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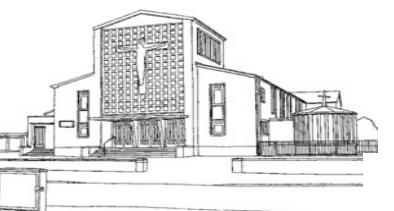
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Liturgy: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

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 103 Response: The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, That you love one another, just as I have loved you. 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/@OurLadyofMountCarmelKilmarnock)

Service Schedule for the coming week:

7th Sunday in OT -C 23rd February	9.30am and additional 3pm Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: For the Parish	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: For the Parish
Monday 24th February	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 25th February	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Gerard McGowan (RecDec) a0nd Paddy McGowan (Ann)
Wednesday 26th February	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's	10am Intention: James Carrick (RecDec) and Maureen Baird (RecDec).
Thursday 27th February	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Service in St Matthew's Intention: William & Mary Gallacher RIP and Michael & Mary Murray RIP (Ann Masses).
Friday 28th February	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: Paddy McGill (Ann).
Saturday 1st March	9.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int.: Bob Birrell (RecDec) and Brian Robertson (Sp.Int-health)
8th Sunday in OT -C 2nd March	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention:	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: James Carrick (RecDec) and May Hollywood (1st Ann).

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rec. Deceased: Dylan Mitchell, Gerard McGowan, James Carrick, Maureen Baird, Bob Birrell, Margaret Cameron and Evelyn Little.
Anniversaries: May Hollywood, Paddy McGowan, William & Mary Gallacher, Michael & Mary Murray, Paddy McGill, Po Kam Faustina and all those we have known and loved.
Those who are poorly: 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.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There's a coward in all of us, there's a hero in all of us. 'Tis a strange truth but this contradiction lives in the heart of every human being – even those we admire and follow. There is a story about the two wolves who are forever fighting in all our souls – the wolf of menace and evil; the wolf of harmony and energy. And who wins? The one you feed! The one you befriend each day. When things are not looking too good, risk opening your heart to befriend the well of courage, The prize is priceless. You find the heroine within, the leader you were born to become. All you seek is already within you. You are made in the image of your Creator. Your truest self is a small flame waiting to burn with immense power and influence

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole

I thank whatever gods may be, For my unconquerable soul. "Invictus" WH Henley

When you believe in your immense potential then everything is possible. That is the purpose of your life, the reason you were born. The quaking is over, begin to see yourself in a new light. The darkness will be heavy, the struggle will be a daily one. And the dawn is very near.

Its up to you , you have the choice, To stay asleep or throw the dice,
To play it safe and then to die, Or trust your heart and - fly!

Daniel O'Leary

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_ssdp@icloud.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. With grateful thanks we acknowledge the following generosity

OLMC	1st: £268.50 and the 2nd collection: £173.40
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £426.91 and the 2nd: £268.40 and the Community Box at: £163.80

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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 23rd February 2025-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C.

Scripture	I Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23	Psalm 103	I Cor. 15:45-49	Luke 6:27-38
St. Matthew's	Readers: Susan Faulds, Kenny Ainsworth and Veronica Kelly. Euch. Ministers: Martin Dempster (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Sr Juliet (R), Anne Gillion (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Josephine McCrossan (1st) and Katherine Jones (2nd) and Sister (Intercessions). Euch. Ministers: Linda Hefron and Suzy Hollywood.			

Ministry Rota for 2nd March 2025-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C.

Scripture	Sirach 27:4-7	Psalm 92	I Cor. 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45
St. Matthew's	Readers: Catherine Brown, Eric Allan and Margaret Merrick. Euch. Ministers: Cherry Stacey (L), Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Maureen Walsh (R), Ann Marie Gilmour (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Agnes Starrs and Irene Roy. Euch. Ministers: John Hefron, Josephine McCrossan and Sister.			

The new OLMC Ministry Rota for March and April is now available in the Church Porch and online. Thank you.

NOTICES

Bishop Dougan's Pastoral Visit	It is wonderful for our parish communities to welcome our diocesan Bishop, Bishop Frank, on his pastoral visit to us. Whilst leading us in the Sunday liturgy today the Bishop will also Confirm our young people who have been preparing with the parish, their parents and our schools since p.3 for this lovely occasion. As well as our 2 usual morning Masses there is an additional Mass in St Matthew's at 3pm this afternoon to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
First Holy Communion Sunday Club	Keep up the good work of preparation children, you should review your project book, "I Belong" up to Chapter 8 now. We meet for our next "Sunday Club" on Sunday 30th March following each morning Mass.
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.
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. Your help is very much needed! We meet in St Matthew's Hall from 3pm till 6pm on Sunday 2nd March-we hope to see you then!
Lourdes Fundraising	The diocesan Lourdes Hospitalite volunteers from our parishes are holding a BYOB Brunch Fundraiser on Saturday 6th April from 2pm till 6pm in St Matthew's Church Hall. Tickets on sale from today at £10 each which includes a savoury brunch, entry to a special prize draw and giveaways. In St Matthew's, Margaret and Anne are selling raffle tickets for the Hospitalite Grand Draw. In OLMC, Agnes is selling Football Teams to raise funds today. A sponsored cycle around Millport is being organised too. Your support for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage fundraising initiatives is very much appreciated.
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.
Youth and Young Adults Opportunities	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.
ACN Scottish Catholic Conference	Aid to the Church in Need invite you to join them at The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for their day long conference "Courage to Be Catholic" on Saturday 29 March from 9.30am finishing with Mass at 5pm. There is a £30 participant fee. For more information or to book go online at acn-uk.org or call CAN on 01698 337470.
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew's Hall for the next Community Lunch on Sunday 9th March. 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! The Community Box Team will meet next Sunday (2nd March) after 9.30am Mass to evaluate and plan their good work.
U R Welcome Seniors Group	All seniors are welcome to gather for their next session in The Norbert Room at OLMC on Wednesday 19th March from 1.30pm till 3.30pm -all seniors and friends are welcome. No charge-all free.
Ladies Spirituality Group	The group will enjoy their annual lunch in Kilmarnock College on Friday 28th February at 12.15pm. Contact Cherry Stacey for more information on 07 759 943 762.
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.
Kilmarnock Fellowship Of Churches	The next ecumenical service on the theme of "Spiritual Care at the end of life" featuring Rev. Scott McKenna, Chaplain at the Ayrshire Hospice, takes place in Holy Trinity Church, Portland Road on Sunday 2nd March at 3pm. All are welcome.
February Freespace For prayer and reflection	The Freespace Group will next meet on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm in St Matthews Church. The Freespace Group meets monthly for quiet prayer and reflection and new members are always welcome. Contact gordon_mcgowne@hotmail.com for any enquiries.
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.