

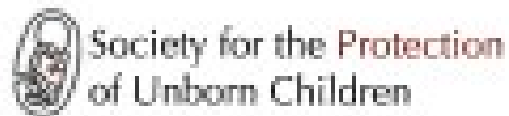
EVERY LIFE MATTERS. JOIN THE FIGHTBACK.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."
- Matthew 25:40

In the space of one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. Life is under attack at every stage.

This is a dark time for our country. But we must not give up. This is a rallying call to rise up and fight for a culture of life, because every life matters. Will you join us?

JOIN THE FIGHTBACK TODAY >>>
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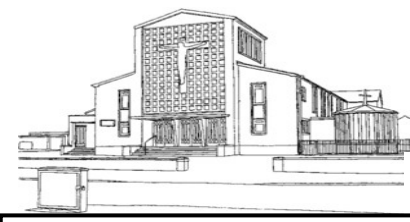
In 2024, there were 18,710 abortions, marking a 3% increase from the previous year's 18,242 cases. The report points out, that this "reflects a sustained upward trend over the past decade. Between 2015 and 2024, the average monthly number of abortions increased by 50%, indicating a significant long-term growth".

Commenting on the statistics, SPUC CEO John Deighan said:

"These are devastating statistics and they should chill us all, over 1500 abortions per month are being carried out in Scotland, at a time when our population is falling and our birth-rate is collapsing. Every single abortion represents a tragic loss of human life and potential."

"To realise that a third of all viable pregnancies are being deliberately ended by abortion is beyond distressing. Why such a determined effort to kill off the next generation? Our future needs us to welcome children, not invest public money to promote their deaths."

Please complete and return one of the Campaign postcards found in the Church porch today!



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 20th July, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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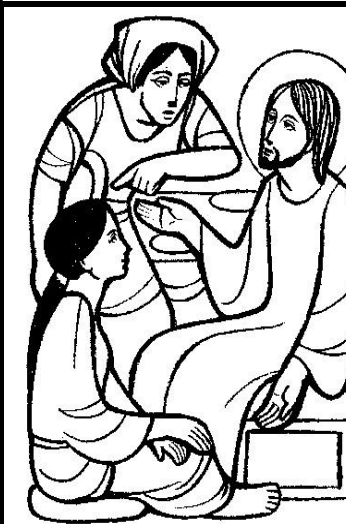
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Liturgy:	16th Sunday of the Year (C)
Divine Office:	Sunday: Vol. 3, Week 4.
Mass texts in other languages:	virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings
Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road. KA3 7SH. 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road. KA3 2DF.
Psalm 15 Response:	O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God In an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) *Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Matthew's Kilmarnock*

Service Schedule for the coming week:

16th Sunday in OT (C) 20th July	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Peter & Therese Dougan RIP (Ann's) and Tam Connell (Ann).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Martin McLaughlin (RecDec) and Therese Tait (1st Ann 14/07).
Monday 21st July	10am Mass at St Joseph's.	7pm Welcome Mass for Mother Maureen IHM in OLMC
Tuesday 22nd July	9.30am: Exposition in OLMC 10am Service in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Intention: Alice Finley (RecDec) and Kathleen McCallum (Sp.Int).
Wednesday 23rd July	10am Service in St Matthew's	Intention: Dorothy McKellar (RecDec).
Thursday 24th July	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's 10am Mass in St Matthew's	Int: Mary McGrane (RecDec) and Gillian Davey (13th Ann).
Friday 25th July	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.	Intention: Liam Murray (RecDec) and Harry Nelson (RecDec).
Saturday 26th July	9.30am Exp. & Conf. in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Intention: Mary McGrane (RecDec) 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
17th Sunday in OT (C) 27th July	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: For the Parish	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Mary McGrane (RecDec).

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rec. Deceased: Mary McGrane, Harry Nelson, Martin McLaughlin, Alice Finley, Dorothy McKellar, Liam Murray.

Anniversaries/B'day Rem: Gillian Davey, Maurice Milloy, Peter & Therese Dougan, Tam Connell, Therese Tait, and all those we ourselves have known and loved.

The sick: Tommy Wood, 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.


Daily Examen-3rd aspect: review of the day at the end of the day

Goal: To bring to mind the places visited, activities undertaken, people with whom you have interacted and look at the effects of these for good or ill.

Method:Christians believe that God is everywhere. To say so is easy but not always helpful when there is little reflective experience in individual’s prayer-life. Rather, start looking where something is being noticed of the divine traces in the ordinary affairs of daily living.. .. The active seeking of God in the circumstances of the day can be facilitated by a simple question: Where have I been aware of joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control? These are precisely what the Spirit produces. As we notice each place where God has been at work, so gratitude is expressed. Where we are able to be open to the work of God’s spirit, deeper thanks is given. Where we have not responded to the gifts of the Spirit, sorrow is expressed, forgiveness sought and reconciliation begged for.

K Townsend SJ

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: £139.68 and the 2nd collection: £125.93 and the SSVP Box: £74.98
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £290.30 and the 2nd collection: £197.10 and The Community Box: £146.70.

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
Diocese of Galloway: 01292 266750 www.rcdg.org.uk 8 Corsehill Road, Ayr. KA7 2ST.	SPRED: 01292 738068 / Email: office.ayr@spredgalloway.org.uk Facebook: SPRED Galloway/www.spredgalloway.org.uk
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 20th July 2025– 16th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:24-28	Luke 10: 38-42
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Orla Duff, Michael Thomson and Madaline Musilli. Euch.Ministers: Stephen Duff (L), Martin Dempster (L), Fred Stacey (L), Louise Johnston (R), Clare Gordon (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Agnes Starrs and Marie Wilkie. Euch.Ministers: Suzy Hollywood, Graham Rannochan and Luke Shearer.			

Ministry Rota for 27th July 2025– 17th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:12-14	Luke 11: 1-13
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Susan Faulds, Gerry Coyle and Fran Boyle. Euch.Ministers: Sister (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Maureen Bradley(L), Anne Gillion (R), Philip Brown (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Colette Lamberth and Charlie Harper. Euch.Ministers: Linda Hefron, Marie Urquhart and Stuart Clark.			

NOTICES

Please remember the soul of

Mr Harry Nelson

Who has sadly passed away.

We send our condolences and prayers to Harry’s wife, Margaret, and their family and friends.
Harry’s funeral rites will take place tomorrow (Monday, 21st July) at 3.30pm in Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.

May he rest in peace.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	Our parish pilgrims have now returned from what was a wonderful diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please be assured that we remembered you all at our services and prayers, lit candles for you and carried all the intentions handed to us to the holy shrine. The next diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 5th-12th July 2027, why not start planning for it now?
Congratulations!	We send our warmest congratulations to parishioner Emma Thomson and her fiancé, Sharif Shaaban as they celebrate their marriage on Tuesday 22nd July at 1pm in St Joseph’s RC Church here in Kilmarnock. All are welcome to attend this lovely moment to share in Emma and Sharif’s joy (nb: best be seated by 12.45pm). May God bless them all the days of their lives.
Diocesan Youth Office Invitations	Young Adults (S5-30) BBQ: Regular or first timer? You’re invited to join Young Adults from across the Diocese as we gather for our Summer Social – a BBQ in St Joseph’s Church, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 2nd August. The BBQ will follow the regular Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm in the Church Garden. Free transport is available from Dumfries. There’s no charge to take part, but please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching @rcdgyouth on social media so we know that you’re coming. Galloway Youth (P6-S4) Summer Gathering: Are you in P6-S4? Come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 11.00 – 4.00 pm in St Joseph’s Church, Kilmarnock for our Summer Youth Gathering! (free transport available from Saltcoats, Ayr, and Dumfries) Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather to celebrate the theme of Hope with games, activities, talks, Mass – and of course pizza and a BBQ – all led by our fantastic S3 Junior Leaders! The day is free for all, but please register in advance by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media. Youth (P6-S4) Pilgrimage to Whithorn: As part of the annual National Pilgrimage to Whithorn the Youth Office will be running a Youth Pilgrimage. Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather to learn more about the life and witness of St Ninian. In the morning we’ll have games, activities, lunch (please bring a packed lunch) and a talk at the Isle of Whithorn, before walking to the beach for Mass with Bishop Frank. Free transport available, please register by scanning the QR code on the poster or searching for @rcdgyouth on social media.
Welcome!	To welcome Mother Maureen Akabogu IHM, (the Sister in charge of the international IHM congregation-known as the General Superior) please join us in OLMC for 7pm Mass tomorrow (Monday 21st July) followed by tea and cake. Come along and welcome Mother Maureen among us. All welcome.
U R Welcome Seniors Club	The next meeting is this coming Wednesday (23rd July) from 1.30pm till 3.30pm for an afternoon of “Crafting”. Join them in the Norbert Room at OLMC. All seniors and friends are most welcome.
Sacred Heart First Friday Devotions	Our parish Sisters are happy to announce that their evenings of prayer and reflection will now take place on the first Friday of every month starting from 1st August, from 7pm till 8pm. There will be opportunity for the Sacrament of reconciliation too finishing at 7.45pm with Night Prayer and Benediction. Looking forward to praying with you all again.
Deanery Vocations Mass	We are encouraged to pray regularly for those discerning their vocation, and in a particular way for those Christ is calling to be priests in his Church: that they may have the faith, trust, and confidence to give their ‘yes’ to the Lord. As part of our Diocesan prayer for vocations each deanery will offer a quarterly Mass for Vocations. The first of these will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Church on Thursday 31st July at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.
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.
Save the Dates!	The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair takes place on Sunday 21st September in St Patrick’s Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh from 12.30pm with Holy Mass at 4.30pm. See poster for further details. On Saturday 27th September the annual Vincentian Family Mass will take place in Carfin Grotto. Beginning with the Rosary at 1pm followed by Holy Mass at 2pm. All are welcome.