

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Pope Francis



23RD FEBRUARY 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

READINGS: FIRST – 1 SM 26 : 2, 7 - 9

PSALM – 103(102); SECOND – 1 COR 15 : 45 - 49; GOSPEL – LUKE 6 : 27 - 38

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.

7th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 24 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 25 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 26 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 27 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time / Saint Gregory of Narek, doctor of the Church
Friday 28 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 29 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.**

Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

The café has now been going for around two years, and is well used by many parishioners – it's a great way to get to know each other better. However, to keep it going we need AT LEAST 12 volunteers to help with the café on a Friday and Sunday mornings. This involves a couple of hours of your time around once a month. If you can help please phone Eileen Reilly on 0799-947-4573.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 2025

Date for the diaries for parents of children making their first confession this year - 19th March, 6pm.

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.

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 COLLECTIONS

16th February : First collection - £1,314.52

Second collection - £729.81

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for sick and retired priests.

PARISH LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,100

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 23rd of February.

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

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

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



YOUNG ADULT LENTEN PILGRIMAGE WALK

Saturday 8th March 2025: The Youth Office are running a pilgrimage walk from Cardross to Dumbarton stopping at various parishes along the way for Lenten reflections. It's a great opportunity for those aged 16 - 30 to grow in their faith, get some springtime steps in and gather with their peers. Option to travel to Cardross as a group from Queen Street Train Station for those who wish. More info and registration here: www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions

BOOK LAUNCH

Archbishop John Wilson will be at the Pauline Book Centre, 36 St Enoch Square, Glasgow, on Friday 7th March to chat and sign his new book, The Romero Rosary. 10.30 book launch; 11.30 book signing. All welcome.

CARDINAL WINNING LECTURE

Saturday 1 March 2025: Catholic Teacher Education – the next 25 years. To mark the 25th anniversary of the merger of St Andrew's College and the University of Glasgow, a panel of key speakers will discuss the future of Catholic Teacher Education: Profs James Conroy and Margery McMahon (University of Glasgow), Bishop John Keenan, Barbara Coupar (SCES), Graeme Young (CHAPS) and Christopher Smith (CHAS). Reserve your place here <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/1579271> Panel event: 11.15am - Bute Hall, preceded by Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nolan at 9.30am in the Memorial Chapel.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

St Patrick's Day Mass: The annual Mass for St Patrick's Day will take place on Saturday 15th March at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow. Archbishop Nolan will be the Principal Celebrant. All welcome.

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Council will celebrate World Earth Hour on Saturday 22nd March between 8.30 and 9.30 pm, when we will join with people from across the globe in switching off lights and appliances. Please take part with us.

TURNBULL PTA QUIZ

Turnbull PTA would like to invite everyone to the PTA quiz in St Dominic's Church Hall on Friday, 21st March at 7.45 pm (for 8.15 start). £5 adults, £3 school age, free infants. Pay on the door. Prizes for best team and best pupil only team. All proceeds go to the educational enhancement for Turnbull High School pupils. BYOB.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The UCM will resume on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm in St Matthew's Church Hall. Meeting, followed by the Rosary. New Members most welcome.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from the 4th – 6th April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Louise on 07926571004, or email louise398@gmail.com. Complete applications must be returned by 21st March 2025.

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

The total raised for the Children's Hospices Across Scotland at the recent concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall was a magnificent £36,218, and the total amount raised since the concerts began in 2002 is now £502,021. We are very grateful for the continued support by Bishopbriggs Churches Together.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maureen Kenny, Raymond Stewart, Maureen McGuigan, Hayden Carr, Thomas Robertson, 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

Michael Gillen, Neil Boyle, Sarah Currie, John Hill, Mary McGovern, James Marsh, Leo Morgan, Jean Ferris, Francis O'Brien, Dr Bernard Colvin, Eamon McBrearty, Lynne Fleming, Eric Campbell, Maurice Smyth, Henry McShane.

ANNIVERSARY

Peggy Tully, Jean McDaid, Jack Boyd, Peter McLeod, Joseph Docherty Junior, Dan Docherty, Brian Savage, Antonino D'Agostino, Neil Duffy, Claire Rosina Phillips, Rosina Murray, Mary & Frank McKenna, James Campbell, Jean McDaid, Kathleen McCumesty, Agnes & Jim Kilbride, Edward & Agnes Gay, James Campbell, Harry & Margaret Downie, Kathleen Traynor, Maureen O'Shea, Josephine & Tommy Johnstone, Jennifer Anderson.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERAL

Michael Gillen	Friday 28 th February 10am
Neil Boyle	Thursday 6 th March 10am
Maurice Smyth	Friday 7 th March 10am
Henry McShane	Wednesday 12 th March 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/>