

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Pope Francis



9TH MARCH 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS:

FIRST – DT 26 : 4 - 10

PSALM – 91 (90);

“BE WITH ME, O LORD, IN MY DISTRESS”

SECOND – 1 ROM 10 : 8 - 13;

GOSPEL – LUKE 4 : 1 - 13

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

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 LENT

Monday 10 th March	Saint John Ogilvie, priest and martyr
Tuesday 11 th March	Weekday in the 1 st Week of Lent
Wednesday 12 th March	Weekday in the 1 st Week of Lent
Thursday 13 th March	Weekday in the 1 st Week of Lent
Friday 14 th March	Weekday in the 1 st Week of Lent
Saturday 15 th March	Weekday in the 1 st Week of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 7pm.

12th March – UCM; 19th March – Children’s Liturgy; 26th March – Stewards/Passkeepers; 2nd April – SVDP,

9th April– Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; 16th April – Alter Servers/Sacristans

DAILY ADORATION



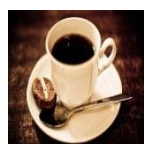
This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

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.**

Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

The café has now been going for around two years, and is well used by many parishioners – it’s a great way to get to know each other better. However, to keep it going we need AT LEAST 12 volunteers to help with the café on a Friday and Sunday mornings. This involves a couple of hours of your time around once a month. If you can help please phone Eileen Reilly on 0799-947-4573.

YOUR WEE BOXES AE HERE

SCIAF boxes can be collected from the back of the church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

2nd March : First collection - £1,279.94

Second collection - £715.15

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for sick and retired priests.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year beginning 6th April are now available in the church vestibule. Please ensure that these are uplifted as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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 USE YOUR HELP! We are looking for additional people to join our rota. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

PARISH LOTTERY

The February Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1012 Elinor Doherty	£180
Draw Two	1311 Mary Mallon	£180
Draw Three	1269 Irene Cullen	£90

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,550

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 30th of March

To join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'.

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

St Patrick's Day Mass: The annual Mass for St Patrick's Day will take place on Saturday 15th March at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow. Archbishop Nolan will be the Principal Celebrant. All welcome.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from the 4th – 6th April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Louise on 07926571004, or email louise398@gmail.com. Complete applications must be returned by 21st March 2025.

SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2025

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2025 Lenten appeal which is to supply toiletry items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently helping approximately 140 men and 80 ladies who need toiletries each month. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 8th March.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:

Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks.

Also Small Easter eggs on 12th/13th April only.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place on Monday 10th March 2025, 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.

LITTLE SISTER OF THE POOR BINGO NIGHT

Bingo this Thursday, 13th March in St Joseph's Care Home, 7pm, all welcome. Free entry, £2 per book.

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Council will celebrate World Earth Hour on Saturday 22nd March between 8.30 and 9.30 pm, when we will join with people from across the globe in switching off lights and appliances. Please take part with us.

SAVE THE DATE – Bishopbriggs Community Day, Saturday 17th May.

TURNBULL PTA QUIZ/CARITAS

Turnbull PTA would like to invite everyone to the PTA quiz in St Dominic's Church Hall on Friday, 21st March at 7.45 pm (for 8.15 start). £5 adults, £3 school age, free infants. Pay on the door. Prizes for best team and best pupil only team. All proceeds go to the educational enhancement for Turnbull High School pupils. BYOB.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Weekend of Renewal. Blessed John Duns Scotus Church, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0YT. Guest Speakers: John Hesketh. Friday 21st March 7 pm to 9 pm, Saturday 22nd March 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569.

email: glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

Church, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RE. Includes Mass and lunch - all are welcome. Experience praying with

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Raymond Stewart, Maureen McGuigan, Hayden Carr, Thomas Robertson, Andrew Gardner, and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes and we pray especially for babies who are sick! We pray for their families for hope and strength.

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

RECENT DEAD

Danny Mullen, Frances O'Brien, Frank McGilvery, Pat Lynch, Peter Di Luca, Robert Higgins, John Carroll, Nicholas Harkins, Steven Gibb, , Rosemary McCullagh, Maureen Anne Kenny, Frank McGillion, Michael Gillen, Neil Boyle, Henry McShane, Maurice Smyth, Elizabeth Purkiss, John Hill, Mary McGovern, Leo Morgan, Jean Ferris, Francis O'Brien, Dr Bernard Colvin, Eamon McBrearty, Lynne Fleming, Eric Campbell, Maurice Smyth,

ANNIVERSARY

Breda Ryan, Thomas & Catherine Fitzpatrick, John Fitzgerald, Margaret McCreadie, Mary McLernon, Joyce McGarvey, Terry McKenna, Ronnie Sulter, Moira Flynn, Gillian Mulheron, James Etherson, Ellie Donohoe, Jennifer Anderson, Peggy Tully, Jean McDaid, Jack Boyd, Peter McLeod, Joseph Docherty Junior, Dan Docherty, Brian Savage, Antonino D'Agostino, Neil Duffy, Claire Rosina Phillips, Rosina Murray, Mary & Frank McKenna, James Campbell, Jean McDaid.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Henry McShane	Wednesday 12 th March 10am
Elizabeth Purkiss	Tuesday 18 th March 10am
Peter Di Luca	Thursday 20 th March 10am
Pat Lynch	Friday 21 st March 10am

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL NOTICES

Can be found on the Parish Website : <https://stmatthewsbishopbriggs.co.uk/> or our Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsbishopbriggs/>