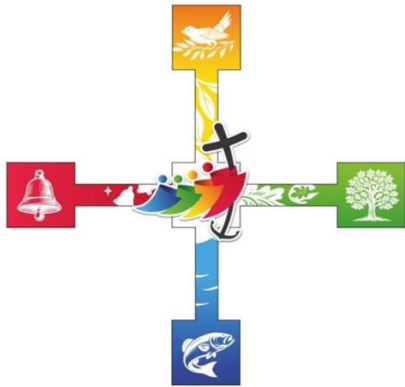


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



9TH FEBRUARY 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**READINGS: FIRST – IS 6:1-2A, 3-8;
PSALM – 138(137) SECOND – 1 COR 15:1-11; GOSPEL – LUKE 5:1-11**

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.

5th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 10 th February	Saint Scholastica, virgin
Tuesday 11 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time / Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 12 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 13 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 14 th February	Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop
Saturday 15 th February	Saturday in Ordinary Time

DAILY ADORATION



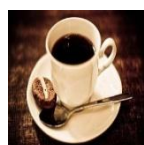
This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

2nd February : First collection - £1,530.34
 Second collection - £782.41

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

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 LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £108,600. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details, or complete form available at the back of the church.

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.

SENSORY MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Do you or someone you know have difficulty in coming to Mass because you are autistic, have ADHD or are neurodiverse? Would a less stimulating environment help? We are hoping to create that at a sensory Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral but first we'd like to know what would help. Meeting for those interested in the Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street on Sunday 9 February at 2.30pm. If that doesn't suit or you would like to speak to someone privately, call or email Lisbeth Raeside on 0141 770 5055, lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com.

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING SERVICE:

This Service will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th February at St Columbkille's Chapel Hall, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen G73 2NP. Speakers: Rev. Crombie and Joe Livingston. Theme: The Very Real Dangers of the New Age. Confession, prayer ministry, music, tea and coffee. All welcome.

SVDP ADVENT APPEAL 2024

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during advent. The toiletries were greatly appreciated by the centre who sent us a card saying the following:-

To the parishioners of St. Matthews, Bishopbriggs. We are overwhelmed by your generosity to our centre. You will all be remembered at our weekly conference meetings.

Before Christmas, as well as doing our delivery to the Springburn Hub food bank, we were able to deliver food to St Augustine's for their food bank.. We also bought warm jackets to be given to men with most need at the Ozanam Centre. Contact has been made to a number of primary schools in local areas and we have started to deliver warm clothes for children identified by the schools as coming from needy families.

This is all thanks to the generous contributions that we receive from you in our boxes.

We plan, with your continuing support, to help the Springburn Food Bank on a weekly basis during 2025 for as long as is needed.

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

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

East Dunbartonshire Council City Deal are holding a public drop-in consultation on the latest proposals for the Westerhill Development Road on Monday 10th February between 4.00 and 7.00 pm in the War Memorial Hall, Bishopbriggs.

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



MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston will take place on **Monday 10th February**, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

JOB VACANCY - IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (ISC), GLASGOW

Due to the retirement of the current post holder the ISC is seeking a Receptionist and Administrator. The post is offered full time, but could also be part time if done as a job share. Salary: £25,000 (pro rata for part time / job share). 35 hours per week (full time). Flexibility is needed due to the nature of the work of the centre. Application Deadline: 10 February 2025. Interviews: 27 February 2025. To apply send a CV with a covering letter explaining what attracts you to the role and citing your relevant experience to director@iscglasgow.co.uk

WORLD DAY FOR MARRIAGE

Sunday 9th February 2025 marks the World Day for Marriage when we are asked to pray particularly for all married couples that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from diocesan marriage counsellors [Marriage Counselling](#) | [Marriage and Family Life](#) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Sarah Currie, Santino Costa, Theresa Lafferty, Barbara McColl, Eamon McBrearty, Denis Deighan, Michelle Burke, Michael Cosgrove .

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Christina Payne, Andrew Gilmour, Tom Wilson, Catriona Brown, Dr Tom Duffy, James Maguire, Daniel Joseph Hurrel, Bernard O'Connor, John Docherty, Bridie McCloskey, Elizabeth Doherty, Elizabeth D'Agostino.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Hugh Cowan Friday 14th February 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/>