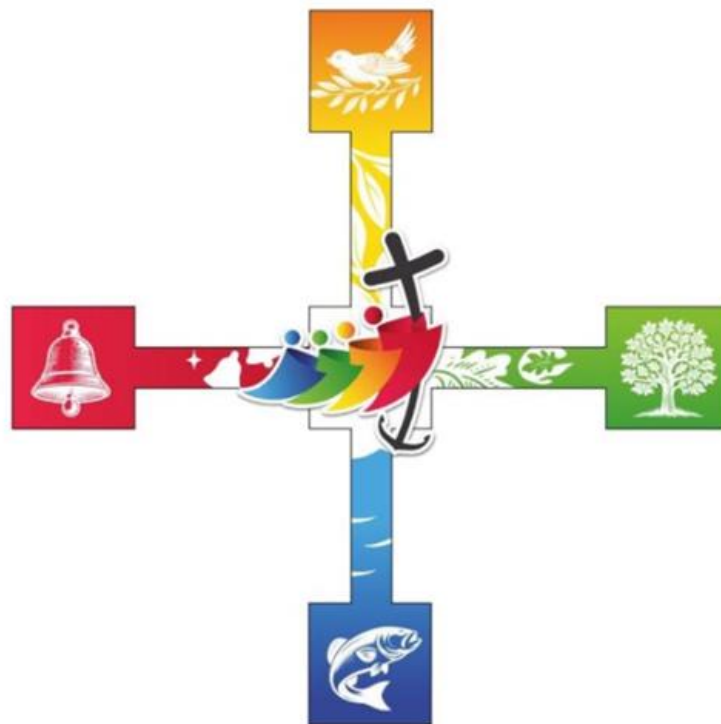


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



12TH JANUARY 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**READINGS: FIRST – ONE KINGS 17: 10-16;
PSALM – 145/146:7-10 SECOND – HEBREWS 9:24-28; GOSPEL – MARK 12:41-44:
“BLESS THE LORD ALL MY SOUL.”**

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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.

1st WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 13 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Kentigern - Feast
Tuesday 14 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 15 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 16 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 17 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Anthony – memorial
Saturday 18 th January	Saturday in ordinary Time

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

May 2025 be filled with God's blessings for you and your family. Thank you for your continued support, love and generosity it is greatly appreciated.

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – CHANGE OF DATE!!

Next years (2025) Pilgrimage is now on 16th to 23th July.

SUNDAY CAFÉ & FRIDAY CAFÉ



The Sunday Café will be open after 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am Mass**. More volunteers are needed at both cafés. Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 2025

Date for the diaries for parents of children making their first confession this year - 19th March, 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

5th January: First collection - £1132.79;

Second collection - £627.62

Thank you for your continued generosity.

This Sunday the second collection will be for the building renovation funds.

MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST MUNGO

Archbishop Nolan will celebrate the 1pm Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral on Monday 13th January.

PARISH LOTTERY

The December Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1303	Tony McShane	£181.00
Draw Two	1176	Mary Durning.	£181.00
Draw Three	1029	Pat Bradley.	£90.50

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £108,600. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 26th of January. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details, or complete form available at the back of the church.

EPIPHANY MAGIC

What is that star framing the crescent moon in this most clear night sky?

As a Muslim flag in Tevet

Its star shines so near and calls so far

Like a full stop it punctuates my longing with alive beauty.

This birthing star you let me see tonight.

Protected by the new moon's presence, an epiphany is born.

A recapitulated delight.

One vision through time

Of Him who is peace

An impermeable sign to the Magi

Diluted only by our salt tears of wonder

Dark magic to all mankind

Illuminating seers and sufferers

Transformed into believers

In night made holy

By heaven's true craft.



ST MUNGO FESTIVAL 2025

Once again we begin the year with the feast of St Mungo, but this year we are celebrating Glasgow 850, when Glasgow was designated a Bishop's Burgh and received City Status. The upcoming St Mungo Festival, celebrating Glasgow's patron saint in a series of free event, talks and concerts throughout the city takes place from the 6th – 25th January. Full details and booking on our website: stmungofestival.co.uk

JOB VACANCIES – LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ROBROYSTON

Care Assistant (Day shift and Night shift); Cook Dining Room Assistant (Weekends); Trainer Care Unit Team Leader. Closing Date Sunday, 21st January 2025.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for any of the above positions, please e-mail HR.Glasgow@lpscotland.com for details where you will be able to make an application.

ST MUNGO FESTIVAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This will take place in Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, G4 0QZ on Sunday 12th January at 4.00pm. With Archbishop Nolan and representatives of the Churches, Salvation Army Band, Violinist Anne Morgan, organist Andrew Forbes, The St Mungo Singers, the Ukrainian choir and children, and Glasgow's Poet Laureate Jim Carruth. All welcome.

SPRED ONLINE OPEN HOUR

Would you like to be part of a movement that values people with and without disabilities? In this jubilee Year of Hope please consider giving a few hours a week by helping someone grow in faith and take their rightful place in our parish communities. If you would like to find out more please join our online open hour on Zoom (email for link) on Monday, 20th January at 7pm. Contact Patricia at the SPRED Centre at glasgow.spred@btconnect.com or call 0141 770 5055.

MONTHLY PRO LIFE MASS

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 15th January at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Charles Coyle.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 1 Feb 2025, 1 March 2025, 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025.

The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

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 be the person we are looking for! At the moment our team is a bit depleted and we could do with extra help. Don't worry, we will support you until you get the hang of it. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Thomas Robertson, Beatrice Hannah and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes! We pray for their families for hope and strength.

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

RECENT DEAD

Karen Craig, Eamon McBrearty, Mary Bradley, Ken Godard, Margaret McAleese, Rosemary King, Mary Harkins, Jim Fitzharris, Antoinette Sharkey, Helen Shields, Michelle MacLean, Fr Dermot Healy, Edward Quinn, Tommy Lyons, Jim Reilly.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia McAuley, Elizabeth O'Connor, Isabelle Brown, Nellie & Hugh O'Donnell, Kathleen Symmonds, Eugene Gribben, John Benson, Paul Rafferty, Adrian Callan,

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Margaret McAleese	-	Mass on Tuesday the 14 th January, 10am.
Rosemary King	-	Mass on Friday 17 th January, 10am.
Antoinette Sharkey Chippington	-	Mass on 16 th January, 10am
Eamon McBrearty	-	Mass on Friday 24 th January, 10am.

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners who continually support our bereaving 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/>