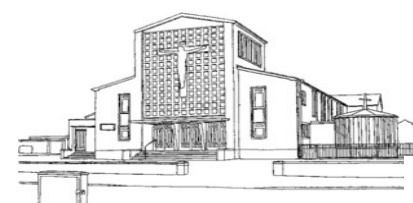


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Sunday 6th April, 2025



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	Liturgy:	Fifth Sunday of Lent-Year C
	Divine Office:	Volume 2, Week 1
	Mass texts in other languages:	virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings
	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 126 Response:	What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
	Gospel Acclamation:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful.. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
	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:

5th Sunday in Lent -C 6th April	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Fr Martin Chambers (1st Ann-10/04) And Kevin O'Brien (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Fr Martin Chambers (1st Ann-10/04) and Kevin O'Brien (RecDec).
Monday 7th April	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 8th April	9.30am Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: Margaret Carten (Ann).
Wednesday 9th April	10am Mass in St Matthew's 6pm Exposition and Confession in OLMC 7pm Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Intention: Catherine McCrory (3rd Ann). 6pm Exposition/Confessional till 6.50pm 7pm Intention: Margaret Cairns (RecDec).
Thursday 10th April	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's: Fr Martin (1st Ann). 7pm Mass in St Matthew's: Fr Martin (1st Ann).
Friday 11th April	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Intention: RoseMary & John Cree (Sp.Int-health).
Saturday 12th April	9.30am Exposition and Confession in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Int.: Kevin O'Brien (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
5th Sunday in Lent -C 13th April	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Hilary Saint Martin (3rd Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Martin Kearns (RecDec) and John McDaid (29th Ann).

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rec. Deceased: Kevin O'Brien, Margaret Cairns, Patrick Jones, Martin Kearns.
Anniversaries/B'day Rem: Fr Martin, Margaret Carten, Catherine McCrory, Hilary Saint Martin, John McDaid 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, 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, Carolanne Gallagher, Charlie Smith.

NOTICES


Your True Self.....

Your false self is most probably the self you think you are! It is not a bad self. It is your small self, still undernourished, still shallow, still petty and touchy. It is imprisoned by the trappings of the ego – your body image, your job, your education, success and ambition – and your attachment to these. The false self is what changes, passes and dies when you die. Only your true self lives for ever. The whole point of life's quest is to lead you to an experience of your true self. It is the purpose of religion of salvation – that the immortal diamond of your deepest, most real and authentic self begins to shine. You are becoming love.

Mystic Thomas Merton writes of the true self, "Then it was that I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their souls, where neither sin nor desire, nor self knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each is in God's eyes." There is a part of you that has always said yes to God, that is always in complete oneness with the divine flow, a music in perfect pitch with the melody of heaven's heart. This is your divine DNA, your inner destiny, that absolute core that is always intimate with the heart of God. All your life you have two companions vying for your attention – your big and beautiful self and your small and anxious self. Have you made your choice?

From The Heavenly Habit by 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_ssvp@icloud.com

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OLMC	1st: £263.05 and the 2nd collection: £640.38 for SCIAF.
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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@rcdg.org.uk OR kilmarnock.stmatthew@rcdg.org.uk. Deadline: Thursdays 10am.	

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
St. Matthew's	Readers: Margaret Merrick, Kenny Ainsworth and Caron Bias. Euch.Ministers: Cherry Stacey (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sister (L), Louise Johnston (R), Maureen Walsh (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marie Wilkie and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: Charlie Harper, Collette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

Ministry Rota for 13th April 2025-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord-Year C.

Scripture	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalms 22	Philippians 2:6-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
St. Matthew's	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Brian Gilhooley 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: Kathleen Jones and Donna Shearer. Euch.Ministers: John Hefron, Linda Hefron and Sister.			

Fr Martin's 1st Anniversary	As you will know this coming 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 10am and a 7pm Mass in St Matthew's. We also remember Fr Martin at our Sunday Masses today. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
Stations of the Cross	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.
RCIA Journey of Faith	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 celebrate the final "Scrutiny" (Prayers of Blessing) with them today.
Ministry Volunteers for The Triduum.	St Matthew's is hosting the Sacred Triduum this year and our Ministry co-ordinator, Philip (Brown), is looking for volunteer Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to cover the 3 extra Mass/service times-7pm on Holy Thursday; 3pm on Good Friday and 9pm on Holy Saturday.
St Matthew's PFFC meeting	The first meeting of the new Parish Fabric & Finance Committee (FFC) for St Matthew's will take place in the Parish House on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm. The FFC group for OLMC will meet after the Easter holidays, date tba.
Best foot forward...!	Fr Jim is looking for volunteers to take part in the Feet Washing ceremony at 7pm Mass on Holy Thursday (17th April). We try to have 12 if possible...please have a word with him!
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew's Hall for the regular Community Lunch next Sunday (13th April). 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!
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.
Deanery Lenten Penance Service	An occasion to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during this Lenten period has been arranged for tomorrow (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
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 £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!
Lourdes Fundraising	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. Sponsor forms available now. Your support for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage fundraising initiatives is very much appreciated.
Youth Easter Gathering	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 @rcdgyouth. The team are looking to sign-up adult leaders-once again contact @rcdgyouth to offer your time.
PPC Minutes	Copies of the PPC minutes for both parishes can be found in the Church Porch at St Matthew's and in the Norbert Room at OLMC.
U R Welcome Seniors Club *UPDATE*	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.
OLMC SSVP Afternoon Teas	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.
Ecumenical Sunrise Service	You are invited to join your fellow Christians for the 7.30am Fellowship of Churches Easter Sunday Sunrise Service in the Kay Park followed by a lovely breakfast here at St Matthew's.
Thank you.	Michael & Elizabeth Bennet of OLMC parish send their love and a big thank you for the beautiful flowers, lovely cards and prayers offered on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Where have all the years gone....?
Various Pilgrimages	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.