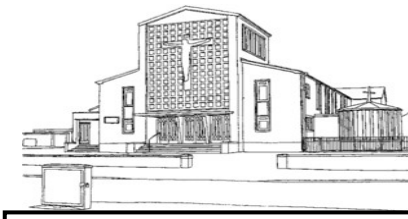


SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th December, 2024



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	Third Sunday of Advent-Year C
Divine Office:	Volume 1, Week 3
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
Canticle Response:	Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. 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:

3rd Advent-C 15th December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Anthony Boyce (RecDec) and Joe Conlon (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: May Mackin (10th Ann) and Jean Kenney (Ann).	
Mondays	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.	
Tuesday 17th December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: May Mackin (10th Ann).	
Wednesday 18th 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: Patrick Layden (RecDec) 7pm Intention: Frank Solomon (RecDec)	
Thursday 19th December	10am: Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Margaret Cassidy (43rd Ann).	Prepared and led by the children and staff of Mount Carmel Primary School.	
Friday 20th December	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Int: Jimmy Boyle (Ann).	
Saturday 21st December	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int: Margaret Bunten (RecDec).	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
4th Advent-C 22nd December	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: George Mair (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Vincent Carden (10th Ann).	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Anthony Boyce, Joe Conlon, Patrick Layden, Frank Solomon, George Mair, Margaret Bunten.
Anniversaries: May Mackin, Jean Kenney, Margaret Cassidy, Jimmy Boyle, Vincent Carden and all those we 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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Becoming Mild


St John of the Cross defined solitude as “bringing the mild into harmony with the mild.” That was his way of saying that we will begin to remember the primordial touch of God, when, through solitude, we empty our hearts of all that is not mild: namely, noise, anger, bitterness and jealousy.

Inside each of us there is a church, an oratory, a place of worship, a sanctuary not made by human hands – a gentle, virginal, holy place where there is no anger, no sense of being cheated and no need to be competitive. This place can be violated when we lack self-respect, lie, rationalize, harden our hearts... Conversely it can remain inviolate, sacred, even through external assault. It is in that place, entered into through solitude and gentleness of spirit, that we have a privileged access to God, because that is the place where God has already touched us and where we, however dimly, remember that.

We have been touched by loving hands, warm, dark, gentle. To enter that memory is to lean on the breast of Jesus and from that place we have the truest perspective on the world.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

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.
	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: £246.27 and the 2nd collection: £121.75
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £535.49 and the 2nd collection: £191.99 with the Community Box: £206.50

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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 15th December 2024– Third 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	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 Hefron and John Hefron.			

Ministry Rota for 22nd December 2024– Fourth Sunday of Advent-Year C.

Scripture	Micah 5:2-5a	Psalms 80	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Dawn Bias, Philip Brown and Maureen Walsh. Euch.Ministers: Catherine Brown (L), Martin Dempster (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Anne Gillion (R), Ann Marie Gilmour (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marie Wilkie and Marion Smith. Euch.Ministers: Donna Shearer, Graham Rannochan and Sr Juliet.			

THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP	BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND STATEMENT ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ENDING THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP, 9TH DECEMBER, 2024 The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have welcomed the Scottish Government’s vow to lift the two-child benefit cap, which could potentially result in benefits being paid out to families of 15,000 children. The bishops look forward to seeing more detail on how the Scottish Government intends to lift the cap and hope that it will be lifted as quickly as possible to allow more children and families to receive support they so badly need.
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Community Lunch	Last Sunday’s lunch at St Matthew’s was a great success with more people than ever joining us. We would like to thank all our regular contributors and those, like NFCC, who promote us on their website. Special mention should be made of S.6 Caritas group from St Joseph’s who brought an extra smile and a song.
Diocesan Carol Service	You are invited to St Margaret’s Cathedral, Ayr this coming Wednesday evening (18th) at 7.30pm for a Service of Readings and Carols. All welcome.
Fellowship of Churches Carol Singing	Join the local Christian Churches at Kilmarnock Cross this coming Saturday (21st) from 11am 12 noon to share the reason for the season to the Christmas Shoppers by singing some Christmas Carols. The more the merrier-don’t forget your Santa hat or a wee bit of tinsel!
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.
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 foreword 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.
Thursday/Friday Change around	Week-day Mass goers are asked to note that this week’s Thursday and Friday 10am morning masses will swap churches for this week only. Thursday we’ll be at OLMC with the school children and on Friday at St Matthew’s.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

Date	Time	Event	Church
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
Wednesday 18th December	7.30pm	Diocesan Service of Readings and Carols	St Margaret’s, Ayr
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
Saturday 28th December	10am	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Innocents	St Matthew’s
Sunday 29th December	9.30am	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	St Matthew’s
Sunday 29th December	11.30am	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	OLMC