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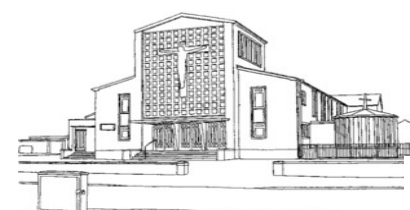
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SUNDAY BULLETIN
Sunday 12th January, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord-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 104 Response:	Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 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:

Baptism of the Lord-C 12th January 2025	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: John Fisher (RecDec) and Joan Murtagh (Ann)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Mary Power (Ann) and Eileen Bleakley (Sp.Int).
Monday 13th January	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 14th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec).
Wednesday 15th January	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Gordon McGowne RIP (B'day Rem.)
Thursday 16th January	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Int: Mary Bernadette O'Neil (RecDec).
Friday 17th January	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec)
Saturday 18th January	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int.: Eamonn McBrearty (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
Second Sunday in OT-C 19th January 2025	9.30am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: George Mair (RecDec)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Nancy McCloskey (RecDec) and Carolyn Harper (6th Ann).

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: John Fisher, Nancy McCloskey, Mary Bernadette O'Neil, Eamonn McBrearty, George Mair.
Anniversaries: Joan Murtagh, Mary Power, Carolyn Harper and all those we have known and loved.
Those who are poorly: 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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 Insiders and outsiders,
 Belonging and feeling left out.
 Where do we feel at home?
 Where do we feel lost?

A sinner forgiven, A lost one embraced,
 Cause for rejoicing,
 Or cause for resentment?

God's sun shines on good
 and bad alike,
 God's rain falls on the honest
 and dishonest.
 The same pay for a day's work or an hour's -
 It's not fair!




God is not fair by our standards
 Nor vengeful or generous by our measure.
 What about all the hard work, the sacrifice?
 What is the point of trying to be good?

"What I want is mercy not sacrifice.
 Be compassionate
 as your Father is compassionate."
 God does not spurn a contrite spirit
 And a humble heart.
 God of compassion, your merciful eyes see not what we
 are, nor what we have been, but what we long to be -
 loving and loved. forgiven and accepted.
 Give us a mind and heart as free as your own, open to the
 possibility of change

Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ

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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 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.			

Ministry Rota for 19th January 2025-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C.

Scripture	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 96	I Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11
St. Matthew's	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Eric Allan and Dawn Bias. Euch.Ministers: Stephen Duff (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Philip Brown(L), Anne Gillion (R), Clare Gordon (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Brian Murphy and Owen Jones. Euch.Ministers: , Marion Smith, Agnes Starrs and Sr Juliet.			

As Christmastide comes to an end with today's Feast we enter a period of "Ordinary Time" tomorrow (First week of the year, Year 1 for week-days). The liturgical colour is Green. It is called Ordinary time because each Sunday is known by its' Ordinal number, "First Sunday, Second Sunday, Third Sunday etc..." and the whole mystery of Christ will be reflected upon in the Scripture and prayers of the Mass. This season of OT will take us up to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (5th March). As the season comes to a close may I take this opportunity to thank both parish communities for the wonderful preparation of our Churches and Liturgies for Christmastime. All your hard work was appreciated by us all-a sincere thank you to all involved. On a personal note, thank you too for your many. many cards and gifts generously given to me. It was quite overwhelming. Thank you very much for all your kindnesses. May God continue to bless our parishes in the year ahead.

Youth For Lourdes	Calling all our young people aged from 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!
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. 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 Jospeh'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 today (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!
U R Welcome Seniors Group	All seniors are welcome to gather for a blether and a catch-up in The Norbert Room at OLMC on Wednesday 22nd January from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. All seniors and friends are welcome. No charge-all free.
YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) EVENINGS:.	Join 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 talks on the noticeboard or on social media: @rcdgoyouth. Also see the wonderful opportunity for a youth pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Contact @rcdgoyouth or scan the QR code on the poster.
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. Not only that, but the committee hasn't even declared a formal deadline for receipt of submissions. This is why 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.