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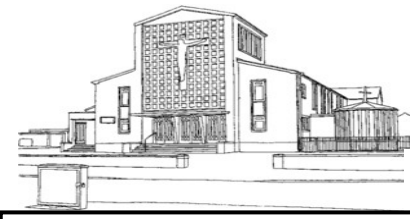
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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 5th October, 2025



### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & ST MATTHEW'S

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Liturgy:	27th Sunday of the Year (C)
Divine Office:	Sunday: Vol. 3, week 3.
Mass texts in other languages:	<a href="http://virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings">virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings</a>
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 95 Response:	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.
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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) *Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Matthew's Kilmarnock*

### Service Schedule for the coming week:

<b>27th Sunday in OT (C)</b> <b>5th October</b>	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec) and Callum Gallagher (RecDec).	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Ann O'Kane (RecDec) and Tommy & Wilson Murphy (Ann & 11th Ann 04/10).
<b>Monday</b> <b>6th October</b>	The Parish Office is closed on Mondays. We have no services on Mondays.	10am Mass in St Joseph's, Hill Street.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7th October</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Peace</b>	8am-9.30am Adoration (Rosary at 9.10am) in St Matthew's 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel 6pm-8pm Adoration (Rosary at 7.40pm) in OLMC	Intention: Peace in the Holy Land for all peoples.
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8th October</b>	10am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec).
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9th October</b>	9.30am Rosary in St Matthew's 10am Mass in St Matthew's	Intention: Trevor Riley (RecDec).
<b>First Friday</b> <b>10th October</b>	9.30am Rosary 10am Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.	Intention: Manus O'Donnell (RecDec).
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11th October</b>	9.30am Exposition in St Matthew's with Confession.	10.00am Mass in St Matthew's Intention: Archie Pryce (RecDec). 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's
<b>28th Sunday in OT (C)</b> <b>12th October</b>	9.30am at St. Matthew's Intention: For the Parish.	11.30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intention: Rose Duffy (3rd Ann).

Please remember the following in your prayers:


**Rec. Deceased:** William Jones Boyd, Archie Pryce, Ann O'Kane, Callum Gallagher, Trevor Riley, Manus O'Donnell. RIP.  
**Anniversaries/B'day Rem:** Rose Duffy, Tommy & Wilson Murphy 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.

PRAY AND ACT FOR GAZA

The Bishops of Scotland through their Justice & Peace Scotland team asks you to light a candle for peace and write to your MP to end the suffering in Gaza. As we approach two years of the war in Gaza, (Tuesday 7th October), the suffering has become unbearable. Pope Leo XIV has described what we are witnessing as “barbarity.” A UN Commission of Inquiry has recently concluded that “Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces have committed and are continuing to commit acts of genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip” (*Israel has committed genocide in the Gaza Strip, UN Commission finds | OHCHR*). As people of faith committed to dignity, solidarity and the common good, we are compelled to act. Justice & Peace Scotland is therefore encouraging all to respond in a Christian and prayerful way to the unconscionable situation in the region. Please follow their campaign on <https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Light-a-Prayer-for-Peace>.

PRAY AND LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE

Joining the Catholic community and millions of people of goodwill across Scotland, and the world, join us on Tuesday (7th) to light a candle and pray for peace (even just for a few minutes on the way to/from work/school/activities) as follows:  
St Matthew’s from 8am till 9.30am Adoration (Rosary at 9.10am) of the Blessed Sacrament and Light a Candle for Peace.  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10am Mass for Peace.  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Adoration/Candle lighting: 6pm-8pm (ending with the Rosary at 7.40pm).  
*Our Lady of Peace: Pray for Us.*

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: <a href="mailto:olmc_ssvp@icloud.com">olmc_ssvp@icloud.com</a>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS. With grateful thanks we acknowledge the following generosity	
OLMC	1st: £ 246.56 and the 2nd collection for Ecuador: £379.57 and the SSVP Box: £137.18.
ST MATTHEW’S	1st: £366.57 and the 2nd collection: £229.50 and The Community Box for Ecuador: £429.14.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESSES	
KILMARNOCK RC CHURCHES: <a href="http://www.rckilmarnock.org.uk">www.rckilmarnock.org.uk</a> FACEBOOK: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyOfMountCarmelKilmarnock/">www.facebook.com/OurLadyOfMountCarmelKilmarnock/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchkilmarnock">https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchkilmarnock</a>	
St Matthew’s Hall Bookings: Margaret Merrick - 07765715798 or Email: <a href="mailto:margaret.merrick@btinternet.com">margaret.merrick@btinternet.com</a>	
OLMC Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: <a href="mailto:olmc_ssvp@icloud.com">olmc_ssvp@icloud.com</a>	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: <a href="mailto:kilmarnock.olmc@rcdg.org.uk">kilmarnock.olmc@rcdg.org.uk</a> <b>OR</b> <a href="mailto:kilmarnock.stmatthew@rcdg.org.uk">kilmarnock.stmatthew@rcdg.org.uk</a> . Deadline: Thursdays 10am.	

Ministry Rota for 5th October 2025– 27th Sunday of the Year (C).				
Scripture	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4	Psalm 95	II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.	Luke 17:5-10
St. Matthew’s	<b>Readers:</b> Catherine Brown, Kenny Ainsworth and Orla Duff. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Martin Dempster (L), Neil McKenna (L), Maureen Bradley (R), Ann Marie Gilmour (R), Sister ( R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<b>Readers:</b> Kathleen Jones and Irene Roy. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Marie Urquhart, Charlie Harper and Colette Lamberth.			

Ministry Rota for 12th October 2025– 28th Sunday of the Year (C).				
Scripture	II Kings 5:14-17	Psalm 98	II Timothy 2:8-13	Luke 17:11-19
St. Matthew’s	<b>Readers:</b> Margaret Merrick, Maureen Bradley and Dawn Bias. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Maureen Thomson (L), Clare Gordon (L), Cherry Stacey (L), Laura Vernon (R), Madaline Musilli ( R).			
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<b>Readers:</b> Marion Smith and Donna Shearer. <b>Euch.Ministers:</b> Josephine McCrossan, Linda Hefron and John Hefron.			

Day of Prayer for Peace	The Bishops’ of Scotland call us all to a Day of Prayer for Peace this coming Tuesday (7th October), the 2nd anniversary of the Hamas atrocity that claimed 1,200 Israeli lives leading to the present and ongoing conflict where 65,000 Palestinians have been killed. In both our Churches there are opportunities for quiet prayer and communal prayer where you are invited to call in and light a candle for peace and spend a moment or two before the Blessed Sacrament. Details on the <a href="#">previous page</a> -please make an effort to call in sometime.
Conflict in the Holy Land	A public meeting has been organised for TODAY (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?” Guest Speakers are Philippa Whitford, as an SNP politician and a ‘retired’ breast cancer surgeon she served as a medical volunteer in Gaza and helped to establish a Scotland Gaza Breast Cancer Partnership and Anne Marie Clements of the Scottish Bishops’ Justice & Peace, Scotland Commission and was part of a European Bishops’ delegation visiting Gaza earlier this year. All are welcome.
OLMC First Holy Communion Preparation	It is time to begin our parish preparation programme for those families who’d like their children to celebrate their First Holy Communion in Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday 7th June 2026. Parents are invited to our first meeting in the Norbert Room on Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm to go through the preparation material we use here in the parish and receive the schedule for the monthly parish gatherings for the children.
St Matthew’s First Holy Communion Preparation	It is time to begin our parish preparation programme for those families who’d like their children to celebrate their First Holy Communion in St Matthew’s in June 2026. Parents are invited to our first meeting in the Parish Hall at St Matthew’s on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm to go through the preparation material we use here in the parish and receive the schedule for the monthly parish gatherings for the children.
U R Welcome Seniors Club	The next meeting is scheduled for this coming 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.
St Paul VI Rosary Prayer Group	All are welcome to join this pro-life group at 7pm in Our Lady of the Assumption & St Med-dan’s Church, Troon this coming Wednesday (8th October). A warm welcome awaits.
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: <a href="mailto:suzydpn@aol.com">suzydpn@aol.com</a> . Thank you.
Community Lunch	All are invited to St Matthew’s Hall for the next regular Community Meal next 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!
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 for the many opportunities organised by the Diocesan Youth Service for our children and young people.
Church Cleaning Teams	Both our Churches are looked after by a regular team of parishioners who volunteer their time every couple of weeks to keep our places of worship in such wonderful condition. Both St Matthew’s and OLMC groups would welcome further help. Contact the Parish Office if you can volunteer and this Monday (6th) at OLMC you’d be welcome to join the team at 10am. The St Matthew’s team usually meet every second week on Saturday mornings. Just drop in, the teams will be delighted to see you.
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 Ayr-shire 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.
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.
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.