

# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

## MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



*Welcomes with Love  
Our New Holy Father  
Pope Leo XIV*



*Leone PP. XIV  
8 maggio 2025*

**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### READINGS:

**FIRST – ACTS 15: 1-2, 22-29**

**PSALM – 67 (66)**

**“LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD, LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU”**

**SECOND – RV 21: 10-14, 22-23**

**GOSPEL – JN 14: 23-29**

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

## DETAILS OF MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sunday Masses : Vigil 5:30pm, 9:30am 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.

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St. Philip Neri, Priest
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension of the Lord- solemnity
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast

## HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION - ASCENSION THURSDAY

Masses: Vigil Wed 28<sup>th</sup> - 6pm, 29<sup>th</sup> May – 10am in St. Matthew's Parish.

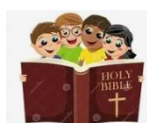
Mass is also at St Matthew's Primary at **10am** and Turnbull High School at **10:55am** and **11:45am**. All welcome!

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> May** in St Dominic's, from **7.00pm to 9.00pm**. All are encouraged to attend.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...

Thank you to those who kindly organised a great party for the First Holy Communion kids....you made it memorable for them, that's partly how faith is built in the young! Thanks also to the parents for their involvement in their children's spiritual lives and last but not least, thanks to St Matthew's Primary catechetical team who did a great job of preparing our P4 children for their Holy Communion. Bless you all!!

## MARRIAGE

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course is 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Please email for a registration form. [stmatthew@rcaq.org.uk](mailto:stmatthew@rcaq.org.uk)

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

### **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. All parents need to attend the Baptismal Preparation Course beforehand. Next preparation course is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 6pm at the presbytery. Baptismal candles are available in the stall at the back of the church.

### **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 February, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bernard Mournian from St Columbkille's Parish. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

### **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 **12<sup>th</sup> May** (except holiday **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com) for more information.

### **PARISH LOTTERY**

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

### **FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Our Family Night with Fun and Games has been postponed, another date will be communicated.



Our Italian Night of music and 3 course meal will be the 20<sup>th</sup> June. BYOB. Tickets £15. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

### **LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING**

**Sunday 25th May in Carfin Grotto.** All active and auxiliary members as well as friends of the Legion are very warmly welcome to join with Legionaries from all over Scotland for this day of thanksgiving. The proceedings will begin with **Mass at 3pm** which will be celebrated by Bishop Keenan. This will be followed by the Rosary Procession and Benediction which will start at 5pm. All Spiritual Directors are cordially invited to attend.

### **JUBILEE OF HOPE**

Day Retreat on Saturday 7 June, 11am- 3pm at St Bartholomew's Church Building, Hall & Grounds (Theme will be "Hope") and then Saturday, 14 June, 11am- 3pm at St Margaret Mary's Church Building, Hall and Grounds (Theme: "Sacred Heart of Jesus." Both will be led by a Priest from the Congregation: "Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy." Bring your own Packed Lunch (Tea, Coffee & Juice Provided)

### **EVENINGS OF REFLECTION IN PERSON AT THE ISC**

Dates: 29 May; 28 August and 13 November: time 6.30 -8.30pm. Venue: Ignatian Spirituality centre, 35 Scott St, Glasgow, G3 6PE. As we move through the seasons there is a natural sense of change in the air. In a time of personal change and transition and often before concrete plans emerge as John O'Donohue puts it "your soul senses the world that awaits you". This is an evening giving an opportunity to reflect on God's constant call to newness and growth. If you are able to make a donation on the night that would be most welcome, however please do not let finance stop you from coming along!

### ANNUAL LINN CEMETERY MASS

**Saturday 31 May at 3pm.** If the weather is inclement then the Mass for the Dead will be in nearby St Margaret Mary's Church Building (G45 9NT). St Thomas More: "I pray that we meet merrily in heaven."

### CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

The annual Mass for Catholic children with additional support needs will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan at St Andrew's Cathedral on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at 5:15pm. All welcome!

### SCOTTISH CATHOLIC THEOLOGY FORUM CONFERENCE

The Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. **Saturday 14th June 11am – 3.30pm.** This year's conference will consider how we get to a theology of synodality, explore women's perspectives, and reflect on synodality as a mark of the church. It will be highly participative. Come and join the conversation!

Booking: Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-catholic-theology-forum-conference-2025-tickets-1338389532119?aff=oddtcreator>. Tickets cost £15, non - waged £10.

Lunch: There are many food outlets nearby or bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The next meetings of our support group for women affected by separation and divorce are:

**Friday, 30th May and Friday, 27th June**, in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill, from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**. New members are welcome to this confidential support group, run by women who have come through this experience. The group is delighted to welcome women from across the Archdiocese whether they experienced this 30 years ago or more recently.

For further information email: [archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com) We have a variety of ways that women can reach out before the meeting: Twitter: @GAWomenSupport Facebook: Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow)

### ABBA'S VINEYARD:

Visitation Prayer Evening, **Saturday 31st May, from 5-9pm**, for young adults aged 18-35. The evening includes the opportunity for confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. Organised by Abba's Vineyard. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com).

### DIGNITY NOT DETENTION

Join Justice & Peace Scotland at Dungavel on Sun 15th June at 1.00pm to call for "Dignity Not Detention" and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. The UK is the only country in Europe that does not have a statutory time limit on detention, meaning people can be held in prison-like conditions indefinitely with no idea when they will be released. Guest speaker: Archbishop William Nolan.

Dungavel House, Strathaven, ML10 6RF. Contact [office@justice@peacescotland.org.uk](mailto:office@justice@peacescotland.org.uk) for more info.

### TOGETHER FOR SANCTUARY

Justice & Peace Scotland invite you to Together for Sanctuary, a special ecumenical Christian worship service held **at Immaculate Conception, Maryhill – Thurs 19th June at 7.00pm** as part of Refugee Festival Scotland. Organised in partnership with SFAR (Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees), this gathering will bring together people of all backgrounds to stand in solidarity with those who seek sanctuary for a time of prayer, worship, music and reflection and will include speakers with lived experience of seeking safety and welcome.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Monday, 9th to Wednesday 11th June. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)



### CHARIS SCOTLAND CONFERENCE

Join us for a powerful life-changing experience on the theme of "Jesus is Lord". June 20th: 7:00-9:00 pm. Worship, Adoration, and Intercession for Scotland. June 21st : 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Praise & Worship, Inspiring Guest Speakers: Fr. Gladson OSA, John Hesketh, International Speaker, Cathy Brenti, CHARIS International Roisin Doherty. Venue: Blessed John Dun Scotus RC Church, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0YT. For more details or to register, contact Teresa at 07800717949.

### SUMMER FAYRE

The Parish of the Immaculate Conception invites you to our world-famous Summer Fayre and Open Day. Saturday June 14th from 12.30 - 4.30pm. BBQ - Licensed Bar - Tea room- Home baking—Tombola & Bottle stalls. New goods. Prize Draw. Fun for kids & whole family; great day; come & play! Free entry. All welcome @ Church grounds 2049 Maryhill Road G20 0AA. Meet SCIAF - celebrating its 60th Birthday. Meet our Together We Make Maryhill team. Meet the Fire Engine & Paramedic teams.

### JOB VACANCIES

#### **Parish Youth Officer – St John the Baptist, Uddingston.**

Please note the closing date is 1st June 2025. All applications should be made via our website – click on this link for further details - [Parish Youth and Evangelisation Officer | Saint John Baptist](#), with questions directed to [evangelisation@saintjohnbaptist.org](mailto:evangelisation@saintjohnbaptist.org)

#### **Pastoral Worker - Aggie Weston's**

Aggie Weston's (<http://www.aggies.org.uk/>) is a Christian Charity that supports the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families through the provision of Pastoral Workers in military bases and establishments around the country. We are looking to recruit a Pastoral Worker to work within the Chaplaincy at HMNB Clyde. The role calls for somebody with a Christian vocation. Further details about the role can be found on our website (<https://www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies>). Closing date for applications is Tuesday 27th May 2025.

### GLASGOW THE WELCOMING CITY

The Skirl of the Pipes will welcome you to the City Chambers for this annual event on Sunday 1st June 2025 at 3pm with the Lord Provost and , Church, and Civic Leaders. We will celebrate new Scots/Glaswegians to our diverse cultures and celebrate Glasgow 850. We will pray for peace in our world, enjoy music and song with The St Mungo Ensemble, the Salvation Army Band, Ukrainian musicians and singers and the St Mungo Singers. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Satinwood Suite, where you can catch up and chat. We look forward to seeing you there at this free event.

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Catherine Gray, Baby Brodie, 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**

Irene Nairn, Anne Ray, Michael Henry, Brian Reilly, Martin Haldane, Tommy Connelly, Maureen Scott, David Miller, Mary Johnstone, Anne Marie Ugarte, Maureen Walsh, George Mills, William Boyle, Maureen Walsh, Michael Henry, Cora Magtanong, Michael McGuane, Martin Haldane, Pope Francis, Edith O'Brien, Ian Milne, Marie Raffaele and Adriano Benassi

**ANNIVERSARY**

Hugh Mulqueen, Neil Duffy, Mary Kirkbride, Kevin Malia, Mary Brady, John Mackintosh, Margaret Gibbons, Ronnie Rotchford, Ian McIntosh, Colin McIntosh, Emerenciana Dizon, Santos Dizon, Delia Peralta, Fortunato Peralta, Margaret Muir, Cathie & Jack Dempsie, Thomas Boyle, Thomas Deeney, Charles McAuley, Jim Docherty, Ronnie Rotchford, Margaret Gibbons, Dominic & Paul Ray, Jim Docherty, Sheila Fitzgerald, Thomas Donohoe, Thomas Francis Scallon, David McKenna, Patrick McVey and Maria McDonald.

*+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.