

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



15TH DECEMBER 2024

GAUDETE SUNDAY

READINGS: FIRST – ZEP 3: 14-18;

PSALM – 12: 2-6 SECOND – PHIL 4:4-7, 8-11; GOSPEL – LUKE 3:10-18

**“SHOUT ALOUD AND SING PRAISE, FOR GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.”**

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Items must be received **before** the Friday prior to publication.

DETAILS OF MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sunday Masses : Vigil 5:30pm, 9:30 am and 11.00am.

Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10.00 am.

Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10.00am.

Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9.30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).

Confessions : Friday after 10am Mass and 5:00 pm before vigil mass.

3rd WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 16 th December	Third week of Advent
Tuesday 17 th December	Third week of Advent
Wednesday 18 th December	Third week of Advent
Thursday 19 th December	Third week of Advent
Friday 20 th December	Third week of Advent
Saturday 21 st December	Third week of Advent/(commemoration of St Peter Canisius, Priest)

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

A warm welcome to all visitors and friends this weekend, feel spiritually at home!

DAILY ADORATION



This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our liturgy is open to children of all ages. Thank you to all our parents who bring their children to mass. If you are able to help please contact Jennifer McPherson on 07748 707842

SUNDAY CAFÉ & FRIDAY CAFÉ



The Sunday Café will be open after 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am Mass**. More volunteers are needed at both cafés. Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Second collection 15th December – Caring Sunday – St Nicholas Care Fund.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE MEANING OF OUR ADVENT WREATH:



Today is the third Sunday of Advent which is traditionally called “Gaudete Sunday” or the “Sunday to rejoice.” Gaudete Sunday signals the halfway mark signifying that Advent is almost over and Christmas is near. Today we light the rose candle.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday 17th December 2024 priests will be available all day in St Andrew’s Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRIMARY

Many thanks to St. Matthew’s primary staff and the children for organising such melodious Christmas Carols; you inspired our advent and anticipation for the celebration of Christmas with your beautiful voices!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Some parishioners donate to St Matthews SVDP by standing order. Our bank account has now moved to the Bank of Scotland and for anyone who wishes to continue donating or anyone who wishes to start donating this way, our account details are as follows:- Account name - SSVP GL09098 Sort code 80-22-60 Account no. 27514762.

PARISH LOTTERY

November lottery winners were :

Draw 1	1008 Eileen McSwan	£178.00
Draw 2	1076 Peter King	£178.00
Draw 3	1112 Freida Lang	£89.00

Cumulative raised for Church Renovation Fund over £108,200. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 29th of December. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details, or complete form available at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 1 Feb 2025, 1 March 2025, 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025. The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME 2025

Pope Francis has invited all young people, aged 18 to 30, to join him in Rome from 28th July - 3rd August 2025 and RCAG Youth are taking a group. If you want more information, check out the information pack when you follow this link: www.tinyurl.com/rcagjubileeregistration

SVDP ADVENT APPEAL

The SVDP conference requests your support for our 2024 Advent appeal. This year, the appeal is for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre where they will be distributed to homeless and needy people who go there for help with clothing, etc. They have asked us for small sizes of the toiletries listed below for men or women. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 30th November. We would be grateful if you could provide the following: Soap, Roll on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo and Shower gel

CAROLS FOR PEACE

Hosted by the Lord Provost's Office, this will take place on Sunday 15th December at 3.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers. Doors open at 2.30pm. Supported by the St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers and children's choir, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist and St Mungo's Music Ensemble. There will be prayers for peace in the world, particularly Bethlehem, Glasgow's Twin City. Enjoy refreshments in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square with all its Christmas splendour, where the crib still has a place of prominence. There will be a collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.

FIRECLOUD NATIVITY 2024

Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Tuesday 17th December, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm), St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY. Suggested donation at the door £4 (£10 per family group) - or whatever you can afford. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW ART PROJECT

Volunteer stage crew and technicians wanted. AGAP would like to expand its existing crew for some forthcoming touring theatre productions in 2025. We are particularly keen to hear from people that are available during school hours but also require occasional help at weekends and evenings. Some training will be given for lights and sound operation but previous experience would be an advantage. Duties may include loading and unloading of stage, props and AV equipment as well as operation and set-up. This may be an excellent opportunity for students seeking experience in touring or recently retired persons seeking a fulfilling pastime. For more information, please contact: stephen@agap.org.uk or call 0141 552 5527

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maureen Stewart, Fr Dermot Healy, Dan Baird, Florence Bradley, Catherine Gray, James Coll, Thomas Robertson, Beatrice Hannah and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes!

PARISH FUNERALS: The remains of Eileen McCrossan will be received in the church on the 20th of Dec at 6pm and Funeral Mass on the 21st Dec at 10am.

Also the funeral Mass of the late James Fitzharris will take place on the 23rd Dec at 14.00pm.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following :

RECENT DEAD

Eileen McCrossan, Vic Legrix , Patsy O'Brien, Luigi Jaconelli, Theresa Betney, Rena Pandolfi, Mary Flynn, Lynn O'Brien, Charlotte Conway, Cathy Callaghan, Cassie Bradley, Anne Welsh, Jim Forrester, Bruce McDougall, Teresa (Tess) Alexander, John Hegarty,

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Eithne Lynch, Maria McHugh, Rev.Mother Sr.Benedette, Charles Boyle, Margaret Donnie, Patrick Brown, Bernard, Catherine & Teresa O'Hara, Charlie Loughlin John Patrick Brady, Billy & Kevin Gillies, Bernadette Johnstone, Manson Davis, Kathleen Reilly, Stephen Cunningham, Tom & Clare Nicolson, Ronnie MacIntyre, Anna & Anthony McCourt, Rachel McFarlane, Barbara Walsh, Francis and Sarah McConnell, John and Margaret Smillie, George and Agnes Barclay, Geraldine Savage, Hannah Crearie, Stephen Cunningham, Anthony Baxter, Thomas Dolan.

"Requiescant in pace"

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners who continually support our bereaving families throughout the year. Your prayers and attendance at our funeral masses is unwavering and greatly appreciated.

TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Turnbull High School Music Department would like to extend an invitation to their Christmas concert which takes place next Wednesday 18th December. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Planned to finish around 9:30pm. Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 concessions (OAP / school age children). Pre-school children free entry. Raffle tickets will be £1:00 per strip and refreshments can be purchased at interval. Entry / pay on the door is fine unless we are at full capacity. Tickets can be purchased/booked directly through the school Office in advance. All proceeds go to help the work of the Music Department and also to a selected charity.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND DECEMBER-FEBRUARY 2024/25 NEWSLETTER

See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&PS network in the latest quarterly newsletter, available at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. Includes all the information as to how you can become involved and play your part.

"CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE" NEWSLETTER

The newsletter_ from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help to produce the newsletter? If you have a basic knowledge of word processing and have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, you could be the person we are looking for! We could do with extra help. Don't worry, we will support you until you get the hang of it. Contact Fr Alex, Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or Anne Marie McDaid (230 9943) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

