

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Pope Francis



13TH APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

READINGS:

PROC – LK 19:28 - 40

FIRST – IS 50:4 - 7

PSALM – 22 (21)

“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

SECOND – PHIL 2:6 - 11

GOSPEL – LK 22:14 – 23:56

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: 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).

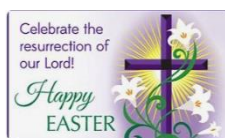
Confessions : Friday after 10am Mass and 5:00 pm before vigil mass.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 14 th April	Weekday in Holy Week
Tuesday 15th April	Weekday in Holy Week
Wednesday 16th April	Weekday in Holy Week
Thursday 17th April	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Friday 18 th April	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 19 th April	Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ

HOLY WEEK: MASSES & SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - 7pm St. Matthew's Church
HOLY THURSDAY (17th APRIL)	Morning prayer – 10.00am Mass of the Lord's Supper -7.00pm followed by Night prayer and repose
GOOD FRIDAY (18th April) FASTING & ABSTINENCE	Morning prayer – 10.00am followed by Stations of the Cross Passion of Our Lord – 3.00pm. Veneration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion
HOLY SATURDAY (19th April)	Morning prayer – 10.00am Easter Vigil - 7.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY (20th April)	Holy Mass at 9.30am & 11.00am
EASTER MONDAY (21ST April)	Holy Mass - Noon



EASTER SOCIAL: After the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday let us celebrate the resurrection together with a cup of tea/coffee or a glass of wine/prosecco and some music in the hall. All welcome.

CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL:

Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the cathedral at 11.00 am on Thursday 17th April; all of us are encouraged to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 7pm.

16th April – Alter Servers/Sacristans, 16th April Holy Week Stations of the Cross by Children's liturgy group with the participation of Bishopbriggs Churches together.

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Tuesday 15th April – 7pm. Fr Alex has organised priests to come and hear our confessions. Please come along.

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

6TH April : First collection - £1,268.56
Second collection - £870.99

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for sick and retired priests.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year beginning 6th April are now available in the church vestibule. Please ensure that these are uplifted as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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.



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

PARISH LOTTERY

The March Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1077	Anna Welsh	£180
Draw Two	1116	Annabella Hanlon	£180
Draw Three	1292	Sheila MacKay	£ 90

Please note that Annual payments are now due. Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 27th of April.

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

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place on **Monday 14th April 2025**, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.



There will be a fundraiser for the St. Margaret of Scotland Youth Group pilgrimage to Lourdes in the parish hall on the 27th of April. It's a coffee morning with cakes, rolls and a raffle after the 11am Mass. It's to raise money for the SMSYG pilgrimage, where young people from the archdiocese assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes for a week in July.

SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2025

We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:
Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks.
Also Small Easter eggs on 12th/13th April only.

FR MONAGHAN

Father Nicholas Monaghan invites you to join him for his Mass of Thanksgiving on the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This will take place on Sunday 29th June at 5pm in St Mary's Duntocher. Please respond to silver25nm@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

'GOLDEN DAYS IN DONEGAL' – STEPHEN JOYCE

Father Alex and myself would like to thank all parishioners and anyone who kindly bought my book 'Golden Days in Donegal'. All books now sold and ALL money now in Chapel Funds.
A special thanks to Tahir, his family and staff at POPPIES Post Office & shop who sold 40 copies and donated ALL money to St Matthews.
This was a lovely gesture of respect, support and co-operation with our Catholic Church from our Islamic friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John McCormick, Teddy Taylor, 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

John Quigley, Patricia Rae, Kathleen Sinclair, Anne Park, May Love, Norma Christie, William Penny, Iain Roderick MacMillan, George Mcreadie, Brian Slaven, Roberta Keenan, James McGurk, Mary Pye, Janet Scott, Tommy Finlay, Danny Mullan, John Barret, Brian Slaven, Anne Purdon.

ANNIVERSARY

James Braid, Agnes Baxter, Federigo Capanni, Ernesto Sardi, Donata McCulloch, Frank Murray, Clare Nicolson, Joe Constantine, James Brennan, Tricia Ross, Margaret Donnelly, Martin O'Neill, Gemma McDevitt, Christopher Karaban

MONTHS MIND

Maureen Kenny

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Anne Purdon 16th April 10am
Kathleen Sinclair 24th April 10am

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/>