

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



September 29 is the Feast of Archangels

St. MICHAEL



O Glorious St. Michael the Archangel, come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God made in His own image and likeness and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of Satan.

St. GABRIEL



O Glorious St. Gabriel, as you announced to Mary, the Mystery of the Incarnation, we beseech you, intercede for us at the Throne of Mercy in our present necessities.

St. RAPHAEL



O Glorious St. Raphael, heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

READINGS:

FIRST — AM 6 : 1A, 4 - 7

PSALM — 146 (145)

“MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD”

SECOND — TM 6 : 11B - 16

GOSPEL — LUKE 16 : 19 - 31

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

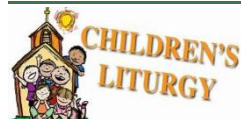
Items **must** be received **before** the **Friday** prior to publication!

26th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 29th	St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday 30th	St. Jerome, Priest
Wednesday 1st	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Thursday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday 3rd	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 4th	St. Francis of Assisi

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

The Children's 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. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026.

Our Primary 4 pupils will receive the Sacrament of the Most Blessed Eucharist on the **9th of May 2026** at both **10 am** Mass and **12 O'clock** Mass respectively. Let us continue to accompany them with our earnest prayers.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

21st September : First collection - £1193.57
Second collection - £ 814.62

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for church refurbishment.

**ROSARY GARDEN - UPDATE!**

You will be pleased to know that we are beginning to make progress with this project. We contracted a landscaping firm for laying the pavement, they will start in mid- October. We will then need a few hands for getting and putting the stone chips down and trellises up. Fancy helping? An outside tap will also be installed next week. We have now the backing plastered square for the mosaic on the wall all ready. Helen Miles, the artist is soon finishing

the mosaic picture of Our Lady. Hopefully a lot will happen by the end of October! If you wish to donate towards this project, please leave your donation in an envelope in the Sacristy. And please do remember this little garden in your prayers. Thank you!

PARISH LOTTERY

The August Lottery Winners were,

Draw One 1131 Catherine Mc Millan £184
Draw Two 1272 Danny McLachlan £184
Draw Three 1046 Kim Begen £92

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of September.**

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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS....

We are looking for volunteers to join with the singing or musicians to play during our daily and weekend masses. No previous experience necessary, just bring along your enthusiasm!!

Please contact Vincent on 07495999233 or email stmatthew@rcag.org.uk.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

AGAP Theatre presents "Pilgrim of Hope" (an uplifting comedy for the Jubilee Year).

Straight from the Edinburgh Fringe, the hit play based upon themes in Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Hope! Written and Performed by Stephen Callaghan. **Friday 3rd October 2025 at 7.30pm** in St. Helen's Parish Hall, 32 Langside Avenue Glasgow G41 2QS Tickets: **£10/£7/£5** (Pay What You Can – you choose.)

Available from the parish or www.agap.org.uk/pilgrimofhope or call **0749 534 7884**.

RECOVERY AND SPIRITUAL HEALING

There will be an ecumenical service focusing on recovery and Spiritual healing for anyone who has been caught up in alcohol or drug addiction. We welcome those who are in recovery, those still afflicted by addiction and family members who support those who are suffering. This will take place at **3pm** on **Sunday 12th October** in **St. Augustine's** Church Hall, 393 Ashgill Road, Glasgow, G22 7HN. The service will be led by Rev. Laurent Vernet and Rev. Paul McAlinden and there will be testimony from people in recovery as well as those who support them. We look forward to welcoming you and there will be tea/coffee and cake at the end of the service.

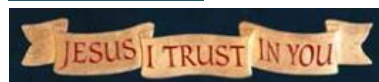
PAUSE FOR HOPE

An Ecumenical Service for all people affected by Cancer. Sunday 26th October at 4pm in Croftfoot United Free Church, 349 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HH. Reflection by Rev Leslie Edge, Chaplain to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. You will hear of the work of the Hospice and a collection will be taken up for the vital work of the Hospice. You will have the opportunity to light a candle and leave a prayer intention for yourself or people you know who have been affected by cancer. Please join us for refreshments, information and chat afterwards. All Welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you to all our members who attended our meeting on Monday evening.

DIVINE MERCY



Let's pray the 3 o'clock prayer and The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Souls who spread the honour of My Mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour (Diary 1075). This is what the Lord Jesus promised to everyone who will proclaim His Mercy, spread its honour in any way. 🙏🙏🙏

Anyone interested in leading the Divine Mercy Devotion in our parish, please see Fr Alex. Thank you!

UCM

Meetings will commence on Monday morning at 10:30 in the hall after morning Mass. New members are very welcome to join us. If you would like some information on our organisation please contact Karen on 07539446763.

UCM NATIONAL MEETING

Is taking place in St Matthew's Hall on Saturday 11th October from 10:30. Any member is welcome to attend. Our national spiritual director Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Mass in the church at 12 noon, any parishioners wishing to join us at our mass is very welcome.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Please join the Archbishop, Priests, Deacons and Religious in praying for vocations, especially to the religious life and priesthood. Please remember our Seminarians; we currently have four, and we have one applicant this year. The vocations crisis we have long feared has now arrived with some priests now looking after three parishes, new restrictions on bringing in foreign clergy means the need to pray for more vocations has never been greater.

NOSTRA AETATE

The Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue is holding a conference to mark the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge. For more information, please contact joseph.sikora@bcos.org.uk

FORMED

Run by the Archdiocesan Youth Office, FORMED gives young people in S1–S6 the opportunity to meet monthly and explore their faith in relationship with Jesus, the Church, and one another through engaging activities, inspiring teachings, times of prayer, and small groups with their peers! To find out more and to register, visit: www.rcagyouth.co.uk

THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The Men of St Joseph wish to invite all men over the age of 18 to join them for monthly fellowship meetings, including the Rosary and Lectio Divina. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. The next meeting is 2nd October, 7:30-9pm, in the, The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE. Contact: themosj.scotland@gmail.com

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessed John Duns Scotus Parish G5 0YT. 3rd October - Celebrating the "Transitus" (death) of St Francis at 7pm. 4th October at 10am Feast day Mass, 11am Blessing of the animals in the church car park.

SPECIAL INTENTION

Private intentions for Sr. Paul Genevieve and Sr. Phyllis Hoey FMDM.
Golden Wedding Anniversary for Catherine & John McIntyre.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Louise Franklin, Barry Pottle, Jim Docherty, Gary Jones, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin, Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, John McCormick, Beatrice Hannah, Thomas Robertson and for all our sick parishioners, friends and relatives who are in Hospital and Care Homes and we Pray especially for babies who are sick! We pray for all their families for hope and strength.

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

RECENT DEAD

Jim McKenna, William Kilgour, Patrick Hanlon, Gerard Woods, Catherine McDonald, Ian Jeffrey, Naomi McSorley, Jim Prior, Mary Kelly, William Monaghan.

ANNIVERSARY

Paul Murphy, Thomas Hughes, John Graham, Anne Marie Donohoe, Tony Hamill, James Murray, Peter Etherson, Clare McGinness, Eileen Reilly, Martin John Evans, Margaret Novak, Dino Santi.

MONTHS MIND

Isabella McNally

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERAL

Jim McKenna – 6th October 10.00am Mass.

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/>