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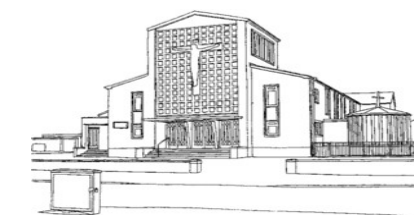
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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 1st December, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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	Liturgy:	First Sunday of Advent-Year C
	Divine Office:	Volume 1, Week 1
	Mass texts in other languages:	virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings
	Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road
	Psalm 25 Response:	To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
	Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
	Memorial Acclamation:	We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Service Schedule for the coming week:

1st Advent-C 1st December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Billy Donnachie (RecDec) and Bp John Cunningham (3rd Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Harry McFarland (RecDec) and Bp John Cunningham (3rd Ann).	
Monday 2nd December	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.		
Tuesday 3rd December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: For my family (Sp.Int).	
Wednesday 4th December	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's 7pm Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Intention: Margaret Cairns (RecDec) 7pm Intention: Billy Donnachie (RecDec)	
Thursday 5th December	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Int: Bill Strannigan (RecDec).	
Friday 6th December	9.30am Short Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel prepared and led by the Mount Carmel Primary School children	
Saturday 7th December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int: Sp.Int-health	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
2nd Advent-C 8th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Tommie Thomson (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Margaret Donnelly (RecDec)	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Billy Donnachie, Bill Strannigan, Margaret Donnelly, Eddie Murray, Harry McFarland.
Anniversaries: Bishop John Cunningham (3rd Ann), Tommie Thomson and all those we ourselves have known and loved.
Those who are ill: Sp.Int for a young woman, Anne Johnston, Billy McQuade, Michael McQuade, Margaret Gay, Helen Hunter, Gerda Devlin, Pat McKenna, Matt Connelly, Janice McCrae, Ashley Kenny, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Kathleen McCallum, Mary McLaughlin, 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.

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NOTICES

Advent Reflection: Eternal Advent

In the first 1200 years of Christianity the greatest feast was Easter but in the 13th century Francis of Assisi entered the scene and he thought that we did not need to wait for God to love us through the cross and resurrection. Francis intuited that the whole thing started with incarnate love.He popularised Christmas. Francis realised that if God had become flesh – taken on materiality, physicality, humanity, then we didn't have to wait for Good Friday and Easter to "solve the problem" of human sin, the problem was solved from the beginning. Christmas became the great celebratory feast of Christians because it basically says that it's good to be human, it's good to be on this earth, it's good to be flesh, it's good to have emotions. We don't need to be ashamed of any of this. Remember that when we speak of Advent, we're not just talking about the baby Jesus being born. That was 2000 years ago. In fact we are welcoming the Universal Christ, the Cosmic Christ, the Christ that is forever being born in the human soul and into history.We're always waiting to see the spirit revealing itself through matter. We're always waiting for matter to become a new form in which spirit is revealed. Whenever that happens, we're celebrating Christmas. The gifts of incarnation just keep coming!

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 on a mutually suitable date and time
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.
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ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £356.09 and the 2nd collection for Catholic Education: £305.56 with the Community Box: £113.80

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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 1st December 2024– First Sunday of Advent-Year C.

New Sunday Ministry rota's for OLMC are available at the back of Church and online. They cover December, January and February.

Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 24	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
St. Matthew's	Readers: Susan Faulds, Kenny Ainsworth and Joseph Duff. Euch.Ministers: Martin Dempster (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Fred Stacey (R), Sr Juliet (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Collette Lamberth and Katherine Jones. Euch.Ministers: Mies Murphy, Brian Murphy and Marie Wilkie.			

Ministry Rota for 8th December 2024– Second Sunday of Advent-Year C.

Scripture	Baruch 5:1-9	Psalm 125	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11	Luke 3:1-6
St. Matthew's	Readers: Fran Boyle, Margaret Merrick and Orla Duff. Euch.Ministers: Ann Marie Gilmour (L), Stephen Duff (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Louise Johnston (R), Anne Gillion (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Owen Jones and Charlie Harper. Euch.Ministers: Suzy Hollywood, Stuart Clark and Marie Urquhart.			

New Lectionary	From today (1st December) our scripture at Mass will be taken from the translation known as the "English Standard Version-Catholic Edition". The Bishops of Scotland, England & Wales have approved this new translation of scripture for use in Church. Please pick-up an information leaflet from the Church porch that will explain this new Lectionary for you. Thank you too to all our readers, musicians and cantors for the preparation they have made to welcome this new authorised translation.
New Sunday Missals	With the new Lectionary coming into use from next week-end you may wish to purchase a new personal Sunday Missal. A Sunday Standard version in Red will cost £19.95 and a Presentation copy in Burgundy or White will cost £29.95. Those who ordered one can now pick them up in the Piety Stall in each church. Order your copy at the Church Stall there too. Payment can be made on collection. Thank you.
Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC)	As discussed at the recent PPC meetings (Minutes now available in the Church porches and online) 3 representatives of each parish in the deanery are asked to a planning meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall from 7-9pm on Tuesday 3rd December to help re-launch our DPC. OLMC has 2 volunteers already and we need a 3rd. 2 volunteers from St Matthew's would be appreciated. Please contact Fr Jim if you would like to represent your parish. Thank you.
	Galloway Young Adults. A new group for Young Adults aged 18-30 in the Diocese will meet for the first time today (Sunday 1st December) at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB) and will meet thereafter on the 1st Sunday of every month. The Church and Hall will be open from 5.30 pm, with Mass beginning at 5.45 pm followed by a talk and discussion – the discussion for the first evening will focus on your experience as young adults in the church today and how we can meet Christ in our evenings. Interested? Go along and join in next Sunday or sign up to the mailing list by scanning the QR code or follow on social media: @rcdgyouth.
Youth For Lourdes	Youth for Lourdes. Calling all our young people aged from s.4 til aged 23 years the diocesan Youth for Lourdes team invite you to sign-up with them as a member fo the YfL 2025 team. Fund-raising begins soon to raise the cost of £750 each! Get in touch with Fr Jim to sign-up. Your help is very much needed!
St Andrew's Christmas Fayre	The primary school invite you to join them this coming Friday evening (6th) for their Christmas Fayre from 6pm till 8pm. All manner of goodies and treats for Christmas will be available-all welcome.
Christmas Lunch At St Matthew's	A grand "Christmas Lunch" will be served in St Matthew's Hall next Sunday (8th December) at 12.45pm with all the trimmings! It is free and is open to everyone-spread the word!
Toy Appeal	The annual Kilmarnock Toy Appeal in the Masonic Hall, London Road, KA3 7AG is open to help struggling families with Christmas toys and gifts for their children on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December from 10.30am till 4pm. For more information call Christine Oliver on 01563 523157. See flyer in porch for details.
OLMC U R Welcome Club	The Seniors are off to the Pavillion in Glasgow this Wednesday (4th) to enjoy a seasonal Panto-"Beauty & the Beastie". We hope they all have a great time! The next (free) meeting for our Seniors group takes place in OLMC Norbert Room on Wednesday 11th December from 1.30pm to 3.30pm for a wonderful seasonal Christmas party! All seniors and friends welcome.
St Vincent De Paul Afternoon Tea	On behalf of all the seniors who have recently enjoyed a lovely Afternoon Tea in the Norbert Room at OLMC a great big thank you to OLMC SVDP Conference for organising and hosting the events. They were such lovely occasions and were enjoyed enormously by all who took part.
A Choired Taste	Join this local choir in their "Holly Jolly Christmas" event on Friday 6th December or Saturday 7th December from 7.30pm in the Kay Park Church, Kilmarnock. Tickets £10 per person. For more info contact: www.achoredtaste.co.uk or speak with any group member.
St Kentigern's Ceilidh	This event takes place on Saturday 7th December at 6.30pm.
Advent Penance Service	Date for your diary: The priests of the area will make themselves available for our Advent Penance Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7pm on Tuesday 10th December-all are welcome.
Diocesan Social Media	Today the Diocese is launching new website and social media channels to help share what's happening across the Diocese. Stay up to date with all the latest news and events from across the Diocese, follow us: @rcdgalloway on Facebook, X, or Instagram, and check out our new website: www.rcdg.org.uk .
Email addresses	Please note that with the diocesan social media upgrade the parish email address has changed slightly-using "rcdg" you might wish to update this on your own device.