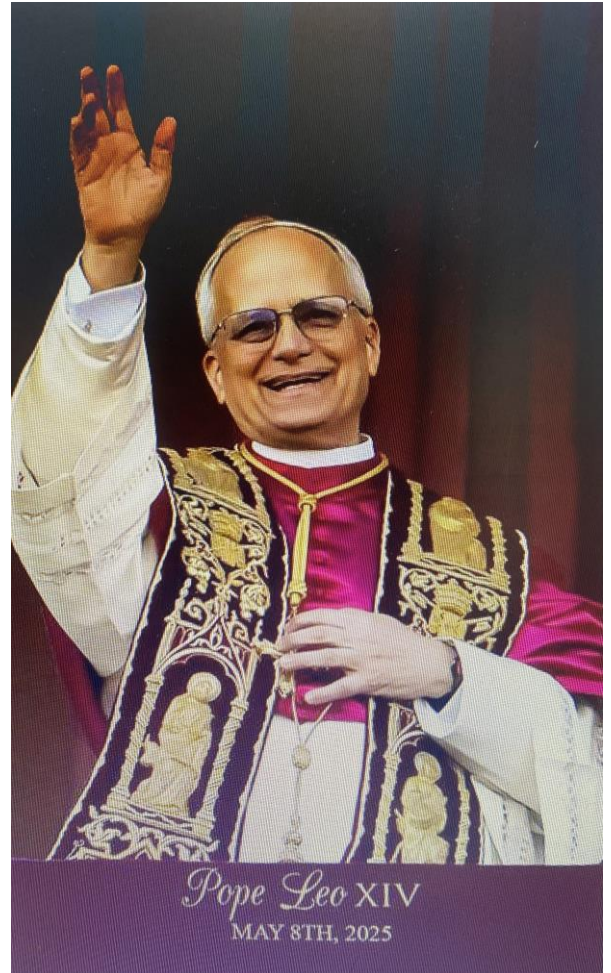


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



Welcomes
Our New Holy Father
Pope Leo XIV



11TH MAY 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

READINGS:

FIRST – ACTS 13:14, 43B-52

PSALM – 100 (99)

“WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.”

SECOND – RV 7:9, 13A, 14B - 17

GOSPEL – JN 10: 27 - 30

Parish Clergy: Fr. Mpagi Alex KISASA, Parish Administrator, Rev. Deacon Anthony Murphy

☎ 0141 772 1619 **☎** 07424 575827 **Email:** stmatthew@rcag.org.uk **(also for Hall hire)**

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, 9:30am and 11:00am.

Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10:00am.

Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10:00am.

Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9:30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).

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

4th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

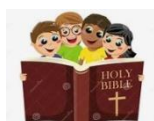
Monday 12 th May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras all Martyrs	
Tuesday 13 th May	Weekday in Eastertide/ Our Lady of Fatima	
Wednesday 14 th May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St. Matthias Apostle	
Thursday 15 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Friday 16 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Saturday 17 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	

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 **11am** Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10am 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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION



There will be a workshop/retreat on **Tuesday 27th May** in St Dominics, starting **7pm – 9pm**. All are encouraged to attend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to All of our Parish Communicants who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May'25. Please continue to Pray for them!

BAPTISM

If you are wishing to have your child baptised, please see Fr Alex after any mass for the form and to book a date. Baptismal candles are available in the stall at the back of the church.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like Fr Alex to visit them, please speak to Fr or send an email to stmatthew@rcaq.org.uk or phone the presbytery on 0141 772 1619 with their details.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – (10/11 MAY 2025) : Open the Door to Christ:

Do you feel called to the Priesthood?

There are currently **3** men studying for the Priesthood in Rome.

There are currently 4 men in the Archdiocesan Discernment Group who meet Monthly with the Vocations Director, to pray together and discuss aspects of priesthood. If you know of anyone who is over 18, discerning priesthood and would benefit from being part of this group, please tell them to contact me?

Contact Rev Fr. Paddy Boyle 0141 952 1108 at St. Eunan's Clydebank, steunan@rcag.org.uk, vocations@rcag.org.uk

SPRED VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Share faith and friendship at SPRED. Interested in taking part in a SPRED group? You are welcome to join us for volunteer training. Four Mondays from **12th May** (except holiday **Monday 26th May**) at **7pm** in the SPRED Centre, 20 Robroyston Road, Glasgow, G33 1EQ Please contact Patricia Duffy on 0141 770 5055 or email glasgow.spred@btconnect.com for more information.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place on **Monday 12th May 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.

FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND Webinar – Nature's Best Kept Secret – Monday 12th May 7:45pm

We will tell you about the benefits of Natural Family Planning (Billings Ovulation Method) as we continue sharing *Nature's Best Kept Secret* with people and parishes across Scotland!

This online event is a joint initiative with the Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. The Webinar is Now set up for registrations!

<https://bit.ly/naturesbestsecret>

RCAG YOUNG ADULT SESSIONS

Retreat Day on Our Lady with the CFR Friars. **Saturday 17 May, 10am – 5pm**. RCAG Youth Office (G1 4JY). All young adults (aged 16+) are invited to join for this inspiring retreat day that will include powerful talks, personal witness, prayer, Holy Mass, and time to connect with other young adults. More info and sign up: www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY DAY!

On **Friday 9th May**, we held the annual Community Netball Tournament in which all six local primary schools took part.

Our **Community Day** is fast approaching on **Saturday 17th May**.

The procession leaves from **Bishopbriggs Cross** at **12.30pm**, making its way to the War Memorial Hall for the **Opening Ceremony** at **1.00pm**, with the inauguration of the 2025 St. Matthew's Primary BCC Youth Ambassadors, followed by entertainment throughout the afternoon.

There will be **Stalls** in the grounds, at **Bishopbriggs Library**, Cadder South Hall,

Summer Market in **St. Matthew's Church Hall**, a Fire Service demonstration outside Morrisons, Canal Boat Trips leaving from opposite the Leisuredrome **from 12.00 -4.00pm** and more!

PARISH LOTTERY

The **April** Lottery Winners were,

Draw One 1023 Cathie Campbell £183
Draw Two 1047 Maureen Byrne £183
Draw Three 1251 Gerry Hay £91.50

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 25th of May**.

New members are most welcome. If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

Forecoming Social Events

Friday 30th May – Family Night with Fun and games. Tickets are Now on Sale! Please put your Name on the sheets at the Church entrance. **Bring Your Own Snacks/Drinks.** Price - **£5 per Family or £2 each.**

Donegal County Council

Donegal County Council is seeking your help to record the stories of **Donegal** people who worked in Scotland **between 1940 and 1990**. As part of the **Working Over By Smartphone Competition**, you're invited to record a short video on your phone sharing a memory of your work. One participant will Win a Return Flight for Two between Donegal and Glasgow. Closing date for entries is **Friday 30th May 2025**. For more information please contact donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie

SVDP Lenten APPEAL 2025

Once again, we would like to thank you all for the very generous response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during Lent. They told me that every week they have up to 60 people who come in looking for help, all of whom need toiletries, so our contribution is very greatly received.

JOB VACANCY

The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for 2 or more months. Accommodation & good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen mail@catholic-iona.com or 01681 700369

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John McCormick, Teddy Taylor, Beatrice Hannah, Thomas Robertson, William Boyle 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

Judith Carey, Alex Carson, John Gibbons, Daragh O'Flaherty, Monsignor Charles Cavanagh, Alan Jordan, Kathleen McAuley, Anne Park, Sadie Little, Kathleen Corrigan, Kathleen Sinclair, Billy Griffin, Tommy Keenan, Tommy McEwan, Pope Francis, Edith O'Brien, Ian Milne, Marie Raffaele and Adriano Benassi

ANNIVERSARY

John O'Connor, Bill Callan, James Crearie, Madge McGuigan, Bill Donnelly, Suzanne Laird, John McFarlane, Thomas Gribben, Kathleen Duffy, Nan Etherson, Mary Vass, Kevin Malia, Elizabeth Flanagan, Kathleen Lyons, James Lyons, Charles Lyons, John Dennis Lyons, Bridie McCloskey, Patricia Mary Murphy, Ivana Santi, Dominic & Paul Ray, Jim Docherty, Sheila Fitzgerald, Thomas Donohoe, Thomas Francis Scallon, David McKenna, Patrick McVey and Maria McDonald
Also, Kenny Woods (Birthday)

+Requiescant in pace+

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners who continually support our bereaved 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/>