

# ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



## 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS:

FIRST — Is 2 : 1-5  
PSALM — 122 (121)

**“LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”**

SECOND — ROM 13 : 11 – 14A  
GOSPEL — MT 24 : 37 - 44

### 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.

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Francis Xavier, priest</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent / Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent / Saint Nicholas, bishop</b>

## 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!

## 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!

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

23<sup>rd</sup> November : First collection - £1124.50  
Second collection - £597.73

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for the Parish Building Fund

## PARISH LOTTERY

**Next** draw is due to take place on **Sunday 30th of November '25**.

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

## HOLY COMMUNION



If any parishoner (for any reason) feels they are unable to walk down to receive communion, please feel free to remain in your pew during Communion.

To assist you, the Priest/Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to you.

For ease of access, we kindly ask that you sit near the end of the pew if possible!

Please let a passkeeper know beforehand? Thank you!

## SVDP ADVENT APPEAL

The SVDP conference requests your support for our 2025 Advent appeal. This year, the appeal is for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre where they will be distributed to homeless and needy people who go there for help with clothing, etc. They have asked us for small sizes of the toiletries listed below for men or women. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 29th November. We would be

grateful if you could provide the following: - Soap - Roll on deodorant - Shaving Gel - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Shower gel.

### **AUTHOR PAUL O'DONAGHUE**



Author Paul O'Donaghue has kindly given us some of his books. They can be purchased at the back of the church for £10, with £5 being donated to St Matthew's. If you would enjoy a story about family, identity and loss set amidst the hills of Donegal, then this one is for you!

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS:**

During Advent the South of Glasgow Deanery is offering three Thursday evening opportunities for spiritual reflection and discussion. 4 December – Hope in the Modern World (led by Fr Stephen Reilly). 11 December – Justice in the Modern World (led by Jamie McGowan, Advocate, and Fr Gerard McGuinness, Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland). 18 December – Bethlehem Today (Live discussion with Staff and Students of Bethlehem University). Christ The King Parish Hall, 220 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G44 5AP. 7pm to 8.30pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm). All Welcome.

### **FORMED**

Youth Group; | Friday 5th Dec from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, RCAG Youth Office (G1 4JY).

Run monthly by the RCAG Youth Office, FORMED is a faith-filled evening for young people in S1–S6 to explore their faith and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Church, and one another through engaging activities, talks, prayer, and small group sharing – with pizza included! Find out more and register at [www.tinyurl.com/formed25](http://www.tinyurl.com/formed25)

### **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

A Better World is Possible (Where all people survive, thrive and flourish with human dignity) - A talk by Lorraine Currie. CEO SCIAF: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th December 2025 . All welcome. Refreshments provided.

### **GLASGOW CHURCHES TOGETHER..**

in an Ecumenical Service for the Vigil of St Andrew's Day. Honouring our patron saint and praying for our country. At 2.30 on Saturday 29th November in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street. All welcome.

### **ABBA'S VINEYARD**

Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the blessed Sacrament, with the theme of Advent. The evening also includes the opportunity for Confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. For young adults aged 18-35, from 5-9pm, Saturday 29th November. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com).

### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a weekend of renewal on the theme of Healing of the Family Tree. The day will consist of Praise & Worship, talks and healing service. Speaker: Fr Stefan Park OSA. Venue: St Agnes Catholic Church (Lambhill), 694 Balmore Rd, Glasgow G22 6QS. Friday 28th Nov 2025: 7 pm to 9 pm. Saturday 29th Nov 2025: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Bus 7 and 7A from Glasgow Central Station. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569 Email: [glasgow.service.team@gmail.com](mailto:glasgow.service.team@gmail.com)

### **ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND YOUTH GROUP ADVENT MASS**

The SMSYG celebrates its 50th year of assisting the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. As part of their preparations, and to mark the season of Advent, a candlelit "Rorate" Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm in Holy Family and St Ninian's, Kirkintilloch, with music from the group.

### RCAG YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan, | Monday 8th December, 7pm to 9pm | St. Andrew's Cathedral (G1 4JY). Young adults (16+) are invited to a special Advent evening to gather, pray, and prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Stay after for festive treats and a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Find out more and register at [www.tinyurl.com/rcagadvent25](http://www.tinyurl.com/rcagadvent25)

### INAUGURAL STELLA MARIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026: We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). For further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: [john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org) | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: [hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org](mailto:hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org) | 07432 654032

### ADVENTURE: ADVENT PRAYER EVENINGS

FireCloud is holding two Advent evenings of Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation and music. All very welcome.

**Monday 1st December**, 7-8pm, St. Patrick's Church, Old Kilpatrick. **Tuesday 9th December**, 7-8pm, St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank.

### FIRECLOUD NATIVITY 2025

Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. **Sunday 14th December**, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. **Tuesday 16th December**, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY

### SANDS LIGHT OF LOVE SERVICE

**Wednesday 3rd December** at 7pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Maryhill. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. This is a service for parents who have lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy – no matter how long ago; for grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends who were all affected. Music, poems and space to remember. All welcome.

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE COOPERATION BAND

Join the Parish of St Philomena on Friday, 12th December, as they welcome The Cooperation Band. This award-winning brass band will bring a festive programme filled with traditional carols, Christmas classics, and a few surprise favourites, all guaranteed to warm your heart and lift your spirits. This is more than just a concert, it is an opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy world-class brass music, and embrace the magic of Christmas in the beautiful setting of St Philomena's Church. Tickets are £10, with under 16s £5, and are available at [www.linktr.ee/stphilomenasglasgow](http://www.linktr.ee/stphilomenasglasgow) St Philomena's Parish Church, 1255 Royston Road, G33 1EH. **12th December 2025**, Doors 6:30pm, Starts 7:30pm

### BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Glasgow's annual Blessing of the Crib has been moved to the Cathedral Precincts at Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, G4 0QZ, due to George Square being closed for renovations. It will take place at 6:30pm on **Wednesday 3rd December**. All welcome.

### ADVENT 2025 AT ST JOSEPH'S CLARKSTON

Reflection sessions Mondays 7 - 9pm. **Dec 1, Dec 8 (online) and Dec 15**. With a team from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre. A time to prepare for Christmas by reflecting on the Advent scriptures using Ignatian tools. There will be space for personal prayer and community time through our imagination, sacred reading, poetry and images. Feel free to come along - meeting in the Church. Please note the session on 8 December will be online.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep Lorraine in your prayers and Paul Moore in your prayers, for his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 16<sup>th</sup> December '25.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Keenan, Thomas Robertson, Natalie Hogg, Baby Aidan McGuire, Jim Docherty, The McNeil Family, Annie Brown, Rosemary McCann, Raymond Stewart, Claire Williams, Louise Franklin, Barry Pottle, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin 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. Thank you!

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

### RECENT DEAD

Thomas McCrossan, Michael Brown, Peter Gaston, Roderick Lowrie, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Annie Brown, Tommy Hughes, Isabella McNally, Gerald Quinn, Eileen Gallagher, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Betty Benson, Jim Croaly, Michael Brown.

### ANNIVERSARY

Charlie Loughlin, Stephen Paul Cunningham, Anthony Baxter, Hannah Crearie, Patrick Orr, Kathleen Reilly, Geraldine Savage, Cath Wilson, Michael Duffy, John McLernon, Joseph Lynch, Bruce & Sarah McDougall, Michael Heekin, Margaret Jane Lee, Cath Wilson, , Tom Finnegan, Brian Gannon, Catherine McKenna, Maria Docherty, Tess Alexander, Barbara Blease, Tom & Josie Hanlon, Agnes & Edward Gay, Gerald McKenna.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### FUNERALS

Thomas McCrossan	Reception	-	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm
	Funeral Mass	-	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am
Michael Brown	Funeral Mass	-	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am

### 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.