

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



## 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### READINGS:

FIRST — 2 SM 5 : 1-3  
PSALM — 122 (121)

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

SECOND — COL 1 : 12-20  
GOSPEL — LUKE 23 : 35-43

### 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!

**34<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time / Saint Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time / The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b>

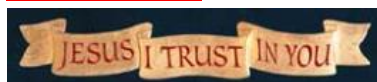
**DAILY ADORATION**

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**

16<sup>th</sup> November : First collection - £1267.71  
Second collection - £726.15

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for Education Sunday.

**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!

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

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Please place your Holy Souls List, in the envelope provided and place in the Special Intentions box at the back of the church. Thank you!

### ROSARY GARDEN UPDATE



With the freezing weather upon us, our activities on the garden project are also more or less frozen, we will pick up as soon as we can in early spring. We are grateful for all the donations of plants and planters and funds so far! With all your help, we will turn this space into a beautiful, quiet little garden! More from us in the new year! Please remember this project in your prayers? Thank you all!

### BISHOPBRIGGS CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON



Join us and make a real community event on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 7pm.**

Free entertainment in St Matthew's Church car park and Christmas Market in the church hall.

### 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

### TURNBULL HIGH CHRISTMAS FETE



Turnbull High School will host our annual Christmas fete on **Saturday 29th November** from 10.00am until 1.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls which will include:

New and fancy babywear, home baking, tea and coffee, toys, bric a brac, bottle stall, Christmas décor and crafts, chocolate surprise and Santa. There really is something for every member of the family and we would love to see you there. There is a box available at the back of the church for you to place your donations into. Many thanks.

### SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



Earlier this year, teachers from across Scotland travelled to Rome on pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope. The journey was an opportunity to renew their vocation, deepen their faith, and experience unity with the wider Church.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July they received a private audience with Pope Leo XIV. Read all about it in the free magazine available at the back of the church – SCES News.

### SPRED:

SPRED is a movement that works with children and adults who have a learning disability to help them grow in faith and take part in our parish communities. There are opportunities to join SPRED in various locations across the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Dates for volunteer training will be available in the coming weeks. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who could benefit from SPRED's support, please contact Patricia Duffy at the SPRED Office on 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com)

### GLASGOW CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Vigil of St Andrew's Day. Saturday 29th November at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street. Join Glasgow Churches Together to honour our national patron and pray for the people of Scotland.

### 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 McGuiness, 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.

### **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, Thomas McCrossan, Baby Aidan McGuire, Jim Docherty, The McNeil Family, Roderick Lowrie, 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**

Gerald Quinn, Eileen Gallagher, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Betty Benson, Jim Croaly, Natalie Egan, Irene Bell, Tom Hermitt, Marie Taylor, Bridget Bridie Darcy, Charles (Charlie) Connelly, Emma Lamb, Aileen McGowan, Eileen Gallagher.

### **ANNIVERSARY**

Charlie Loughlin, Michael Duffy, John McLernon, Joseph Lynch, Bruce & Sarah McDougall, Michael Heekin, Margaret Jane Lee, Cath Wilson, Patrick Orr, Tom Finnegan, Brian Gannon, Catherine McKenna, Maria Docherty, Tess Alexander, Barbara Blease, Tom & Josie Hanlon, Agnes & Edward Gay, Gerald McKenna.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### **FUNERAL**

Elizabeth Benson: Reception	-	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm
Funeral Mass	-	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 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/>