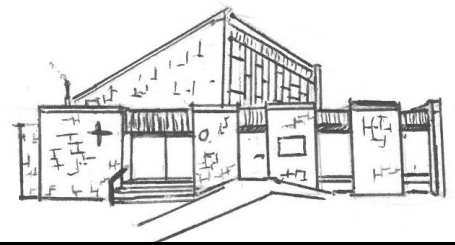


# SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 7th January, 2024



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

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Liturgy	The Epiphany of the Lord. 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>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. 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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY</b> <b>7th January</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Intention: Kathleen Chambers (RecDec).	Matthew 2:1-12	
<b>Monday</b> <b>8th January</b>	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.		<i>Mark</i> 1:7-11	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9th January</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: David McNamara (RecDec)	<i>Mark</i> 1:21-28	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>10th January</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St Matthew's</b> 12 noon Requiem at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	Intention: Alex McGarry (RecDec) Intention: Mrs Ellen McAllister RIP	<i>Mark</i> 1:29-39	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11th January</b>	10am Requiem at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	Intention: Mrs Mary Hasson RIP	<i>Mark</i> 1:40-45	
<b>Friday</b> <b>12th January</b>	9.30am Short Rosary at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Intention: Mass Bouquet for Mary Murphy's Ints & Briege Collville's Ints.	<i>Mark</i> 2:1-12	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>13th January</b>	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at <b>St Matthew's</b>	10.00am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: John Lennon (RecDec)	6.00pm Vigil Mass at <b>St. Joseph's</b>	<i>Luke</i> 5:1-11
<b>Sunday</b> <b>14th January</b>	9.30am Mass at <b>St. Matthew's</b> Intention: Patricia Stevenson (Ann)	11.30am Mass at <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Intention: Kenneth Trayner (RecDec).	John 1:29-34	

*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, David McNamara, John Lennon, Kenneth Trayner, Alex McGarry, Ken Hargreaves and all victims of war and violence.

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Stevenson, Terry Bailey (6 Month's Mind).

**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).*

# JUSTICE & PEACE SUNDAY 2024


Today we reflect on the words of Archbishop Nolan of Glasgow as his letter for this annual day of reflection and call to action is shared at Sunday Masses across Scotland today. He urges us all to re-commit to the Churches Social teaching which inspires the re-imagining of our world just as God intended it. Here are just a few words from that letter:

“We are a long way from living in a world where all benefit from the gift of creation given by God to all. We are a long way from peace when countries continue to fight for what they claim is theirs. We are a long way from a united world where we work together for the good of all humanity. We are not the owners of God’s earth, we are its stewards. The astronauts in space see a world that is beautiful and so it is. It is also rich and plentiful, with resources given to us by God for the good of everyone. Poverty will only disappear when the earth’s resources are fairly shared. Only when we act as stewards and not as owners of creation will there be peace and justice on earth. May Jesus the Prince of Peace inspire us to work for justice and so establish a peaceful world.”



The entire letter can be found on the parish website and Facebook page.

## 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: £268.13 and 2nd: £186.62.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £261.96 and 2nd: £187.38 with the Community Box: £69.10

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<b>St Matthew’s Hall Bookings:</b> Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: <a href="mailto:margaret.merrick@btinternet.com">margaret.merrick@btinternet.com</a>	
<b>ITEMS FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:kilmarnock.olmc@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">kilmarnock.olmc@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a> OR <a href="mailto:kilmarnock.stmatthew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk">kilmarnock.stmatthew@gallowaydiocese.org.uk</a> . Deadline: Thursdays 10am.	



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

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

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

Scripture	Isaiah 49:3,5-6	Psalm 39	I Cor. 1:1-3	John 1:29-34
<b>St. Matthew’s</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Maureen Bradley, Michael Thomson, Caron Bias. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Clare Gordon(L), Catherine Brown (L), Maureen Thomson (L), A N Other (R), Sr Mabel (R).			
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Josephine McCrossan and M Connolly. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Linda Hefron, John Hefron and Sr Mabel			

# NOTICES

 <i>Rest In Peace</i> 	<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. Ellen's Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 12noon on Wednesday 10th January.</p>
	<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 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 couple of 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 this coming Thursday (11th January) from 6.30pm till 8.30pm-it is free!</p>
<p>The Community Meal</p>	<p>Please do join us in St Matthew's Hall next Sunday (14th) for the monthly Community Meal at 12.45pm. All welcome-no charge.</p>
<p>Access to Church</p>	<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" is asked to meet after Masses next Sunday (14th). Hopefully we can take this forward and help with this growing need.</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 19<sup>th</sup> 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>SSVP Seniors Club 1st meeting At OLMC</p>	<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>
<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>Used Stamps Wanted!</p>	<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.</p>
<p>Thank you</p>	<p>As we return to Ordinary Time on Tuesday may I offer a sincere thanks on behalf of all parishioners to all those who prepared our Churches and Liturgies for the wonderful celebration of Christmas. It has been a real joy to celebrate this festive time with you all. May I thank all of you for your generous and thoughtful gifts to me personally, this my first Christmas with you all, especially for the concern shown to me and for me after my wee incident on the by-pass. Your kind offers of lifts and vehicles was very touching-thank you. Here's to a good new year...</p>

*Fr Jim*



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