

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

FEED
MY
SHEEP



*O God, eternal shepherd,
Who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

4TH MAY 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS:

FIRST – ACTS 5:27B – 32, 40B-41

PSALM – 30 (29)

“I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE RAISED ME UP.”

SECOND – RV 5:1 1-14

GOSPEL – JN 21:1 – 19

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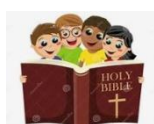
Items must be received **before** the Friday prior to publication.

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.****3rd SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

Monday 5 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Tuesday 6 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Wednesday 7 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Thursday 8 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Friday 9 th May	Weekday in Eastertide	
Saturday 10 th May	Weekday in Eastertide/St John of Avila, Priest, doctor	

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

27th April : First collection - £1389.82
Second collection - £757.55 for Assisted Parishes

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the Building Renovation Fund.

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**

Our children of the parish make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May 10am. Please keep them children and their families in your prayers.

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@rcag.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

UCM

On Tuesday 6th May, the UCM will have their closing mass at 7pm in St Matthew's Church, followed by our meeting in the hall afterwards.



ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone who generously bought/donated to our fundraising coffee morning. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH LOTTERY

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

CONCLAVE – CARDINAL ELECTORS

On Tuesday 6th May, the eve of the Conclave, Archbishop Nolan will offer the 1.00 pm Mass in the Cathedral, praying for the Cardinal Electors as they gather to choose a new Pope. All welcome.

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

GLASGOW 850

Glasgow 850: Celebrating the legacy of Archbishop Robert Blackadder, first Archbishop of Glasgow. Glasgow Church Leaders with Glasgow Churches Together invites you to an ecumenical service to celebrate the life and legacy of Archbishop Blackadder on Saturday 11th May at 4pm in Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street G4 0QZ. Please confirm your attendance by contact Elspeth Glasgow on office@glasgowchurches.org.uk or 07903 883071

ASSISTED SUICIDE



The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks.

FLOURISH SPECIAL EDITION

The special edition of Flourish in memory of Pope Francis is now available FREE. It contains lovely photos and articles about the late Holy Father along with news and views from around the Archdiocese. Make sure to take one home today and perhaps take one for a friend of neighbour who might appreciate it.

ROSARY

Bishop John Keenan will lead a Rosary in prayer for our country to care not kill in St Augustine's Parish Church, Coatbridge, at 6pm (following 5pm Mass) on Sunday 4th May. All are welcome to attend in person or watch online (search 'Being Catholic TV' on YouTube).

AGAP THEATRE

Presents "The Margaret Sinclair Story" (marking 100 years since the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair) National Tour. Performances: Sun 11th May at 3.00pm – St Mary's, Duntocher. Tickets: £10/£7/£5 (Pay What You Can – you choose.) from www.agap.org.uk/tickets or call 0749 534 7884.

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, 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 and Pope Francis.

ANNIVERSARY

John O'Connor, Bill Callan, Sheila Fitzgerald, James Crearie, Madge McGuigan, Bill Donnelly, Tom Donohoe, 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 and Ivana Santi.

+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/>