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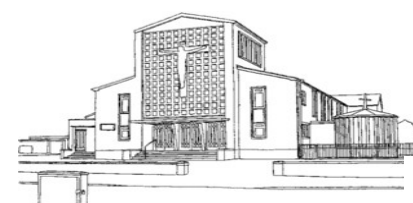
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SUNDAY BULLETIN
Sunday 5th January, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S
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	Liturgy:	Solemnity of the Epiphany-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 72 Response:	All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
	Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. 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:

The Epiphany-C 5th January 2025	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Patricia Stevenson (Ann), Oisín Fields (Ann) and Frances O'Neil (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec) and John Meikle RIP (C'mass Rem.)	
Monday 6th January	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.	
Tuesday 7th January	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Requiem for Mrs Kathleen Boyce RIP	
Wednesday 8th January	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Billy McQuade (RecDec)	
Thursday 9th January	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Int: Hannah Carolan (Sp.Int).	
Friday 10th January	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Fr Ralph Mancini (95th B'day wishes) and Nancy McCloskey (RecDec)	
Saturday 11th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Sp.Ints (TMCD).	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
Baptism of the Lord-C 12th January 2025	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Joan Murtagh (Ann)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Sp.Int: Eileen Bleakley.	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Billy McQuade, Nancy McCloskey, Kathleen Boyce.
Anniversaries: Patricia Stevenson, Oisín Fields, Joan Murtagh and all those we have known and loved.
Those who are poorly: Anon., 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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NOTICES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mrs Kathleen Boyce

Who has sadly passed away recently.

We send our condolences and prayers to her grieving family and friends.

Kathleen will be Received into OLMC at 10am on Tuesday 7th January followed by final commendation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

May she rest in peace.

GOD OF ALL GIFTS

God of all gifts

Save us from hoarding the gold of our lives:

Take the myrrh of our sorrow and heal the pain.

Help us share the frankincense of our priestly call

With a world in need.

And the blessing of God,

Star-Maker, Wise Woman, Guide in the Night

Be with us all this day and ever more.



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: £269.45 and the 2nd collection: £166.18 and on Christmas Day: £475.92
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £227.69 and the 2nd: £176.81 and £864.38 on Christmas Day with the Community Box at: £131.85

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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 5th January 2025-The Solemnity of the Epiphany-Year C.

Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 72	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
St. Matthew's	Readers: Margaret Merrick, Philip Brown and Maureen Walsh. Euch.Ministers: Catherine Brown (L), Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Clare Gordon (R), Ann Marie Gilmour (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Katherine Jones and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: John Hebron, Linda Hebron and Sr Mabel.			

Ministry Rota for 12th January 2025-Feast of the Baptism of the Lord-Year C.

Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Psalms 104	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
St. Matthew's	Readers: Fran Boyle, Kenny Ainsworth and Caron Bias. Euch.Ministers: Cherry Stacey (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sr Juliet (L), Louise Johnston (R), Maureen Walsh (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marie Wilkie and Donna Shearer Euch.Ministers: , Charlie Harper, Collette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

Day of Prayer for Justice & Peace

In Scotland this annual day takes place today (5th January). The pastoral message for this occasion from Archbishop Nolan of Glasgow will be shared at Masses today. For more information about issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice & Peace Scotland on Facebook, X/Twitter and Instagram or check out their website: www.justicenandpeacescotland.org.uk

Sr Rose
....at home

We wish our dear Sr Rose every blessing as she leaves us for a few weeks to enjoy her annual leave back home with her family in Nigeria. As you know the Sisters only return home every 3 years so this is a wonderful trip for her. She will be back among us in mid-February.

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 at St Matthew's to sign-up or Suzy, Luke or Stuart at OLMC. We next meet in St Matthew's on Sunday 26th January from 3pm till 6pm. Your help is very much needed!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITE

Join young adults from across the Diocese for a festive Christmas Dinner TODAY (Sunday 5th January) from 6.00 – 8.00 pm at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB). The evening begins with Mass at 6.00 pm following which we'll enjoy our dinner together from 6.30 pm. There's no charge for the evening but please register so we know you're coming by scanning the QR code on the poster in the porch, or through our social media channels: @rcdgyouth. Galloway Young Adults meets monthly on the first Sunday of every month in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock. Even if you can't join us for Christmas Dinner, why not come along to one of our evenings in 2025? Follow us to be the first to hear! @rcdgyouth.

Diocesan Day-Assisted Dying Legislation and the Catholic Church.

Please save the date of Saturday, 8th 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. Fr. Dan Fitzpatrick (Diocese of Paisley) will explain what the Church teaches, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Dougan, lunch will be provided, and there will be workshops and opportunities for discussion. 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.

Fellowship of Churches

To celebrate the annual Christian Unity Week the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches is gathering at the Salvation Army, Sturrock Street on Sunday 19th January at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.

First communion

A wee reminder to the first communion children that we next meet after Sunday Mass for "Sunday Club" on Sunday 26th January. 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 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.

Community Lunch

All are invited to St Matthew's Hall for the regular Community Lunch on Sunday 12th January. 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!