

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian feast of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on 7th October.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on 7th October of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer.

The dedication of the month of October to the Holy Rosary became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XIII, (reigned 1878-1903) an enthusiastic promoter of the rosary. In the span of only five years, Pope Leo wrote eleven encyclicals on the rosary.

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19.)."

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY


Joyful	Luminous	Sorrowful	Glorious
Mondays & Saturdays and Sundays of Advent & Christmas	Thursdays	Tuesdays & Fridays and Sundays of Lent	Wednesdays and Sundays of Easter & Ordinary Time
1. The Annunciation 2. The Visitation 3. The Nativity 4. The Presentation 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple	1. The Baptism in the Jordan 2. The Wedding at Cana 3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God 4. The Transfiguration 5. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist	1. The Agony in the Garden 2. The Scouring at the Pillar 3. The Crowning with Thorns 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion	1. The Resurrection 2. The Ascension 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit 4. The Assumption of Mary 5. The Coronation of Mary



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 28th September, 2025





OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW’S

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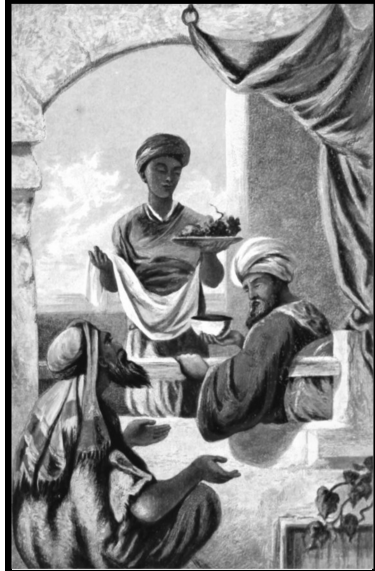
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	Liturgy:	26th Sunday of the Year (C)
	Divine Office:	Sunday: Vol. 3, week 2.
	Mass texts in other languages:	virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings
	Sunday Masses:	9.30am at St Matthew’s, Grassyards Road. KA3 7SH. 11.30am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kirkton Road. KA3 2DF.
	Psalm 146 Response:	My soul, give praise to the LORD.
	Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake e became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 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=Uw3t333333) Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Matthew’s Kilmarnock**

Service Schedule for the coming week:

26th Sunday in OT (C) 28th September	9.30am at St. Matthew’s Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec) and Jack Milarvie (11th Ann).		11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Babs Gallacher RIP (10th Ann) and Sp.Int-RIP and Sp.Int-Baby Clay.	
Monday 29th September	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays. We have no services on Mondays.		10am Mass in St Joseph’s, Hill Street.	
Tuesday 30th September	9.30am: Exposition (with confession) in OLMC 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel		Intention: SSVP Sp. Int-health.	
Wednesday 1st October	10am Mass in St Matthew’s		Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec).	
Thursday 2nd October	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew’s 10am Mass in St Matthew’s		Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec).	
First Friday 3rd October	9.30am Short Rosary 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel with school. 7pm Holy Hour in OLMC (with Confession)		Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec-Month’s Mind).	
Saturday 4th October	9.30am Exposition in St Matthew’s with Confession.	10.00am Mass in St Matthew’s Intention: Sp.Int: RIP	6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph’s	
27th Sunday in OT (C) 5th October	9.30am at St. Matthew’s Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec).		11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Ann O’Kane (RecDec); Sp.Int-Baby Clay.	

Please remember the following in your prayers:


Rec. Deceased: Archie Pryce, Ann O’Kane and all who have passed recently.


Anniversaries/B’d day Rem: Jack Milarvie, Babs Gallacher and all those we ourselves have known and loved.

The sick: Baby Clay Lobban, Isobel Connolly, Margaret Cassidy, Marion McGonagle, Gerda Devlin, Stephen Montgomery, Janette McConnell, Fiona Fulton, Briege Abbott, Tommy Wood, Eleanor McCluskey, Margaret Fleming, Lily Kelly, Tom Currie, Mary McLaughlin, Dougie Black, Anne Johnston, Pat McKenna, Matt Connelly, Janice McCrae, Ashley Kenny, Margaret Fitzpatrick, 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.

FR MARTIN CHAMBERS ECUADOR TRUST

The Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust (Charity No. SC037458) was set up in 2006 to support the lives of those who live in the poorest conditions in Ecuador. It was started up to support the work of Fr. Martin Chambers while he worked on the missions in Ecuador’s largest city, Guayaquil from 2004-2009. Since Fr. Martin returned to Scotland in 2009, the work of the Trust has continued. It continues to support the poorest people in various parts of Ecuador: in feeding programmes; in supporting educational projects; and in giving the people there a helping hand as they set up their community amongst the poorest conditions. Today’s walk is not only a tribute to Fr Martin’s life, but also a way to continue his incredible legacy by raising funds for the Ecuador Trust. As many of you know, Fr Martin was passionately dedicated to improving the lives of people in Ecuador. Through building schools and churches in communities affected by poverty, he brought hope to some of the world’s most vulnerable people. His unwavering compassion and deep faith inspired everyone he met. It’s in that same spirit that we continue his outreach.



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 at St Matthew’s. 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: £ 229.13 and the 2nd collection for the Kiltegan Fathers: £643.13 and the SSVP Box: £115.96.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £167.52 and the 2nd collection for the Kiltegan Fathers£521.15 and The Community Box: £100.00.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESSES	
KILMARNOCK RC CHURCHES: www.rckilmarnock.org.uk FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/OurLadyOfMountCarmelKilmarnock / https://facebook.com/stmatthewschurchkilmarnock	
St Matthew’s Hall Bookings: Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: margaret.merrick@btinternet.com	
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
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 28th September 2025– 26th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Psalms 146	I Timothy 6:11b-16	Luke 16:19-31
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Maureen Bradley, Eric Allan and Anne Gillion. Euch.Ministers: Laura Vernon (L), Fred Stacey (L), Maureen Thomson (L), Philip Brown (R), Louise Johnston(R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Colette Lamberth and Charlie Harper. Euch.Ministers: Marie Urquhart, Josephine McCrossan and Stuart Clark.			

Ministry Rota for 5th October 2025– 27th Sunday of the Year (C).

Scripture	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4	Psalms 95	II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.	Luke 17:5-10
St. Matthew’s	Readers: Margaret Merrick, Kenny Ainsworth and Orla Duff. Euch.Ministers: Maureen Thomson (L), Neil McKenna (L), Maureen Bradley (R), Catherine Brown (R), Sister (R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Readers: Kathleen Jones and Irene Roy. Euch.Ministers: Marie Urquhart, Charlie Harper and Colette Lamberth.			

NOTICES

The Ecuador Trust Sponsored Walk	A very warm welcome to the friends of Fr Martin’s Ecuador Trust who join us at 9.30am Mass at St Matthew’s this morning (Sunday 28th September) after which they will walk to Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddan’s in Troon! You might wish to support them by making an offering in the box in the porch or here on Christina’s JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/christina-hand-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL to donate. You are most welcome to join them on the walk (under 18’s must be accompanied by an adult). Join them after Mass for a Bacon buttie before they head-off!
October-Month to support The Ecuador Trust	As you know following Fr Martin’s passing our parish communities committed October to supporting the Ecuador Trust fund raising initiatives. At the recent PPC meetings that intention was thoroughly endorsed and to that end all are invited to support as best they can 2 fundraisers the Trust is organising: today’s walk and the Gala Dinner/Dance.
The Ecuador Trust Dinner Dance	This fun and fundraising dinner/dance will take place in Christ the King Parish Hall, Kings Park, Glasgow on Friday 31st October 7pm for 7.30pm serving. £35.00 per head (another £10 if we organise a coach with OLMC). Sign-up in the Church porch or contact Suzy direct on: suzydpn@aol.com . Thank you.
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew’s Hall for the next regular Community Meal on Sunday 12th October. 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!
St Paul VI Rosary Prayer Group	All are welcome to join this pro-life group at 7pm in Our Lady of the Assumption & St Meddan’s Church, Troon on Wednesday 8th October. A warm welcome awaits.
U R Welcome Seniors Club	The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th October from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. The group will host an afternoon tea with the Provost, Claire Leitch, and learn from her the busy life of our local community leader. Join them in the Norbert Room at OLMC-All seniors and friends are most welcome.
Youth Office Events	See the Back to School Newsletter with all the coming updates on the parish Facebook page or search for @rcdg youth on social media-printed copies in the church porches. P6-s3 Youth Evenings begin again in St Joseph’s on Sunday 28th September with Mass at 5pm followed by Games, activities, Talk and Pizza!
Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches	All are invited to join in the next united service in St Marnock’s Church, Kilmarnock on Sunday 28th September at 3pm to hear how Christians use their gifts to serve God in others.
First Friday Holy Hour with our Sisters	This coming Friday is the monthly First Friday and our Parish Sisters invite you to join them in OLMC for their regular Holy Hour from 7pm ending with Night Prayer and Benediction at 7.45pm (Confession also available till 7.45pm). All are welcome.
Galloway Diocese NEWS	The St Ninian edition of the diocesan news round-up is available in the porch today.
Team Jones MS Sponsored Walk.	Owen and Kathleen Jones and their extended family team would like to express their sincere thanks for your support of their recent sponsored walk which has raised a wonderful £2,600.00.
SPRED Kilmarnock Group	Meetings have now recommenced for the new session of SPRED which supports adults with Special Needs in their faith journey and personal development across our deanery/East Ayrshire parishes. The fun, friendly, small group meetings are held fortnightly on a Tuesday evening during term time in St Matthew’s Hall. If you or someone you know would like to come along, please, in the first instance, contact the group leader, Kathleen Jones (07513048722) or Fr Jim.
Conflict in the Holy Land	A public meeting has been organised for Sunday 5th October at 3pm in St Mary’s Hall, Saltcoats asking the question: “What do we need to know and what can we do?” Today we share with you a Church Leaders’ statement on Gaza as part of our ongoing concern and support for this conflict issued by Bishop John Keegan, President of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland and Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
Foodbank Information	In need of support from the Foodbank at Our Lady of Mount Carmel or St Matthew’s Churches? Telephone 01563 574000 to try to book an appointment (before 12noon to be sure) so they can be prepared to assist you. The Foodbank at OLMC is on Monday evenings at the Church (SSVP entrance) from 7.30pm till 8.15pm. At St Matthew’s the Foodbank is on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3.30pm till 5.30pm.