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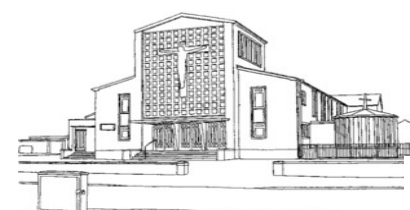
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SUNDAY BULLETIN
Sunday 8th December, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	Second Sunday of Advent-Year C
Divine Office:	Volume 1, Week 2
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 126 Response:	What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Memorial Acclamation:	When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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](#)

Service Schedule for the coming week:

2nd Advent-C 8th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Tommie Thomson (Ann) and Edward O'Neil (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Margaret Donnelly (RecDec) and David Marshall (RecDec)	
Monday 9th December	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.		
Tuesday 10th December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Anne Johnstone (Sp.Int-health).	
Wednesday 11th December	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's 7pm Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by Adoration and Confession till 8pm.	10am Intention: Elaine Rogan (RecDec) 7pm Intention: David Marshall (RecDec)	
Thursday 12th December	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Int: Margaret Bunten (RecDec).	
Friday 13th December	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Sp.Int	
Saturday 14th December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Service at St. Matthew's Int: Sp.Int	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
2nd Advent-C 15th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Sp.Int	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: May Mackin (10th Ann) and Jean Kenney (Ann).	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: David Marshall, Margaret Bunten, Bill Strannigan, Margaret Donnelly.
Anniversaries: May Mackin, Jean Kenney, Edward O'Neil, Tommie Thomson and all those we ourselves have known and loved.
Those who are poorly: 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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TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

There is an incredible power, a blind pressure to grow in all living things. A friend, having bought a house, decided to get rid of a bamboo plant in his driveway. He axed it, dug up multiple roots, poisoned it, covered the hole with gravel several feet deep and cemented a new driveway.....2 years later the bamboo resurfaced in the same spot !


Life pushes outward, reaches and yearns. We see it in adult restlessness, in our greed for experience, in our hunger for sex, in our escapes into daydreams, alcohol and drugs. We are ever the bamboo plant ! And what's it all for? Why do the hormones of our body and the rages of our soul give us so little peace?

In the end, longing and yearning are the spirit of God groaning and praying through us. This is what scripture is talking about when it tells us that when we do not know how to pray, the spirit of God prays through us with groans too deep for words. At its root, all longing is for the fruits of the spirit. All life, all energy – blind or conscious – yearns for charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, fidelity.....

Whether it's a bamboo plant pushing through the driveway, a baby crying for milk, or a man or woman kneeling in supplication, the yearning is for this. What touches you is what you touch. Advent is the season to touch these longings, and to let them touch us.

Fr Ron Rolheiser O.M.I

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.
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	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

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OLMC	1st: £321.96 and the 2nd collection: £191.57
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £279.62 and the 2nd collection: £213.56 with the Community Box: £180.70

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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 8th December 2024– Second 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	Baruch 5:1-9	Psalms 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.			

Ministry Rota for 15th December 2024– Third Sunday of Advent-Year C.

Scripture	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18
St. Matthew's	Readers: Eric Allan, Brian Gilhooley and Madaline Musilli. Euch.Ministers: Clare Gordon (L), Martin Dempster (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Maureen Walsh (R), Sr Mabel (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Irene Roy and Helen Kennedy. Euch.Ministers: Luke Shearer, Linda Hebron and John Hebron.			

Christmas Lunch At St Matthew's	A grand "Christmas Lunch" will be served in St Matthew's Hall today (8th December) at 12.45pm with all the trimmings! It is free and is open to everyone-spread the word!
Advent Penance Service	The priests of the area will make themselves available for our Advent Penance Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7pm this coming Tuesday (10th December)-all are welcome.
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.
New Sunday Missals	With the new Lectionary now in use 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)	Thanks to both parishes for sending 3 reps to the recently newly established meeting. It was a great night with participants from all 8 parishes of St Joseph's deanery sharing good practice and their hopes and fears for the future with a renewed awareness that the Spirit filled syndol, collaborative church is a church worth working for and with. We look forward to hearing more as the group re-forms and helps to discern the movement of God's Holy Spirit.
Christmas Card delivery service	The 91st Ayrshire (St Joseph's) Scout Group will be delivering Christmas Cards within the Kilmarnock, Hurlford and Crookedholm area. It's only 50p per card-a bargain! Please include as much of the full names and addresses as you can.
Holy Souls Offerings	Thank you for the offerings both parishes made with the Holy Souls lists during November raising £805.00. Fr Jim has had a long standing custom of donating the Holy Souls offerings to needy local families to help them enjoy Christmas. The families are truly surprised and grateful for your gift to them in memory of your loved ones.
OLMC U R Welcome Club	The group had a wonderful, laugh-out-loud Panto experience at the Pavillion in Glasgow during the week for which they wish to thank the SSVP Conference (especially Irene and Celia) and the parish for a great day out! The group next meets in OLMC Norbert Room this coming Wednesday (11th December) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm for a wonderful seasonal Christmas party! All seniors and friends welcome-there is no charge-just come along!
Newsletters	The Christmas edition of our regular diocesan magazine, "the Galloway News" is now available in the Church porches. Justice & Peace Scotland invite you to access their latest quarterly newsletter on www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk Have a look and get involved!
A lovely gift for Christmas.....	The Trustees of Fr Martin's Ecuador Trust have issued a reprint of his book, "Walking with the Poor" first authored by Fr Martin on his return from Nueva Prosperina, Ecuador in 2011 with additional foreward by Archbishop Nolan and a new final chapter penned by his good friend Prof. Joe Bradley and some lovely more recent photographs. All proceeds of course will be put to great use by the Trust in Ecuador. Only £10 a copy they can be bought from Maureen Bradley at St Matthew's or Suzy Hollywood at OLMC. Cash only please.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

Date	Time	Event	Church
Tuesday 10th December	7pm	Deanery Penance Service	OLMC
Wednesdays of Advent	7pm	Evening Mass followed by Adoration and Confession till 8pm.	OLMC
Sunday 15th December	5pm	Advent quiet time (Pop into church for some Advent peace) (Confession available till 6.30pm)	OLMC
Sunday 15th December	7pm	Carols by Candlelight	OLMC
Sunday 22nd December	7-9pm	Advent quiet time (Pop into church for some Advent peace) (Confession available till 8.30pm)	St Matthew's
Tuesday 24th December	6pm	Christmas Vigil Mass with the Children's Nativity	St Matthew's
Tuesday 24th December	8pm	Christmas Vigil Mass with the Children's Nativity	OLMC
Wednesday 25th December	10am	Christmas Day Mass	St Matthew's
Thursday 26th December	10am	Mass of the Feast of St Stephen	St Matthew's
Friday 27th December	10am	Mass of the Feast of St John	OLMC