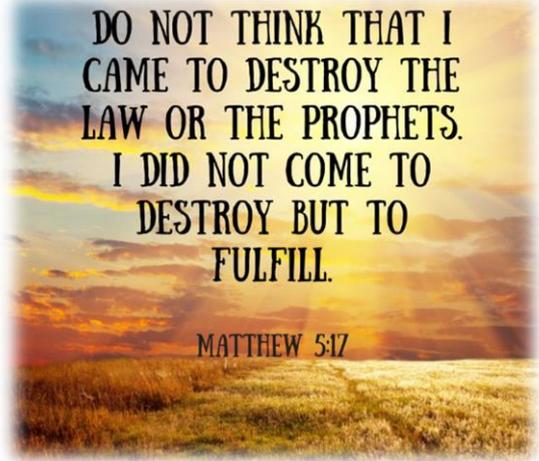


# St. Matthew's

## Family parish

### Moving forward in faith



15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

#### READINGS:

FIRST – SIR 15 : 15 - 10  
PSALM – 119 (118)

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WALK IN THE  
LAW OF THE LORD!”**

SECOND – 1 COR 2 : 6 - 10  
GOSPEL – MT 5 : 17 – 37

#### **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.

**Parish Clergy:** Fr. Mpagi Alex KISASA, Parish Administrator, Rev. Deacon Anthony Murphy

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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!



## UCM

The UCM will resume on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am** in the church hall.

## SMSYG AFTENOON TEA

The St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group are hosting an afternoon tea in the hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 12-3pm**. Tickets £20 with fizz/£15 without. Please text Clare 07776304705 or Hayley 07535284716 for tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase after 11am mass on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at the back of the church.

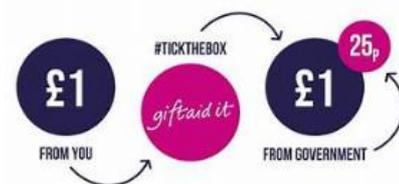


### HELP WANTED!

As we start the New Year, we are looking for people to help in various ways with groups within the Parish, including specifically the **Friday Café**, the **Church cleaners**, and in preparing the **Newsletter**. And in many other ways! If you are willing and able to help in any way, please contact **Fr. Alex** (07424 575827 or [stmatthew@rcag.org.uk](mailto:stmatthew@rcag.org.uk)) or after Mass.

### GIFT AID

Gift Aid makes a big difference to our parish at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer and not already signed up, please consider joining our Gift Aid scheme. Every £1 you give is worth £1.25 to the parish through Gift Aid. Forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.



### PARISH LOTTERY

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church, or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

### ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Bookings are now open for anyone wishing to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking place from **16<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. For information about the pilgrimage go to <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/tours/glasgow-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>. If you are interested in attending, or you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at [pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

### STELLA MARIS

The Catholic charity looking after the welfare and spirituality of sea farers all over the world are seeking volunteers and parish contacts. Volunteers can be anything from knitting woolly hats, to organising appeals such as toiletry collections for Christmas and Easter Eggs to be distributed at our Scottish ports. Parish contacts will display our literature at Mass and if there is a collection, co-ordinate this with Fr Alex. If you are able to help in any way please contact Peter on 07745543959 or email [peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org](mailto:peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org).



### SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2026

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2026 Lenten appeal which is to supply items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently very short of trainers and have asked if we could collect used trainers in good condition in addition to our normal collection of toiletries as noted below. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church **from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. We would be grateful if you could provide the following for men and women over the weeks of Lent:

Trainers, Shampoo, Shower gel, Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Soap, Small towels, Socks. Also Small Easter eggs on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March only.

### **PRO-LIFE MASS:**

This month's Pro-Life Mass falls on Ash Wednesday, **18<sup>th</sup> February**. Mass will therefore be at the earlier time of 7pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. There will be Adoration from 6pm. Please come along and start your Lenten journey praying for the cause of life.

### **TURNBULL HS PTA CEILIDH**

Turnbull PTA would like to invite all parishioner to join them at a ceilidh in St Dominic's Church Hall on **Saturday, 21st February**. Doors open at 7.30pm. £10 for adults and free for under 18s.

Music will be provided by the excellent Speire Ceilidh Band and you can check them out beforehand on TicToc or Instagram. The funds we raise all go to providing experiences for our school children that would not be possible otherwise with ever tightening budgets so please consider supporting your local High School.

### **NIGHTFEVER GLASGOW**

*'Come and see! (John 1,46)* **Friday 27 February 2026** from 7.00 – 10.30pm in | St Aloysius' Church, Garnethill. Nightfever is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and evangelisation. Teams of young people (18+) head out onto the streets of Glasgow, inviting passers-by into St Aloysius' Church to light a candle and spend a moment in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions available throughout the evening. Compline and Benediction 10pm . .Please come along and invite your friends. Volunteers needed for music, hospitality, and street outreach ministries. More details, please contact Tanya: 07907699566



### **CHURCH GROUNDS**

We extend our thanks to Stephen and Marc from AquaFlex Exterior Cleaning for generously cleaning our church grounds free of charge. Their kindness and support to our parish community is greatly appreciated. If you wish to use their services, call Stephen on 07539945843.

### **ST ANDREW'S FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Cardinal Winning Lecture 2026: **Saturday 7 March**. "Why the Way of Beauty Matters in Catholic Education" – Dr Jem Sullivan, Catholic University of America. University of Glasgow. Mass at 9:30am in the Memorial Chapel. Lecture 11am – Humanity Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Room 255. Reserve your place <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/>

### **JOYFUL & TRIUMPHANT CONCERTCHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Lenten reflection retreat. Come and join us for a time of Inner Healing, praise and fellowship at Blessed John Duns Scotus Church Hall, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow G5 0YT. Guest Speaker: Fr Gladson Dabre OSA. **Friday 27th Feb: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Sunday 28th Feb: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm.** Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448 786569 Email: [glasgow.service.team@gmail.com](mailto:glasgow.service.team@gmail.com)

### **HOLY MASSES ARE OFFERED/ PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick, especially Margaret Smith, Joan Sharkey, Jim Docherty and members of our parish community and friends who are currently in hospital or residing in care homes. We pray in a special way for babies and children who are unwell, asking for God's healing, comfort and peace for them and their families.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

**RECENT DEAD**

Shiela McKay, Rena Mumford, Ella Fitsimmons, Bernadette Boyle, Edward Dunbar, Mary Wolfe, Agnes Shields, Lisa McDougall, Martin Airlie, Jack Cassidy, Sarah Quinn, Janice McDaid, Marie Chichignoud, May Williamson, Gerard McCann, Mrs Docherty, Thomas Swanson, Delia Tortolano, Catherine Shaw, Jean Crawford, Catherine Scott.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Kathleen McCumesty, George Hawkins, Jennifer Anderson, Mary & Frank McKenna, Kathleen Traynor, Louise Weston, Eileen Ely, John Fitzgerald, Neil Boyle, Dominic Ray, France Mills, Edward & Agnes Gay, Agnes & Jim Kilbride, John Donohoe, Elizabeth Doherty, Christina Payne, James Campbell, Joseph Johnstone, Tommy Johnstone, Harry Downie, Katriona Brown, Margaret McKee, Tom Wilson, Elizabeth Purkiss, Michael Gillen, Elizabeth D'Agostino, John Kilbride.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

**FUNERAL**

Shiela McKay – Reception Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – 6pm  
Funeral Mass - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 10am



**THANK YOU**

To all our parishioners who continue to accompany our bereaved families throughout the year. Your prayers and presence at our funeral masses are constant and deeply valued.  
Fr A.

**FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

Can be found on the Parish Website : <https://stmatthewsbishopbriggs.co.uk/> or our Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsbishopbriggs/>