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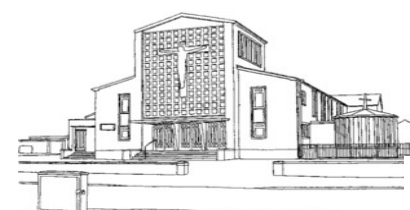
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SUNDAY BULLETIN
Sunday 26th January, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-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
Psalm 19 Response:	Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. 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**

Service Schedule for the coming week:

Third Sunday in OT-C 26th January	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Thomas O'Rourke (RecDec) and Jack McGowan (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Kathleen Boyce (RecDec) and Jimmy Carrick (RecDec).
Monday 27th January	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 28th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Lily Kelly (Sp.int-health)
Wednesday 29th January	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Laurie Jackson (RecDec).
Thursday 30th January	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Requiem for Mrs Mary Craigen RIP
Friday 31st January	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec) and Sp.int-health
Saturday 1st February	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int.: Alan Scott (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
The Presentation -C 2nd February	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Hugh Taylor (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec) and Sp.int-health

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Mary Craigen, Alan Scott, Hugh Taylor, Laurie Jackson, Thomas O'Rourke, Jack McGowan, Kathleen Boyce, Jimmy Carrick, Mary Bernadette O'Neil, Nancy McCloskey.
Anniversaries: All those we have known and loved.
Those who are poorly: Two special intentions, Lily Kelly, Tom Currie, Mary McLaughlin, Dougie Black, Anne Johnston, 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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I HOPE IN YOUR WORD

To live out the Sixth Sunday of the Word of God, which will be celebrated throughout the Church today, 26 January 2025, Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the Psalmist, "I hope in your Word" (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

It is a deeply human experience, as is usually found in the Psalter. Everyone hopes, we all have hopes, but what is communicated to us in this Jubilee is a "Hope," in the singular. It is not an abstract idea or naive optimism, but a person, alive and present in everyone's life: Christ crucified and risen, the only one who never abandons us. Pauline theology is extremely clear on this point: "Christ Jesus our hope" (1 Tim. 1:1). This is a certainty that is placed on our path. In it we must grow without ever looking away from God's faithfulness: "Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy." (Heb. 10:23) The fact that God is faithful to his promises returns like a refrain from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and because of this we can be filled with joy and confidence. Being a certainty of the fulfillment of the promise, Christian hope "does not disappoint" because it is given to us by the efficacious presence of the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom. 5:5). This is why we can hope in his Word. The apostle Peter understood this well when he stated, "at your command I will lower the nets." (Lk. 5:5), which really means, "I trust in you." The hope that flows from this Word arises from the assurance of faith and entrusts us to God's love, who never contradicts himself or the promise made.

H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella
Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization

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 SSVF 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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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 26th January 2025-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C.

Scripture	Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10	Psalm 19	I Corinthians 12:12-30	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
St. Matthew's	Readers: Anne Gillion, Philip Brown and Cherry Stacey. Euch.Ministers: Catherine Brown (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Martin Dempster (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Sr Juliet (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Colette Lamberth and Charlie Harper. Euch.Ministers: Linda Hefron, Suzy Hollywood and Graham Rannochan.			

Ministry Rota for 2nd February 2025-Feast of the Presentation of the Lord-Year C.

Scripture	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 24	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
St. Matthew's	Readers: Orla Duff, Maichael Thomson and Madaline Musilli. Euch.Ministers: Philip Brown (L), Fred Stacey (L), Stephen Duff (L), Louise Johnston (R), Clare Gordon (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Agnes Starrs and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: John Hefron, Josephine McCrossan and Sister.			

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 for the YfL 2025 team. Fund-raising begins soon to raise the cost of £750 each! Get in touch with Fr Jim at St Matthew's to sign-up or Suzy, Luke or Stuart at OLMC. We meet in St Matthew's today (Sunday 26th January) from 3pm till 6pm. Your help is very much needed!
First Confession Preparation.	The time of preparation for the children in p.3 to celebrate their first confession has come. Parents should sign-up by completing a Registration Form available in either Church and from the school office at Mount Carmel and St Andrew's Primary schools. The Sacrament will be celebrated in Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Wednesday 19th March at 7pm and in St Matthew's on Thursday 20th March at 7pm.
Diocesan Day-Assisted Dying Legislation and the Catholic Church.	Please save the date of Saturday, 8 th February 2025 when an event will be held to help us understand how, as Catholics, we are asked to respond to proposals to legalise assisted dying. The event will be held in St. Joseph's, Kilmarnock, however there will also be the option to attend online for interested people who are unable to attend in person. Further details, including how to sign up to attend online, will follow, but in the meantime please contact Helena at pro-life@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or on 07961 130493 for more information.
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025	Joe Walsh Tours are now advertising our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 07-14 July 2025 direct from Glasgow Prestwick airport. The cost is £1,045 per person sharing. Application Forms are available in the Church porches.
First communion	A wee reminder to the first communion children that we meet again after Sunday Mass today "Sunday Club". You should be working through your Project Book, "I Belong" up to chapter 6 by then. Don't forget to finish off the colouring in, word searches and little prayers.
First Communion Retreat Day CHANGE OF DATE	Due to circumstances beyond our control the children's Retreat Day has been re-scheduled for this coming Saturday (1st February) at St Joseph's from 10am till 2pm. With a quick parents meeting taking place from 2pm till 2.30pm too. The children should bring along a packed lunch for the day. There is no charge involved.
YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) EVENINGS:.	Join youth and young adults from across the Diocese for their monthly talks at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock on the first Sunday of each month from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Find the full program of various evenings and events for aged p.7 up to 30 years on the noticeboard or on social media: @rcdgyouth. Also see the wonderful opportunity for a youth pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Contact @rcdgyouth or scan the QR code on the poster.
Ladies Spirituality Group	This group meets monthly on the last Wednesday (which this month is on 29th January) in St Matthew's at 2pm. The group welcomes new lady members. Contact Cherry Stacey for more information on 07 759 943 762.
January Freespace For prayer and reflection	The Freespace Group also meets on the last Wednesday of the month and next meets this coming Wednesday (29th January) at 7.30pm in St Matthews Church. The Freespace Group meets for quiet prayer and reflection and new members are always welcome. Contact gordon_mcgowne@yahoo.co.uk for any enquiries.
P.1 Registration information	To register your child for Primary 1 in Mount Carmel Primary School or St Andrew's Primary School, please use this online link: https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions Registration opens on Monday 13th January and runs until Friday 17th January. Please feel welcome to contact the schools for further information or to arrange a visit. Mount Carmel School Office: 01563 525897 and St Andrew's School Office: 01563 549549
End of Life Bill-Call for evidence	Following November's vote to progress Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, a committee of MPs is now ready to start taking evidence on the Bill. Despite the vote having taken place around six weeks ago, the committee has only very recently issued its call for evidence, which is deeply troubling for an issue of such magnitude as doctor-assisted suicide. It is vital that responses are submitted as soon as possible; to give them the best possible chance of being read and considered by the committee and to make sure they are received before any deadline which the committee might hereafter impose. Please do seriously consider making a submission in the coming days. The website provides all the details you need, including a helpful briefing and a link to the committee's call for evidence webpage.
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew's Hall for the regular Community Lunch on Sunday 9th February. A home made delicious lunch is served at 12.45pm and all are welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful meal and good company-totally free!
Community Action Plan	The local community council is seeking your input to help them form the new community action plan by completing and returning their little survey found in the church porches today. Debbie and Ged from our local areas will join us after Masses on Sunday 16th February to gain first hand your ideas and views for our communities in NFL and North West.
OLMC Offertory Envelopes	New sets of Offertory Envelopes are now available to pick-up from the Norbert Room for the new year 2025-2026. Linda and John will be there to assist. Please only take the set assigned to you. If you don't have a set and would like one just see Linda or John. Thank you.