

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



1ST DECEMBER 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: FIRST – JER 33: 14-16;

PSALM – 25(24) SECOND – TH 3:12 4-2; GOSPEL – LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

“TO YOU, O LORD I LIFT UP MY SOUL .”

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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.

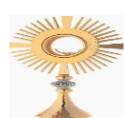
1st Week of Advent

Monday 2 nd December	First week of Advent
Tuesday 3 rd December	St Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday 4 th December	First week of Advent/ St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor
Thursday 5 th December	First week of Advent
Friday 6 th December	First week of Advent/ St Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday 7 th December	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday 24th November - First Collection: £1240.64

Second Collection: £650.09



Thank you to everyone for all my birthday wishes, blessings, card and gifts. Your generosity was overwhelming. Fr Alex.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas is coming and the children of St Matthew's parish are invited to a party on the **8th December** following the children's liturgy. The sign up sheets are at the back of the church. Parents/parishioners are welcome to join in, in the hall after Mass for refreshments.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CABARET



Our next family event is our Christmas Cabaret 7:30pm on **Friday 6th Dec**, with entertainment from the amazing George Cormack. The cost is £10 with a two course Christmas dinner, followed by tea/coffee & mince pie. BYOB. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

PARISH LOTTERY: Cumulative raised for Church Renovation Fund over £107,700. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 24th of November. 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.

BISHOPBRIGGS CHURCHES TOGETHER – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets still remaining for the annual Christmas Concert “Rejoice and Sing” taking place in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Monday 23rd December. Full details including ticket prices, transport, etc., are on the poster at the back of the Church, or from the Bishopbriggs Box Office, Cadder Church South Hall, Bishopbriggs (Wednesday & Friday, 10.00am to 12.00noon or by emailing scfc7954@gmail.com.)

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston will take place on Monday 2nd December, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

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.

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.

RCAG YOUNG ADULT SESSIONS

Advent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan on Monday 2nd December from 7-9pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral. All young adults are invited to join this special Advent event to prepare for Christmas, complete with festive treats and a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. More information and sign up: www.tinyurl.com/adventsession1

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

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Synod's Final Document: Orientations and Major Themes- A talk by Fr Thomas Magill, PhD, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th December 2024. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

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 - Shower gel

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.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB: The Lord Provost, Church and Civic Leaders, along with Glasgow Churches Together, invite you to this year's Blessing of the Crib in George Square. This will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm, with traditional music by Alba Brass and carols by St Monica's Primary School choir.

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.

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!

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

RECENT DEAD: RIP

Cassie Bradley, Anne Welsh, Jim Forrester, Bruce McDougall, Teresa (Tess) Alexander, John Hegarty, John Kelly, Andrew Thomson, Nan Falconer, Matt Mitchell, Ricky Peacock, Stephen Doyle, Patricia McNulty.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Walsh, Francis and Sarah McConnell, John and Margaret Smillie, George and Agnes Barclay, Geraldine Savage, Hannah Crearie, Stephen Cunningham, Anthony Baxter, Thomas Dolan, James Boyle, Joseph Lynch, Barbara Bliss, Patrick Orr, Michael Duff, Catherine Wilson, John McLernon, Joseph O'Shea, Dora Boni, , Effie & Allan Mac Isaac, , Paul McConnell, Thomas Finnegan, Agnes & Edward Gay, Freddy Gray, Margaret Lee, James Boyle.

FUNERAL:

Wednesday 11th December - Bruce McDougall

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.

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