

# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**READINGS: FIRST –BAR 5: 1-9;**

**PSALM – 126 SECOND –PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11; GOSPEL – LUKE 3:1-6**

**“WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US! INDEED WE WERE  
GLAD .”**

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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.

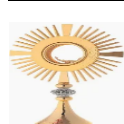
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Second week of Advent/ Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Second week of Advent/ St Damasus 1, Pope
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Second week of Advent/ Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

**WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S**

A warm welcome to all visitors and friends this weekend, feel spiritually at home!

**DAILY ADORATION**



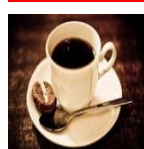
This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December - First Collection: £1413.52

Second Collection: £783.53

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:scfc7954@gmail.com).)



**THE MEANING OF OUR ADVENT WREATH:**

The Advent wreath serves as a spiritual compass on our journey in preparation for the nativity of our Lord. Each candle through the four weeks symbolizes: 1. Hope 2. Faith 3. Joy 4. Peace and the white candle symbolises the ultimate celebration of Christmas. Indeed he is born for us!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** : Some parishioners donate to St Matthews SVDP by standing order. Our bank account has now moved to the Bank of Scotland and for anyone who wishes to continue donating or anyone who wishes to start donating this way, our account details are as follows :- Account name - SSVDP GL09098 Sort code 80-22-60 Account no. 27514762.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME 2025**

Pope Francis has invited all young people, aged 18 to 30, to join him in Rome from 28<sup>th</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/rcagjubileeregistration)

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> November. We would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Soap - Roll on deodorant - Shaving Gel - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Shower gel

**CAROLS FOR PEACE:** Hosted by the Lord Provost's Office, this will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Justice & Peace Scotland December-February 2024/25 newsletter.** See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&PS network in the latest quarterly newsletter, available at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). Includes all the information as to how you can become involved and play your part.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW ART PROJECT:** Volunteer stage crew and technicians wanted. AGAP would like to expand its existing crew for some forthcoming touring theatre productions in 2025. We are particularly keen to hear from people that are available during school hours but also require occasional help at weekends and evenings. Some training will be given for lights and sound operation but previous experience would be an advantage. Duties may include loading and unloading of stage, props and AV equipment as well as operation and set-up. This may be an excellent opportunity for students seeking experience in touring or recently retired persons seeking a fulfilling pastime. For more information, please contact: [stephen@agap.org.uk](mailto:stephen@agap.org.uk) or call 0141 552 5527

### **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.

### **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**

Eileen McCrossan, Vic Legrix , Mary Flynn, Lynn O'Brien, Charlotte Conway, Cathy Callaghan, Cassie Bradley, Anne Welsh, Jim Forrester, Bruce McDougall, Teresa (Tess) Alexander, John Hegarty.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Charlie Loughlin John Patrick Brady, Billy & Kevin Gillies, Bernadette Johnstone, Manson Davis, Kathleen Reilly, Stephen Cunningham, Tom & Clare Nicolson, Ronnie MacIntyre, Anna & Anthony McCourt, Rachel McFarlane, 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, Michael Duff.

### **FUNERAL:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Bruce McDougall. Reception of his remains at 6pm, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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](mailto:newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com)