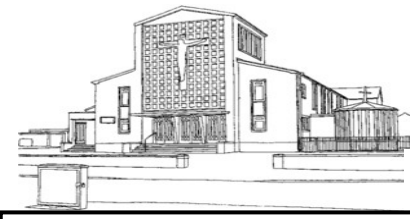


Boys and girls, here is a picture of the Dove of Peace to colour in and write a prayer for peace.



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 25th May, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	Sixth Sunday of Easter-Year C
Divine Office:	Sunday: Volume 2, Week 2 with proper
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 67 Response:	Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Service Schedule for the coming week:

6th Sunday of Easter -C 25th May	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec), Betty Spalding (RecDec) and Tommy Thomson (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec), Hugh Strathearn (RecDec) and Catherine Rankin (RecDec).
Monday 26th May	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.	10am Mass at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 27th May	9.30am: Adoration/Confession in OLMC	10am Mass in OLMC. Intention: Sp.Int for little Eabha-health.
Wednesday 28th May	10am Mass in St Matthew's 7pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec) 7pm Intention: Michael Gallagher (RecDec).
Ascension Thursday 29th May	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec) and John Tommie (1st Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Brian Robertson (RecDec).
Friday 30th May	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10am Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Saturday 31st May	9.30am Exposition and Confession in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass at St. Matthew's Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
6th Sunday of Easter -C 1st June	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Maureen Walsh (RecDec) and Michael Gallagher (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Brian Robertson (RecDec) and Liz Szvatsina (RecDec)

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rec. Deceased: Margaret Gay, Maureen Walsh, Brian Robertson, Liz Szvatsina, Hugh Strathearn, Catherine Rankin, Michael Gallagher, Betty Spalding, David Hughes.
Anniversaries/B'day Rem: Tommy Thomson, John Tommie and all those we have known and loved.
The sick: Little Eabha, Stuart Mason, Eleanor McCluskey, Margaret Fleming, Lily Kelly, Tom Currie, Mary McLaughlin, Dougie Black, Anne Johnston, 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, Carolanne Gallagher, Charlie Smith.

LOVE

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited nor proud;
 love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable;
 love does not keep a record of wrongs;
 love is not happy with evil but is happy with truth;
 love never gives up and its faith, hope and patience never fail.
 Love is eternal. 1 Cor.


It is as if the English language was invented in order to write this section of scripture. That is how beautiful it is. And what has such beauty must certainly touch upon a vein of truth.

If we wish to know how to think of God, how to picture him in our doubting minds, there is no better passage to start with than this one.

Try taking out the word “love” and in its place put the name Jesus Christ. You might then have an insight into the heart of Christ and his love for you.

Fr William Breault SJ in “A Voice over the Water”.

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: £215.37 and the 2nd collection: £153.45.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £306.41 and the 2nd collection: £256.71. The Community Box: £191.80.

The next free Community Meal is on Sunday 8th June at 12.45pm-all are welcome.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESSES

KILMARNOCK RC CHURCHES: www.rckilmarnock.org.uk	
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/OurLadyOfMountCarmelKilmarnock / https://facebook.com/stmatthewschurchkilmarnock	
OLMC Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: olmc_ssvp@icloud.com	Mount Carmel Primary School: 01563 525897
St.Andrew’s Primary School & Early Childhood Centre: 01563 549549	St. Joseph’s Academy: 01563 526144
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Crosshouse Hospital Chaplaincy: St Joseph’s - 01563 521832	Ayr Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr. Benjamin Mkeri – 01655 882145
St Matthew’s Hall Bookings: Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: margaret.merrick@btinternet.com	
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 25th May 2025– Sixth Sunday of Easter-Year C.

Scripture	Acts 15:1-2,22-29	Psalm 67	Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23	John 14:23-29
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Catherine Brown, Joseph Duff and Veronica Kelly. Euch.Ministers: Cherry Stacey (L), Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Philip Brown (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Collette Lamberth and Charlie Harper. Euch.Ministers: Marie Urquhart, Marion Smith and Stuart Clark.			

Ministry Rota for 1st June 2025– Seventh Sunday of Easter-Year C.

Scripture	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 97	Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20	John 17:20-26
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Michael Thomson and Caron Bias. Euch.Ministers: Philip Brown (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sister (L), Louise Johnston (R), Clare Gordon (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marie Wilkie and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: Charlie Harper, Collette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

The new Ministry Rota for St Matthew’s is now available in the Church Porch and on the parish Facebook page.

NOTICES

Please pray for the souls of

David Hughes

Margaret Gay

John McLean

who have sadly passed away.

We send our sincere condolences and prayers to their loving families and friends at this time of loss.

David’s Requiem will take place in St Matthew’s at 10am on Tuesday 10th June.

Margaret’s Requiem will take place in OLMC at 10am on Thursday 12th June.

John’s arrangements to be announced.

May they rest in peace.

The Ascension Holy Day	This coming Thursday-29th May we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for us all. The following Masses are scheduled in our churches: In OLMC on Wednesday 28th May a Vigil Mass at 7pm will be celebrated. On the 29th itself Mass in St Matthew’s will be at 9.30am and at 2.15pm (with the school attending) and in OLMC at 11.30am (with the school attending).
Offertory Envelopes for St Matthew’s	The new sets of envelopes are now available for collection today after Mass in the Hall. Chris and John from the Parish Finance & Fabric team are on hand to assist. Can we ask our envelope users to oblige us by helping us to update our records by completing a wee form. If you’d like to join the envelope system or would like to move over to a SO for your offering Chris and John can help you with that too. Thank you.
First Communion Rehearsal at St Matthew’s	St Matthew’s First Communion children and families will rehearse their celebration day after 9.30am Mass today (25th). Parents are asked to stay with the children that day for this rehearsal for the first communion celebrations across June. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as their celebration days approach.
First Communion Sunday Club at OLMC	OLMC first communion children will have their regular gathering after 11.30am Mass today-Sunday 25th May with their “I Belong” project book. Their rehearsal takes place on Sunday 15th June following 11.30am Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as their celebration day approach.
Youth Gathering	The next diocesan youth gathering for young adults (aged 18-30) takes place on Sunday 1st June beginning with Mass at 6pm. This evening will look and learn from the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. All young people are welcome. 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 volunteer.
Ladies Spirituality Group	This group meets monthly on the last Wednesday (which this month is this coming week-28th May) in St Matthew’s at 2pm. The group welcomes new lady members. Contact Cherry Stacey for more information on 07 759 943 762.
Freespace Group (A prayer space for all)	The Freespace Group will meet in St Matthews Church on Wednesday 28th May at 7.30pm. The Group meets once a month for quiet prayer and reflection and new members are always welcome. Contact gordon_mcgowne@hotmail.com with any enquiries.
U R Welcome Seniors Club	The next regular meeting of this group for seniors will take place in the Norbert Room at OLMC on Wednesday 18th June from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. All seniors and friends and neighbours are most welcome.
Iona	The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for 2 or more months. Accommodation & good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from the Warden: Jane Kindlen mail@catholic-iona.com or call 01681 700369.
Foodbank Information	In need of support from the Foodbank at Our Lady of Mount Carmel or St Matthew’s Churches? Telephone 01563 574000 to book an appointment (call before 3pm to be sure). The Foodbank at OLMC meets on Monday evenings at the Church (SSVP entrance) from 7.30pm till 8.15pm. At St Matthew’s the Foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm till 5.30pm.
Used Stamps Reminder	Thank you to all who continue to donate their used stamps in the wee boxes in each of the Church porches to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This is just a wee reminder that it makes such a difference to this charity to receive your support in this way.
Special Collection	The annual special collection to support the Church’s communication apostolate will be taken up next Sunday, the 1st June-World Communications Day.
Gift Aid envelopes	Thank you for your contribution to the recent Church Students special collection. We now have Gift Aid envelopes in the Church porch and we’d be grateful if you wouldn’t mind completing them and writing on the front what your donation was. Thank you.
St Matthew’s Fabric & Finance Meeting	Due to the services for Ascension Thursday this meeting has been re-scheduled for Wednesday 18th June at 7pm in the Parish House.