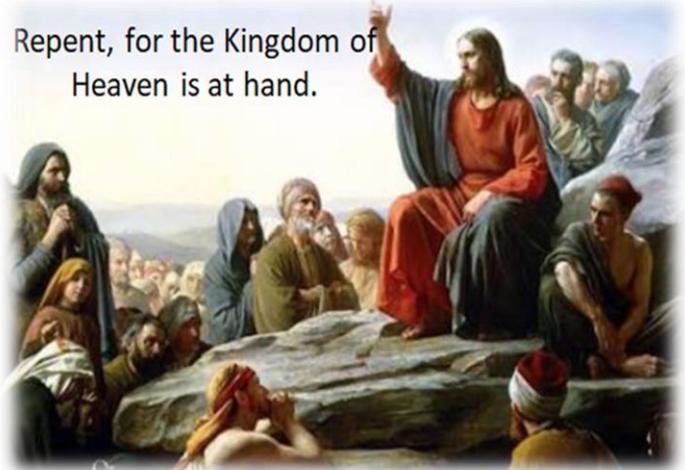


# ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



## 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### READINGS:

**FIRST – IS 9 : 1B - 4**

**PSALM – 27 (26)**

## “THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION”

**SECOND – 1 COR 1 : 10 - 13, 17**

**GOSPEL – MT 4 : 12 - 23**

### 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.

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

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: [newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com)

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





### GIFT AID

Gift Aid makes a big difference to our parish at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer and not already signed up, please consider joining our Gift Aid scheme. Every £1 you give is worth £1.25 to the parish through Gift Aid. Forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

### MASS OF OUR CELTIC ROOTS

**Sunday 25th January** at 4pm, St. Aloysius Church, 25 Rose St Glasgow G3 6RE. Join us for a unique Mass blending prayer, and music of our Celtic heritage. All are welcome to gather in celebration, reflection, and community.

### PARISH LOTTERY

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 25th of January 2026**.

If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church, or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497



### SVDP ADVENT APPEAL – SEND YOU THEIR THANKS!

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during advent. The helpers at the Ozanam Centre were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for the toiletries which will be handed out weekly to the needy people going to the centre.

Before Christmas, as well as doing our weekly delivery to the Springburn Hub food bank, we were able to deliver food to St Augustine's for their Christmas parcels to their foodbank customers. This is all thanks to the generous contributions that we receive from you in our boxes. We plan, with your continuing support, to help the Springburn Food Bank on a weekly basis during 2026 for as long as is needed.

### GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT DAYS

Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. **Three Saturdays, 10.30 – 3.00** (lunch provided; donation only). **21 February, 21 March, and 18 April**. Also, a Retreat in Daily Life starting after **12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March**. This lasts a week and gives individuals the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day. If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please use the QR code to fill in the form and we will be in touch.

Alternatively please email [marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk) for a link to the form or further information!

### NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Building peace in Babel –Burma's future after five years of conflict -

A talk by Dr. Michael Maret-Crosby. CEO Suu Foundation:

The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on

**Thursday 5th February 2026**. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

### GOING DEEPER' FOR PEOPLE NEW TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA):

1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin. Take time to pause and reflect on your faith journey in the beautiful surroundings of Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery.

Arrivals from 5pm on Friday 1st May and leaving after 12:00 noon lunch on Sunday 3 May 2026.

This residential retreat is designed for those who have been through RCIA (a programme which prepares people to become Roman Catholic). The weekend will include opportunities to try different ways of praying, exploring some of the Ignatian (Jesuit) and Benedictine traditions, and sharing with others on living a reflective life. We will have time together as a group, as well as periods of silence and personal reflection.

Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow

### MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly mass for vocations at St Joseph's Care Home, Robroyston will be on

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow. All welcome.

**ABBA'S VINEYARD**

Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with the theme of Gods Word and Pope Leo's intention for the month. The evening also includes the opportunity for confession, mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. For young adults aged 18-35, from 5-9pm, **Saturday 31st January 2026**. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com)."

**RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT WHAT IS NEXT IN LIFE:** 'Navigating the way forward' - Either 13-15 March (Conforti, Coatbridge) or 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs)

Take time out with God for reflection, input and community as we consider how to discern where we are and where we might be invited to next steps. For those facing choices in life, or wondering if there are changes which would lead to greater growth. Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPERATION AND DIVORCE**

The next meetings of our support group for women are:

Friday, 27th February and Friday 27th March, in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill.

From 6.00pm to 8.00pm. New members welcome to this confidential support group.

For further information email: [archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com)

Facebook: Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow)

email: [archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For Michael Keenan and for all our sick parishioners, friends and relatives who are in Hospital and Care Homes and we Pray especially for babies who are sick! We pray for all their families for hope and strength. Thank you!

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

**RECENT DEAD**

Anna Devine, Andrew McCluskey, Sarah-Jane Quinn, Isabell McCormick, Catherine McCafferty, Brian Scanlan, Joe Gribben, Douglas Addison, Isabella McNally, Maria Ferri, Ellen Thomson, Ronnie O'Neill, Brian O'Donnell, Ellen Trainer, Mary Gill,

**ANNIVERSARY**

Bernard O'Connor, Marie MacIntyre, Johnnie Marron, James Braid Snr, Barbara McCall, Frank Byrne, Susan Lappin, Margaret Lacey, Julia Gourlay, James Maguire, Johnnie Braid Snr, James McAleese, Adrian Callan, Stephen Jeffrey, Bill Connelly, James Bolland, John Vass, Eugene Gannon, Philip Reilly, Margaret Walsh, Steph Shearer, Marion McCallum, Kevin Reilly, Stephen Nicol.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

**PARISH FUNERAL**

Anna Devine	-	Reception	-	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January - 6.00pm
		Funeral Mass	-	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January -10.00 am

**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/>