

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



**9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

## **READINGS:**

**FIRST – Ez 47 : 1-2, 8-9, 12**  
**PSALM – 46 (45)**

**“THE WATERS OF A RIVER GIVE JOY TO GOD’S CITY,  
THE HOLY PLACE, THE ABODE OF THE MOST HIGH”**

**SECOND – 1 COR 3 : 9-11, 16-17**  
**GOSPEL – JOHN 2 : 13-22**

## **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!

## 32<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</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

2<sup>nd</sup> November :      First collection      -   £1239.17  
                                  Second collection      -   £ 714.80

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for our building renovations.

## PARISH LOTTERY

**Next** draw is due to take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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



## ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Little Sisters of the Poor Xmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1:30pm – 4:30pm**, tickets £1 (children free). Mark your calendars for a day of festive fun, crafts and treats! Raffle tickets £2 and can be bought at the back of our church. If you have any donations you wish to make, then these can be dropped off at the reception desk in **St. Joseph's**.

## 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!





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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



By the time you read this we should have had the stone grits delivered. Shifting and spreading it may require some help; a couple of male volunteers might be needed. We had quite a few plants and big planting pots donated recently. You will be pleased to discover them dotted around once everything finds its place! It is so encouraging that everybody wants to get involved in one way or another. Please remember this project in your prayers? Thank you all!

Kati 0790 442 9898 (texts only please)

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT – JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

Bishopbriggs Churches Together are having their Christmas Concert on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:30pm** in **Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**. Tickets (£25, £20 & £15) will be on sale at the Bishopbriggs Box Office (email: scfc7954@gmail.com) . **Coach transport** will be available leaving from Springfield Cambridge Church to the Concert Hall and return (cost £6) Contact the Box Office. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Children's Hospices Across Scotland and to date have raised over £500,000. Thank you!

### SVDP WINTER APPEAL

As winter and the cold weather is fast approaching, the Ozanam Centre is receiving increasing requests for warm casual jackets, coats and trainers for men and women. If you have any of these which you no longer need and would be willing to donate for these needy people, please call **Pat** on **07910 776591** or speak to any member of the SVDP conference to arrange for the items to be picked up. Thank you!



### MASS FOR OUR DEAD

Our Annual Holy Mass for the souls of our beloved deceased in 2025 (**from Mid November 2024 to 12 November 2025**) will take place at **7pm** on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. All are welcome. A candle will be lit for each deceased person by their family. Families will be contacted accordingly.



### 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!



### 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.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On **#RedWednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November**, our Scottish cathedrals will join **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the World who suffer for their faith. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Will you help us **'break the silence on Christian persecution'**?

Come along to one of the following Masses this **#RedWednesday (19<sup>th</sup> November)**:

- **Glasgow**: St. Andrew's Cathedral at **1:00pm**



### LOURDES WATER HEALING SERVICE

**Thank you** for joining our Lourdes Water Healing Service. We are deeply grateful to all who joined us in prayer and faith at our service. Your presence brought warmth and unity to our parish family as we sought healing, peace, and renewal through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

May the grace we shared continue to bring comfort and strength to you and your loved ones!

### MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place in **St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm**, on the following dates:

**Monday 10th** November 2025, **celebrant Fr. Rene Esoy, St. Columba's Parish, Glasgow**

**Monday 1st** December 2025, **celebrant Fr. Kevin McGoldrick, St. Patrick's Parish, Coatbridge**

Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served following Mass!

### 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.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep Paul Moore in your prayers, for his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 16<sup>th</sup> December '25.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Natalie Hogs, 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, Thomas Robertson 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

Natalie Egan, Irene Bell, Tom Hermitt, Betty Benson, Marie Taylor, Bridget Bridie Darcy, Charles (Charlie) Connelly, Emma Lamb, Aileen McGowan, Eileen Gallagher, Joe McSherry, Patricia Carberry, Michael McGettigan, Robert Holland, Betty McLaughlin, Anna Mailley, Cathy Young, Harry Smyth, Colin Feechan, Brian Murphy and Mary Patterson.

### ANNIVERSARY

Paul McConnell, Jim McAllister, Frank & Richard Gourlay, Michael Heekin, James Rafferty & Frances Rafferty, Cath Wilson, Catherine Vass, Dora Boni, Mary Brady, Anne Sharkey, Susan Sharkey, Bridie McCloskey, Tom Cyril Wilson, Gerald Evans, Jim Flynn, Mary Coyle, Tina Boyle, Paul Renfrew, Thomas Milne, Agnes Welsh, Christopher Karaban and John Kane.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### FUNERAL

Eileen Gallagher      Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10am

### 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/>