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	<b>Liturgy:</b>	<b>Fourth (SCIAF) Sunday of Lent-Year C</b>
	Divine Office:	Volume 2, Week 4
	Mass texts in other languages:	<a href="http://virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings">virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings</a>
	Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road. KA3 7SH. 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road. KA3 2DF.
	Psalm 34 Response:	Taste and see that the LORD is good.
	Gospel Acclamation:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
	Memorial Acclamation:	When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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:

4th Sunday in Lent -C SCIAF SUNDAY 30th March	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Mary McGowne (1st Ann) and Stuart Mason (Sp.Int-health).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Bob McCloskey (3rd Ann); Ernie McGarry (Ann) and Gemma Kirkwood (Ann & B'day Rem.).
Monday 31st March	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	
Tuesday 1st April	9.30am Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: John McCaffrey (3rd Ann).
Wednesday 2nd April	10am Mass in St Matthew's 6pm Exposition and Confession in OLMC 7pm Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Intention: Patrick Jones (RecDec). 6pm Exposition/Confessional till 6.50pm 7pm Intention: John Boyle (Ann).
Thursday 3rd April	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Intention: Patrick Jones (RecDec)
Friday 4th April	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: Martin Kearns (RecDec).
Saturday 5th April	9.30am Exposition and Confession in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int.: Martin Kearns (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
5th Sunday in Lent -C 6th April	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Fr Martin Chambers (1st Ann-10/04)	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Fr Martin Chambers (1st Ann-10/04)

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Rec. Deceased:** Patrick Jones, Martin Kearns.  
**Anniversaries/B'day Rem:** Fr Martin, Mary McGowne, Bob McCloskey, Ernie McGarry, Gemma Kirkwood, John McCaffrey, John Boyle and all those we have known and loved.  
**The sick:** Stuart Mason, Eleanor McCloskey, Margaret Fleming, Lily Kelly, Tom Currie, Mary McLaughlin, Dougie Black, Anne Johnston, Michael McQuade, Margaret Gay, Gerda Devlin, Pat McKenna, Matt Connelly, Janice McCrae, Ashley Kenny, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Kathleen McCallum, 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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### SCIAF SUNDAY


Today we share the pastoral letter for SCIAF Sunday from the organisations President-Bishop Brian McGee of Argyl & the Isles. Bishop McGee reflects on the ongoing work of our Church's relief and development charity in this its' 60th anniversary year. The message comments further on the particular support given in Colombia, South America (northern neighbours to Ecuador). Thankful local Bishop, Bishop Carlos of Apartado is quoted as saying to the Scottish people, "When you give, God multiplies your offering."

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SCIAF's development work has always been grounded in Catholic Social Teaching. Their cornerstone is Christ's teaching to love your neighbour and walk in solidarity with the poor and oppressed. Developing their approach to Integral Human Development has allowed the organisation to build on those foundations and focus their work on the poorest.

### SACRAMENTS

<b>Marriage</b>	By arrangement with Fr. Jim. The Diocese of Galloway requires that couples give a minimum of six months' notice of their intention to marry
<b>Baptism</b>	By arrangement with Fr. Jim on a mutually suitable date and time
<b>Reconciliation</b>	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: £243.72 and the 2nd collection: £154.11
ST MATTHEW'S	1st: £376.20 and the 2nd: £241.51 and the Community Box at: £175.30

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<b>St Matthew's Hall Bookings:</b> Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: margaret.merrick@btinternet.com	
<b>ITEMS FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN:</b> 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@rcdg.org.uk OR kilmarnock.stmatthew@rcdg.org.uk. Deadline: Thursdays 10am.	

### Ministry Rota for 30th March 2025-Fourth Sunday of Lent-Year C.

Scripture	Joshua 5:9a,10-12	Psalms 34	II Cor. 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Fran Boyle, Gerry Coyle and Maureen Walsh. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Bradley (L), Catherine Brown (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Clare Gordon (R).			
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Josephine McCrossan and Kathleen Jones. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Suzy Hollywood, Linda Hefron and Sister.			

### Ministry Rota for 6th April 2025-Fifth Sunday of Lent-Year C.

Scripture	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:8-14	John 8:1-11
<b>St. Matthew's</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Margaret Merrick, Kenny Ainsworth and Caron Bias. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Cherry Stacey (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sister (L), Louise Johnston (R), Maureen Walsh (R).			
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Readers:</b> Marie Wilkie and Irene Roy. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Charlie Harper, Collette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

# NOTICES

Today (30th March) is SCIAF Sunday-the 2nd collection is for this good cause. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Porch.	
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	We will reflect and pray on the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent following 10am Mass in St Matthew's and 7pm Mass in OLMC.
<b>RCIA Journey of Faith</b>	We continue to keep Linzi and Liz in our prayers as their RCIA journey of faith continues with the countdown to their Reception into Church in OLMC on Easter Sunday. We will continue to celebrate with them the "Scrutinies" (Prayers of Blessing) today and next Sunday.
<b>Fr Martin's 1st Anniversary</b>	As you will know Thursday 10th April marks the 1st anniversary of Fr Martin's passing. There will be a 7pm Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan's in Troon to which all are welcome but we will also mark the occasion with a 7pm Mass in St Matthew's. We will also remember Fr Martin at our Sunday Masses on 6th April. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
<b>OLMC PPC meeting</b>	This Wednesday (2nd April) following 7pm Mass and Stations of the Cross our PPC meeting will take place in the Norbert Room to which all parishioners are invited to attend.
<b>St Matthew's PPC meeting</b>	This Thursday (3rd April) the PPC of St Matthew's parish will meet in the Parish Hall at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
<b>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025</b>	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.
<b>Deanery Lenten Penance Service</b>	An occasion to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during this Lenten period has been arranged for Monday 7th April at 7pm in St Joseph's Church when a number of the priest's of the deanery will be available for you to choose from-A great opportunity to take advantage of someone you're not going to bump into too often (Fr Jim will not be there-honest!).
<b>Youth For Lourdes</b>	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 £650 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 next meet in St Matthew's Hall from 3pm till 6pm on Sunday 27th April-we hope to see you then!
<b>Lourdes Fundraising</b>	The diocesan Lourdes Hospitalite volunteers from our parishes are holding a BYOB Brunch Fund-raiser on Saturday 5th 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 on Monday 21st April. Your support for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage fund-raising initiatives is very much appreciated.
<b>First Holy Communion Sunday Club</b>	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 "Sunday Club" after Masses today (30th March).
<b>Youth Easter Gathering</b>	Join the diocesan youth team in St Teresa's, Dumfries for a fun day of games, activities and discussions to celebrate Easter on Saturday 26th April from 11am till 4pm. Transport available from Kilmarnock area. Scan the QR code on the poster to book or register here @rcdg youth. The team are looking to sign-up adult leaders-once again contact @rcdg youth to offer your time.
<b>Laudato Si 10th Anniversary</b>	The Care of Creation office of the Bishops' Conference invite you to participate in a zoom meeting at 7pm on Thursday 3rd April to discuss and share on the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' acclaimed encyclical "Laudato Si-On Care for Our Common Home." Please scan the QR code on the poster in the porch to Register.
<b>U R Welcome Seniors Club *UPDATE*</b>	There will be an extra meeting of the club next month which will take place on Wednesday 16th April, usual time of 1:30 till 3:30 We will have a personal safety talk from the police and a fire safety in the home talk from the fire brigade. On Wednesday the 23rd April we will visit Dumfries House in Cumnock for a Tea Dance. The Bus will leave OLMC Church at 1pm sharp so those who signed up for the tea dance should arrive at the church by 12:50. The bus will then leave Dumfries House at 4:15 for the journey home. A reminder of those who signed up for the Tea Dance will be posted in the Norbert Room or contact Irene or Celia if unsure. There will be NO club that day in the Church.
<b>OLMC SSVP Afternoon Teas</b>	Dates have been set for the wonderful Afternoon Tea sessions organised by OLMC SSVP Conference for seniors and their friends. They will take place in the Norbert Room at OLMC on Saturdays 26th April and 10th May from 1pm till 3pm. You are now invited to sign-up for your special afternoon on the lists in the Norbert Room.
<b>Easter Morning Ecumenical Sunrise Service</b>	Following the 7.30am Fellowship of Churches Easter Sunrise Service in the Kay Park it is St Matthew's turn to host the breakfast (about 8am-ish). If you would like to help please see, text or call Margaret (Merrick) on 07 765 715 798.
<b>Various Pilgrimages</b>	A couple of invites have been received this week from the Cathedral Parish and St Joseph's Parish for pilgrimages they are running to Knock and Iona respectively later on in the year. For Knock contact Anne-Marie or Jim at Alba Tours on 01698 262941. It will run from 22-26 September 2025 and will cost £680 per person, travelling by coach and ferry. The Iona pilgrimage will take place 18-20 September 2025 at £400 per 2 people sharing. Coach and Ferry from Kilmarnock. Contact St Joseph's for more info: kilmarnock.stjoseph@rcdg.org.uk.