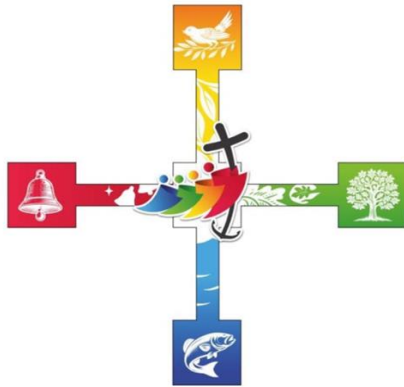


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



16TH FEBRUARY 2025 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**READINGS: FIRST – JER 17 : 5 - 8;
PSALM – 1; SECOND – 1 COR 15:12,16 - 20; GOSPEL – LUKE 6:17, 20 - 26**

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.

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.

6th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 17 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time /The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Tuesday 18 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 19 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 20 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 21 st February	Weekday in Ordinary Time / Saint Peter Damian, bishop.
Saturday 22 nd February	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

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

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

9th February : First collection - £1,480.13
 Second collection - £811.73

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the parish building funds.

PARISH LOTTERY

The January Lottery Winners were,

Draw One 1172 George Thomson £180

Draw Two 1094 Patricia Scott £180

Draw Three 1146 Danielle D'Agostino £90

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,100

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 23rd 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

JESUS YOUTH SCOTLAND: FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Need a moment to pause, reflect, and reconnect with your faith? Join our Friday fellowship where we pray, share, and grow together. Open to all young adults – come as you are! Every Friday at 142 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2RQ from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm except 3rd Friday of the Month at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, G1 4JY from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. For more details: Contact 07383 895859 or email jyscotland@gmail.co.uk

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'.

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register



FLOURISH

The latest edition of Flourish is out now. The special Jubilee Year edition has full coverage of the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome, a special feature on the Archbishop's peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and a focus on a Glasgow parish's extraordinary foodbank which is now the city's busiest. There are also details on upcoming Glasgow pilgrimages to Rome and Lourdes, the Pope's message to those who are sick, and columnist Father Frank reveals his secrets of a good Sunday Sermon! All this and much more in your FREE copy available this weekend. Online edition at www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk

ABBA'S VINEYARD

Evening of Adoration for young adults, Saturday 22nd February, from 5-9pm. Come and adore Jesus in the blessed Sacrament. The evening includes the opportunity for confession, mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. Organised by Abba's Vineyard. For more information and a timetable search [@abbasvineyard](https://twitter.com/abbasvineyard) on social media or email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN PILGRIMAGE WALK

Saturday 8th March 2025: The Youth Office are running a pilgrimage walk from Cardross to Dumbarton stopping at various parishes along the way for Lenten reflections. It's a great opportunity for those aged 16 - 30 to grow in their faith, get some springtime steps in and gather with their peers. Option to travel to Cardross as a group from Queen Street Train Station for those who wish. More info and registration here: www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions

BOOK LAUNCH

Archbishop John Wilson will be at the Pauline Book Centre, 36 St Enoch Square, Glasgow, on Friday 7th March to chat and sign his new book, The Romero Rosary. 10.30 book launch; 11.30 book signing. All welcome.

CARDINAL WINNING LECTURE

Saturday 1 March 2025: Catholic Teacher Education – the next 25 years. To mark the 25th anniversary of the merger of St Andrew's College and the University of Glasgow, a panel of key speakers will discuss the future of Catholic Teacher Education: Profs James Conroy and Margery McMahon (University of Glasgow), Bishop John Keenan, Barbara Coupar (SCES), Graeme Young (CHAPS) and Christopher Smith (CHAS). Reserve your place here <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/1579271> Panel event: 11.15am - Bute Hall, preceded by Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nolan at 9.30am in the Memorial Chapel.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

St Patrick's Day Mass: The annual Mass for St Patrick's Day will take place on Saturday 15th March at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow. Archbishop Nolan will be the Principal Celebrant. All welcome.

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Council will celebrate World Earth Hour on Saturday 22nd March between 8.30 and 9.30 pm, when we will join with people from across the globe in switching off lights and appliances. Please take part with us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maureen McGuigan, Hayden Carr, Thomas Robertson, Andrew Gardner, Frances O'Brien, 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 Kelly, Michael Gillen, Neil Boyle, Sarah Currie, Maureen Stewart, Margaret McDaid, Michael Cosgrove, Hugh Cowan, Stephen McNamee, Margaret Burke, Doreen Henderson, Tom Wilson, Gloria Montgomery, Cecilia Flanagan, James Marsh .

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen McCumesty, Agnes & Jim Kilbride, Edward & Agnes Gay, James Campbell, Harry & Margaret Downie, Kathleen Traynor, Maureen O'Shea, Josephine & Tommy Johnstone, Jennifer Anderson.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERAL

Michael Gillen Friday 28th February 10am
Neil Boyle Thursday 6th March 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/>