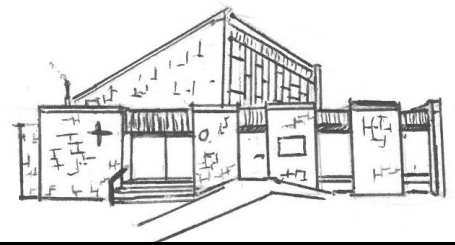


SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 17th March, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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John 12:2

Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.

Liturgy:	Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Divine Office:	Volume 2. Week 1 with proper of the season
Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road
Psalm 50 Response:	A pure heart create for me, O God.
Gospel Acclamation:	'If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.'

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 17th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: John Cuthbert (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Int: Po Kim Faustina Wong (RecDec) and Murdoch Maguire (Sp.Ints) and Irene Roy (b'day wishes).	John 11:1-45	
Monday 18th March	10am Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Intention: Po Kam Faustina Wong RIP	John 8:1-11	
Tuesday 19th March	9.30am Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Solemnity of St Joseph	10am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Patsy Doherty (RecDec)	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24.	
Wednesday 20th March	10am Mass at St Matthew's 7pm Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Intention: Rose Quinn (RecDec) 7pm Intention: Murdoch Maguire (Sp.int)	John 8:31-42	
Thursday 21st March	9.30am Rosary at St Matthew's	10am Mass at St Matthew's Intention: Murdoch Maguire (Sp.Int)	John 8:51-59	
Friday 22nd March	9.30am Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Sp.Int	John 10:31-42	
Saturday 23rd March	9.30am Stations at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Sp.Int	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	John 11: 45-56
Sunday 24th March	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: For the Parish	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: For the Parish	Mark 14:1-15:47	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Patsy Doherty, John Cuthbert, Po Kam Faustina Wong, and all victims of war and violence.

Anniversaries: John McGowne (2nd Ann.).

People who are ill: Rose Brown, Kathleen McCallum, Murdoch Maguire, Mary McLaughlin, Sarah Hall, Eimear Callaghan, David O'Callaghan, Michelle Hanlon, Michelle Dunne, Leona McAllister, Donald Gibon, Frank Mullen, Helen O'Donnell, 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).

How She Breathes Now

My mum said that giving birth is like pulling a part of your heart out and watching it learn the earth. She said that there would never be a day that my pain doesn't add into hers. She said that her heart has been staining her sleeve since she had us And she's probably breathed significantly less since we came on to this planet. She said sorry in advance for the day she no longer has anything to add but her words. I looked up, buried in eyes – hers in mine and said she's taught me the most precious parts of life. A lesson in selflessness. How personal needs should bow to love. A lesson in unconditional. A lesson in never giving up. A lesson I will wear on my skin for as long as I live. A standard of love which I will both seek and give. I've seen the Jesus in her I've watched her channel God. She's taught me how to come second to faith and this has taught me how to hold on.

Sophia Thakur

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: £256.30 and the 2nd collection for SCIAF: £449.266
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £279.96 and the 2nd collection for SCIAF: £590.01 with the Community Box: £110.95

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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 17th March 2024– Fifth Sunday of Lent-Year B.

Scripture	Jeremiah 31:31-34.	Psalm 50	Hebrews 5:7-9.	John 12:20-30
St. Matthew's	Readers: Caron Bias, Michael Thomson and Catherine Brown. Euch.Ministers: Maureen Bradley (L), Stephen Duff (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Clare Gordon (R), Philip Brown (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Matt Connolly and Greta McNeil. Euch.Ministers: Josephine McCrossan, Graeme Ronnochan and Donna Shearer.			

Ministry Rota for 24th March 2024– Palm Sunday of the Passion-Year B.

Scripture	Isaiah 50:4-7.	Psalm 21	Philippians 2:6-11.	Mark 14:1-15:47
St. Matthew's	Readers: Susan Faulds, Philip Brown and Joseph Duff. Euch.Ministers: Maureen Thomson (L), Catherine Brown (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Sister (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Charlie Harper and Marie Wilkie Euch.Ministers: Mies Murphy, Brian Murphy and Sister.			

NOTICES

Rest In Peace	<p>Please pray for the soul of Mrs Po Kam Faustina Wong Who has sadly passed away.</p> <p>Our prayers and condolences are sent to her grieving family and friends at this sad and difficult time for them all.</p> <p>Po Kam Faustina will be received into Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 10am tomorrow (Monday 18th March) followed by her Requiem Mass with final commendation in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.</p> <p>May she rest in peace.</p>
Lenten Reconciliation Service	A number of priests will be available in St Matthew's this Tuesday evening (19th) at 7pm for our area Lenten Reconciliation Service. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this great Sacrament of Mercy in preparation for Easter.
RCIA Journey of Faith	Once again Caitlin, Ashley and Debbie from Our Lady of Mount Carmel community take part in the Third and final Scrutiny as they journey to being received at the Easter Vigil. It is a prayer of strength and purification as they make their Lenten journey with us.
The Community Lunch	Please join us in St Matthew's Hall today (Sunday 17th March) for the monthly Community Lunch at 12.45pm. Thank you. All welcome-no charge.
Lenten Faith Groups	The following groups look forward to welcoming you: ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK Running on Mondays throughout Lent St Joseph's Church are holding Lenten Discussions in the Church Hall. It runs from 7.00 PM – 8.00 PM, with a period of Adoration from 6.30 PM – 7.00 PM in the Church beforehand for those who are able. The series will follow the popular Sycamore Catechetical program and is an opportunity to grow in Faith and knowledge of God during Lent. ST SOPHIA'S, GALSTON: In St Sophia's, Galston on Tuesdays from 2-3pm the group will use a book of reflections to share with one another week to week. Contact Fr Gabriel or Marianne for more info on mariannelucchesi@gmail.com
Lourdes Intentions	St Matthew's parishioner, Rebecca, is participating in the HCPT Lourdes pilgrimage in Easter week as a guest of Fr Martin's group. Rebecca has left a wee box in the porch of each church if anyone would like her to carry their prayer intentions to the Grotto. Please seal your intentions in an envelope but DO NOT include a donation as they will be placed unopened at the Grotto and after a period of time they are burnt!
SSVP UR Welcome Club at OLMC	Come along to the next Seniors gathering in the Norbert Room this coming Wednesday (20th March) from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. Enjoy a cuppa and a catch-up and some craft work and hobbies-all for free. 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!
Divine Mercy Sunday	St Paul's, Hurlford invite you to join them to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday 7th April at 2pm with Reconciliation, veneration of the icon and holy Mass. All are welcome. Telephone Isobel for more info on 07827796779.
Access to Church	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.
Seniors Tea for Easter	SSVP will be hosting another free afternoon tea event for our seniors in the Norbert Room on Saturday 13 April 2024 1pm to 3pm. To help with catering please sign-up on the sheet in the Norbert Room. Seniors Age 60 plus from either of our parishes are welcome.
Livestreaming of Fr Martin's Ordination.	Fr Martin's Ordination as the new Bishop of Dunkeld will take place at 11am on Saturday 27 April in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee and we plan to live stream the ceremony in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church followed by a buffet served in the Norbert Room. Please add your name to the sheet in the Norbert Room if you plan to join us or email olmc_ssvp@icloud.com. All ages from both our parishes will be very welcome.
CHRISM MASS	Join Bishop Frank in the Cathedral, Ayr at 7pm on Tuesday 26th March when he Consecrates the Holy Oils and receives the renewal of the Promises of the Priests. It is a very lovely occasion-all are welcome.
HOLY THURSDAY	10am in St Matthew's-Morning Prayer followed by Confession 7pm in OLMC we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. Fr Jim would like to have 6 volunteers from each parish community to take part in the feet washing ceremony. Following the Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be Reserved in the Side Sacristy till Night Prayer at 9.45pm. During this time Fr Jim will be available for Confession.
GOOD FRIDAY	10am Morning Prayer in OLMC followed by Confession 3pm Service of the Passion in St Matthew's 5pm Service of the Passion in OLMC
HOLY SATURDAY	10am Morning Prayer in St Matthew's followed by Confession 9pm The Great Easter Vigil in OLMC
EASTER SUNDAY	Usual Mass times: 9.30am at St Matthew's and 11.30am in OLMC.



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