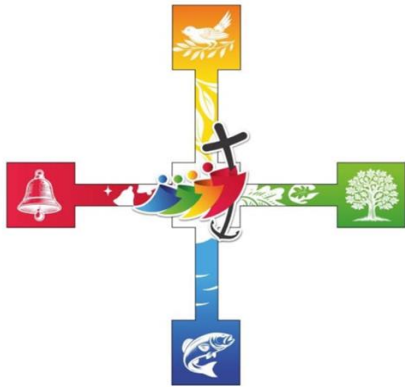


# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**READINGS: FIRST – NEH 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10;  
PSALM – 19(18) SECOND – 1 COR 12:12-30; GOSPEL – LUKE 1:1-4, 4: 14-21**

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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.

**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.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR**

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January    | Weekday in Ordinary Time / St. Angela Merici          |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January   | Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January | Weekday in Ordinary Time / St. Vincent                |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                              |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January    | Saint John Bosco, priest                              |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February  | Saturday in Ordinary Time                             |

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

May 2025 be filled with God's blessings for you and your family. Thank you for your continued support, love and generosity it is greatly appreciated.

**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

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – CHANGE OF DATE!!**

Next years (2025) Pilgrimage is now on 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup> July.

**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!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION – 2025**

Date for the diaries for parents of children making their first confession this year - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

19<sup>th</sup> January : First collection - £1495.02;  
 Second collection - £781.62



Crib donations: £361.09.  
 All crib donations will go to St Margarets Childrens & Family Care Society.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

This Sunday the second collection will be for Assisted Parishes.

### **PARISH LOTTERY**

The December Lottery Winners were,

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|------------|------|---------------|---------|
| Draw One   | 1303 | Tony McShane  | £181.00 |
| Draw Two   | 1176 | Mary Durning. | £181.00 |
| Draw Three | 1029 | Pat Bradley.  | £90.50  |

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £108,600. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 26th of January. 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.

### **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! At the moment our team is a bit depleted and we could do with extra help. Don't worry, we will support you until you get the hang of it. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email [newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com)

### **SENSORY MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL**

Do you or someone you know have difficulty in coming to Mass because you are autistic, have ADHD or are neurodiverse? Would a less stimulating environment help? We are hoping to create that at a sensory Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral but first we'd like to know what would help. Meeting for those interested in the Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street on Sunday 9 February at 2.30pm. If that doesn't suit or you would like to speak to someone privately, call or email Lisbeth Raeside on 0141 770 5055, [lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com).

### **JESUS YOUTH SCOTLAND: FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Need a moment to pause, reflect, and reconnect with your faith? Join our Friday fellowship where we pray, share, and grow together. Open to all young adults – come as you are! Every Friday at 142 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2RQ from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm except 3rd Friday of the Month at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, G1 4JY from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. For more details: Contact 07383 895859 or email [jyScotland@gmail.co.uk](mailto:jyScotland@gmail.co.uk)

### **RECONCILIATION AND HEALING SERVICE:**

This Service will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th February at St Columbkille's Chapel Hall, Kirkwood Street , Rutherglen G73 2NP. Speakers: Rev. Crombie and Joe Livingston. Theme: The Very Real Dangers of the New Age. Confession, prayer ministry, music, tea and coffee. All welcome.

### **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:**

Receptive Ecumenism: a case study in Maryhill - A presentation by Fr Jim Lawlor and Rev Stuart Matthew. The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th February 2025. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

### **MASS OF CELTIC ROOTS**

The annual Mass of our Celtic Roots in St Aloysius, Garnethill at 4.00 next Sunday 26th January. All welcome.

