

Intercession of Our Lady Of Palestine

On July 15, 1920, Patriarch Luigi Barlassina was the first to invoke the Virgin with the title "Queen of Palestine", during his solemn entry into the Basilica Cathedral of the Holy Sepulchre and the consecration of the Diocese of the Holy Land to Mary. "Our Lady of Palestine is the Virgin of the Holy Land who intercedes for all, Jews, Muslims and Christians, for the gift of peace and reconciliation", underscores Msgr. William Shomali, the current Patriarchal Vicar of Jerusalem.

The icon depicts the Virgin Mary who carries the city of Jerusalem in her arms and, symbolically, all of the new humanity in which everyone - Jew, Christian or Muslim - is called to find their place in the service of universal brotherhood and in the light of the faith of Abraham. Contemplating the sacred icon we see that "Mary's gaze makes us feel her maternal embrace", as Pope Francis recently said during a Jubilee meditation. "She shows us that the only power capable of winning human hearts is the tenderness of God".

Our Lady Of Palestine—Pray for Us.



THE DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY

Bishop Frank Dougan
will celebrate a

Mass for Peace

seeking the intercession of

Our Lady Of Palestine

in

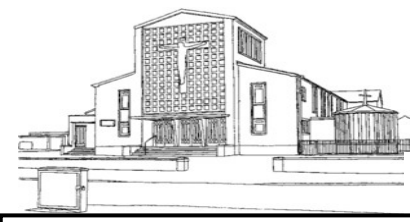
St. Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr

on

Thursday August 7th at 7 p.m.

followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall

ALL WELCOME



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 3rd August, 2025



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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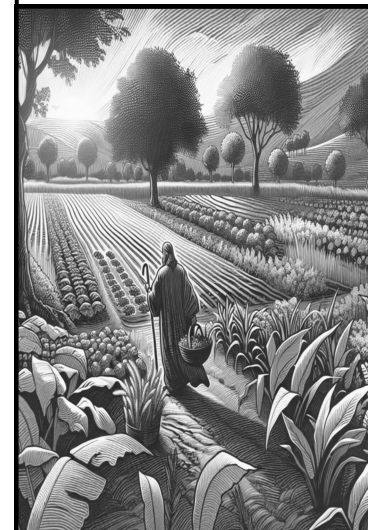
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Liturgy:	18th Sunday of the Year (C)
Divine Office:	Sunday: Vol. 3, Week 2.
Mass texts in other languages:	virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings
Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew's, Grassyards Road. KA3 7SH. 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road. KA3 2DF.
Psalm 90 Response:	O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 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:


18th Sunday in OT (C) 3rd August	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Dorothy & David McKellar (RecDec) and Celia Murphy (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Catherine Main (RecDec), Kathleen McCallum (RecDec) and Noreen Lochtie (2nd Ann).
Monday 4th August	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays. We have no services on Mondays.	10am Mass in St Joseph's.
Tuesday 5th August	9.30am: Exposition in Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Intention: Catherine Main (RecDec).
Wednesday 6th August	10am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Celia Murphy (RecDec).
Thursday 7th August	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's 10am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Margaret Higgins (RecDec).
Friday 8th August	9.30am Rosary in Our Lady of Mount Carmel. 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.	Intention: Sp.Int-peace.
Saturday 9th August	9.30am Exposition & Confession in St Matthew's	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Intention: Sp.Int-peace. 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
19th Sunday in OT (C) 10th August	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Celia Murphy (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Eleanor McFarlane (1st Ann), Jo Jarvis (2nd Ann- 14/08) and Agnes Nicolson (3rd Ann-14/08)

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rec. Deceased: Dorothy & David McKellar, Celia Murphy, Catherine Main, Kathleen McCallum and Margaret Higgins.

Anniversaries/B'day Rem: Eleanor McFarlane, Noreen Lochtie, Jo Jarvis, Agnes Nicolson and all those we ourselves have known and loved.

The sick: Briege Abbott, Suzanne Bailey, 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'Neil, Helen McClure, James Hughes, Max McLean, Mary Rea, Carolanne Gallagher, Charlie Smith.



JUBILEE OF YOUTH 2025

Pope Leo XIV made a surprise appearance in St. Peter’s Square on Tuesday evening (29th July) to greet the thousands of participants at the welcoming Mass for the Jubilee of Youth. Pope Leo XIV addresses the crowd following his unexpected ride around St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican following the Jubilee of Youth welcome Mass on Tuesday past-July 29, 2025.


After touring the square, the Holy Father addressed the youth in Italian, Spanish, and English from the main altar. “‘Buona sera, buenas tardes,’ good evening,” Leo XIV said, causing the crowd to roar.

In English, the Pope recalled Jesus’ words: “You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world” (Mt 5: 13: 16).

“And today, your voices, your enthusiasm, your cries; are all for Jesus Christ, and you will be heard until the ends of the earth,” he proceeded, switching to Spanish. “Today begins a few days, a journey: the Jubilee of Hope, and the world needs messages of hope. You are this message, and you must continue to give hope to everyone,” he added.

Leo XIV then asked the young people to walk together “with our faith in Jesus Christ.” From St. Peter’s Square, he also prayed for peace for the entire world: “Our cry must also be for peace in the world. Let us all say: We want peace in the world! We want peace in the world! Let us pray for peace.” Why not search online and follow the week’s events.....?

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: £220.33 and the 2nd collection: £147.07 and the SSVP Box: £80.32
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £372.82 and the 2nd collection: £195.50 and The Community Box: £94.75

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESES

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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 3rd August 2025– 18th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23	Psalm 90	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	Luke 12: 13-21
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Anne Gillion, Brian Gilhooley and Joseph Duff. Euch.Ministers: Philip Brown (L), Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Louise Johnston (R), Stephen Duff (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marie Wilkie and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: Charlie Harper, Colette Lamberth and Marie Urquhart.			

Ministry Rota for 10th August 2025– 19th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Wisdom 18:6-9	Psalm 33	Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19	Luke 12: 32-48
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Margaret Merrick, Kenny Ainsworth and Dawn Bias. Euch.Ministers: Catherine Brown (L), Martin Dempster (L), Sister (L), Anne Gillion (R), Maureen Bradley(R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Marion Smith and Donna Shearer. Euch.Ministers: John Hefron, Linda Hefron and Sister.			

NOTICES

Good Luck!	We send our best wishes to all our young people as they receive their exam results this coming Tuesday. Good luck to all, we’re sure all your hard work will bring you great results!
Diocesan Mass for Peace	Bishop Frank will celebrate a Mass for Peace seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Palestine on Thursday August 7 th at 7pm in the Cathedral. John Street, Ayr. All are welcome to join him for the Mass and some hospitality afterwards in the Cathedral Hall. May Our Lady of Palestine fill all our world leaders with hearts of peace.
National Pilgrimage To Whithorn	This annual pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 31st August with Mass on the Beach at 4pm and Mass at 4.45pm in the Church of St Martin & Ninian in Whithorn itself for those who cannot manage the walk down the glen! A coach will leave St Joseph’s, Hill Street at 11am. If you’d like to reserve a seat (£10 each) please sign-up in the Church porch. There will be a stop on the way back so that you can buy something at the chip-pie if you wish. Participants should take a packed lunch.
National Pilgrimage To Carfin	The annual pilgrimage to the very lovely national shrine to Our Lady at Carfin, Motherwell takes place on Sunday 7th September. Mass is celebrated at 3.15pm followed by the Rosary Procession. A coach will leave St Joseph’s, Hill Street at 1pm. If you’d like to reserve a seat (£10 each) please sign-up in the Church porch. Participants should take a packed lunch.
The Ecuador Trust Sponsored Walk	A group of about 30 young friends of Fr Martin will join us at 9.30am Mass at St Matthew’s on Sunday 28th September after which they will walk to Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan’s in Troon! We look forward to welcoming them. A link to offer support will be posted soon. You are most welcome to join them on the walk but anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Diocesan Youth Office Invitations	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 @rcdg youth 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 @rcdg youth on social media.
Interested in becoming a Catholic?	The course to prepare for the reception into the Catholic faith as an adult will begin soon (known as RCIA). Please have a chat with Fr Jim if you are interested in joining this wonderful group. It meets regularly through the course of the year.
U R Welcome Seniors Club	The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday (6th August) from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. Join them in the Norbert Room at OLMC. All seniors and friends are most welcome.
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew’s Hall for the regular Community Lunch on Sunday-10th August. 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!
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.