MacDonald, Alex McGarry, Ken Hargreaves and all victims of war and violence.

Anniversaries: Terry Bailey (6 Month's Mind), Frances O'Neil, Dan Hendry.

People who are ill: 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).



WE HAVE A NEW BISHOP.....


At 12 noon on Thursday 22 December 2023 in Rome it was announced, that Pope Francis had nominated Fr. Frank Dougan, a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Galloway. He will succeed Archbishop William Nolan who was Bishop of Galloway from 2014 to 2022 when he became Archbishop of Glasgow, since when it has been administered by Fr. William McFadden.

Reacting to his appointment, Fr. Frank said;

“I am humbled and more than a little bit nervous that Pope Francis has asked me to take on this office. I feel confident however that I will not be alone in spreading the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I will be joining with every single person in Galloway Diocese all of whom have a role to play, my role being just one of them. With God’s grace and the deep faith of the Church in Galloway we can continue to build on the solid foundations left by those who have come before us, stretching back to St. Ninian who first planted the seeds of the Christian faith in Scotland here in Galloway.” Fr. Frank added; “My mother was from Ayr, and I spent many childhood summers here, so you could say there is a little bit of coming home for me! But most importantly, we must proclaim a Church where everyone can feel at home and welcomed.”

Responding to the news Diocesan Administrator Fr. William McFadden said: "On behalf of the community in the Diocese of Galloway, I am delighted to warmly welcome Fr Dougan as our new bishop. I can assure him of an enthusiastic welcome as he comes among us bringing his unique pastoral leadership and skills. I look forward to working with him, and in continuing the implementation in the diocese of the pastoral and prophetic vision offered by Pope Francis for the Church today. "

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: £261.97 and 2nd: £154.61. Christmas Vigil for J&P,Pro-Life and St Margaret’s Family Centre: £506.96!
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £304.96 and 2nd: £211.91 with the Community Box: £961.65. Christmas Vigil for J&P,Pro-Life and St Margaret’s Family Centre: £691.10!

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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 31st December– The Feast of the Holy Family. Year B

Scripture	Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17	Psalm 127	Colossians 3:12-21	<i>Matthew 2:13-15,19-23</i>
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Susan Faulds, Kenny Ainsworth and Veronica Kelly. Euch.Ministers: Martin Dempster (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Larry Tommie (L), Stephen Duff (R), Sr Juliet (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Irene Roy and Agnes Starrs. Euch.Ministers: Charlie Harper, Collette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

Ministry Rota for 7th January 2024– The Solemnity of the Epiphany

Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 71	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Catherine Brown, Eric Allan and Margaret Merrick. Euch.Ministers: Cherry Stacey (L), Stephen Duff (L), Philip Brown (L), Maureen Walsh (R), Ann Marie Gilmour (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Charlie Harper, Donna Shearer and Sr Juliet Euch.Ministers: Suzy Hollywood, Josephine McCrossan and Sr Mabel			

NOTICES

 <i>Rest In Peace</i> 	<p>MRS MARY HASSON RIP. Please pray for the soul of Mrs Hasson who has sadly passed away. We send our condolences and prayers to her family and friends at this difficult time for them all. Mary's Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 10am on Thursday 11th January.</p>
	<p>MRS HELEN (Ellen) McALLISTER RIP. Please pray for the soul of Mrs McAllister who has sadly passed away. We send our condolences and prayers to her family and friends at this difficult time for them all. Helen's funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.</p>
	<p>MRS KATHLEEN CHAMBERS RIP. Please pray for the soul of Mrs Chambers who has sadly passed away. We send our condolences and prayers to Fr Martin and all his family and friends at this difficult time for them all. Kathleen will be Received into St Mary's Church, West Road, Irvine at 6pm on Wednesday 10th January. Her Requiem Mass will take place there at 12noon on Thursday 11th January. All are more than welcome to attend to pay their respects at both/either of these services.</p>
<p>Ordination of our new Bishop</p>	<p>Details of when Bishop-elect Fr Frank Dougan will be Ordained will be worked out over the next few weeks and soon announcements will be made. In the meantime let us keep Fr Dougan in our prayers as he makes preparations to join us here in Galloway.</p>
<p>Youth Hub</p>	<p>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 on Thursday 11th January from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!</p>
<p>St Matthew's Foodbank</p>	<p>Thanks to the wonderful ongoing generosity of parishioners, local workmen and businesses the Foodbank at St Matthew's was able to donate £1,000 to the central Foodbank agency CVO. The presentation took place after Mass last week-end and was gratefully received by Lorraine on behalf of CVO. The Foodbank is closed now till the 4th January. In need of support from the Foodbank? Telephone 01563 574000 to book an appointment (call before 3pm). Donations are always welcome.</p>
<p>St Andrew's Primary School p.1 Registration.</p>	<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>
<p>Mount Carmel Primary School Survey.</p>	<p>At Mount Carmel Primary School we are keen to refresh the Vision, Values and Aims of our school. We are looking for the opinion of the local community on what these could evolve to become. If Parishioners could take a copy of our survey from the back of Church and either return them to the school directly or to the parish by Friday 19th January we'd be very grateful.</p>
<p>Ecumenical News</p>	<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>
<p>Pro-Life news</p>	<p>The Diocese of Galloway has begun a new Pro-Life initiative supported by the Marriage, Family & Life Office of the Bishops' Conference. Our own lead in this is Helena Rameckers. As diocesan coordinator she highlights a number of serious issues for us to consider and calls us to action. She is looking for volunteers to join the diocesan group. Please call her on 07961130493 or email prolife@gallowaydiocese.org.uk. Please access rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones for more information about these important legal changes being consulted on by the Scottish Government.</p>
<p>First Communion Registration</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Fabric & Finance Committee Members</p>	<p>Thank you to all those who have volunteered their services to forming these new important groups in the life of our parishes. They will have oversight, with Fr Jim, over the parish finances as well as responsibility for the material well-being of our properties.</p>
<p>Used Stamps Wanted!</p>	<p>Don't throw out your used stamps as they can be collected to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It just takes a minute to tear your stamp off all the Christmas mail you are receiving-please leave a wee border round them-bring them to Church and Kathleen Jones will collect them, sort them and send them off with your good wishes.</p>



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