

ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



7TH DECEMBER 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS:

**FIRST – Is 11 : 1- 10
PSALM – 72 (71)**

**“IN HIS DAYS SHALL JUSTICE FLOURISH,
AND GREAT PEACE FOREVER!”**

**SECOND – ROM 15 : 4- 9
GOSPEL – MT 3 : 1- 12**

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!

2nd WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 8th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 9th	Weekday in Advent / Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Wednesday 10th	Weekday in Advent / Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday 11th	Weekday in Advent / Saint Damasus I, pope
Friday 12th	Weekday in Advent / Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday 13th	Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr

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

30th November : First collection - £1291.69
Second collection - £662.10

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

PARISH LOTTERY

The **November Lottery Winners** were,

Draw One 1147 Marie Murphy £187
Draw Two 1062 Stevie Gallagher £187
Draw Three 1040 Ann Marie Devlin £ 95.50

Congratulations to all! Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of December**.

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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT -

St Matthew's Primary School pupils of P4-P7 invite parents of the children only, to join them in St Matthew's Church at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 10th December** for Carols by Candlelight.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24th December – 5.00pm and 7.00pm
Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December – 9.30am and 11.00am
Boxing Day – Friday 26th December – 12.00pm
New Year – Thursday 1st January – 12.00pm

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL:

Priests will be available to hear Confessions! From **9am** until **5pm** in St Andrew's Cathedral on **Tuesday 16th December**. Come home for Christmas!

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. Thank you!

ADVENT REFLECTIONS:

During Advent the South of Glasgow Deanery is offering two Thursday evening opportunities for spiritual reflection and discussion.

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!

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

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

CHRISTMAS WITH THE COOPERATION BAND

Join the Parish of St. Philomena on **Friday, 12th Dec**, as they welcome The Cooperation Band. 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. Tickets are £10, with under 16s £5, and are available at www.linktr.ee/stphilomenasglasgow St. Philomena's Parish Church, 1255 Royston Road, G33 1EH. **12th December 2025**, Doors 6:30pm, Starts 7:30pm!

OUR LADY'S STATUE IN OUR ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH!



Our Lady receives a permanent place in our church...many thanks to a beautiful soul who erected the statue of Our Lady in a firm place!

St Aloysius' College are proud to introduce something truly special:

The Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship. A commitment to nurturing potential, celebrating achievement and supporting pupils who thrive through curiosity, dedication and a love of learning.

This scholarship will offer pupils entering S1 or S2 up to 50% off fees from when they start until they finish in S6. To find out more, please visit stalloysius.org or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@stalloysius.org

TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Music Department would like to extend an invitation to their Christmas concert on **Wed 17th Dec.**

Doors open **7pm** for **7.30pm** start. Finish around **9:30pm**. Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 concessions (OAP / children). (Pre-school – free). Raffle tickets will be **£1** and refreshments can be purchased at interval. Entry / pay on the door. Alternatively tickets can be purchased directly through the school Office.

All proceeds go to help the work of the Music Department and also to a selected school charity.

ADVENT 2025 AT ST JOSEPH'S CLARKSTON

Reflection sessions **Mondays 7 - 9pm. 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 **16th December '25.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Keenan, Natalie Hogg, Baby Aidan McGuire, Jim Docherty, The McNeil Family, Annie Brown, Rosemary McCann, 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 Robertson, Raymond Stewart, Billy Chambers, Rod Lowrie, Jim Smith, Dr. Neil Stewart, Katriona Connelly, Gerald Quinn, George Thomson, Elena Muirhead, Pamala Hogg, John Quigley, Thomas McCrossan, Michael Brown, Peter Gaston, Roderick Lowrie, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Annie Brown, Tommy Hughes, Isabella McNally, Eileen Gallagher, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Betty Benson, Jim Croaly.

ANNIVERSARY

Barbara Walsh, Ronnie MacIntyre, Eileen McCrossan, Tommy Gormley, Thomas Dolan, Tom Nicolson, Kevin & Billy Gillies, Jim Fitzharris, John Dick, Eithne Lynch, Rachel McFarlane, John Brady, Charlie Loughlin, Anthony Baxter, Stephen Paul Cunningham, Hannah Crearie, Patrick Orr, Kathleen Reilly, Geraldine Savage, Cath Wilson.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERALS

Thomas McCrossan	Reception	-	Monday 8 th Dec 6.00pm
	Funeral Mass	-	Tuesday 9 th Dec 10.00am
Michael Brown	Funeral Mass	-	Thursday 11 th Dec 10.00am
George Thomson	Funeral Mass	-	Tuesday 23 rd 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL NOTICES

Can be found on the Parish Website : <https://stmatthewsbishopbriggs.co.uk/> or our Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsbishopbriggs/>