

# St. Matthew's

## Family parish

### Moving forward in faith



#### 1st Sunday of Lent

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."



## 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### READINGS:

FIRST – GN 2 : 7 - 9

PSALM – 51 (50)

## "HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED!"

SECOND – ROM 5 : 12 - 19

GOSPEL – MT 4 : 1 - 11

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

**1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday in Lent / Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Lent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Lent
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Lent
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Lent / Saint Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday in Lent

**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.



**CHILDRENS' CORNER**



**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!



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – P3 - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm  
**Reconciliation Service/Confessions** – P4 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – (in school Oratory)  
**Adoration Service** – P4 – 27<sup>th</sup> April (in school Oratory)  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion** – P4 - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am & noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We warmly congratulate the children of our parish who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they continue their journey of faith. We offer our sincere thanks to the teachers who prepared them so faithfully and thoughtfully for this important step. We are also deeply grateful to the parents and sponsors who have supported and encouraged them, and who continue to be examples of our faith and love in their lives.



**THANK YOU**

Many Thanks to our Passkeepers for assisting us so diligently during the Confirmation Mass and also, Our Café Dream Team that catered for the evening!! Viva St. Matthew's ★★★★★

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during lent in the church at 7pm.  
All welcome. **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February – Passkeepers**      **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March – UCM**



**Wee Box = Big Change!**

This Lent, our appeal focuses on Ethiopia, where decades of progress is being undone by conflict, droughts, floods, and cuts to international aid. Millions are being pushed back into poverty, essential services are collapsing, children are going hungry, and clean water-the most vital resource for life-is becoming harder to access!  
Yet there IS hope!

Through **SCIAF** and our local Church partners, your generosity can make a real difference!  
Please collect your **Wee Box** at the back of the Church and help make the **Big Change!** Thank you!



## 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: 07907 699 566 Thank you!



## CHURCH GROUNDS

We extend our Grateful 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 07539 945 843.

## JOYFUL & TRIUMPHANT CONCERT CHARISMATIC 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: Mobile 07448 786 569 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 Tricia 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

Sheila Mackay, Bernadette Boyle, Jack Cassidy, Peter Nolan, Rena Mumford, Ella Fitsimmons, Bernadette Boyle, Edward Dunbar, Mary Wolfe, Agnes Shields, Lisa McDougall and Martin Airlie.

### ANNIVERSARY

Margaret Mallon, Brian Savage, Kathleen Traynor, Tony Conway, Francis O'Brien, James Scott, Antonio D'Agostino, Maureen Kenny, Jennifer Anderson, Neil Duffy, George Docherty, Neil Joseph Boyle, Peter McLeod, Jim McAllister, Kathleen McCumesty, George Hawkins, Mary & Frank McKenna, Louise Weston, Eileen Ely, John Fitzgerald, Neil Boyle, Dominic Ray, France Mills, Edward & Agnes Gay and Agnes & Jim Kilbride.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

## FUNERAL

Sheila Mackay – 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/>