

# St. Matthew's

## Family parish

### Moving forward in faith



## 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### READINGS:

FIRST – ZEPH 2 : 3, 3: 12 - 13  
PSALM – 146 (145)

**“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”**

SECOND – 1 COR 1: 26 - 31  
GOSPEL – MT 5 : 1 – 12A

### 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](mailto:newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com)

Items **must** be received **before** the **Friday** prior to publication!

**4<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord - Feast</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop or St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Agatha, virgin, Martyr
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Paul Miki and his companions, Martyrs.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday in Ordinary Time/ Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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.



**CHILDRENS' CORNER**



**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!

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR CHILDREN**



- Confession for candidates of Confirmation – P7 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February (in school 11am)
- Sacrament of Confirmation – P7 - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> February – 7pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – P3 - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm
- Reconciliation Service/Confessions – P4 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – (in school Oratory)
- Adoration Service – P4 – 27<sup>th</sup> April (in school Oratory)
- Sacrament of Holy Communion – P4 - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am & noon.

**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**

25<sup>th</sup> January : First collection - £1218.41  
 Second collection - £698.22 for Assisted Parishes

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**HOLY COMMUNION**

If any parishioner (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 pass keeper know beforehand? Thank you!



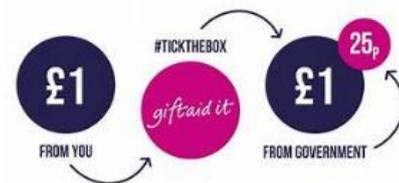


### HELP WANTED!

As we start the New Year, we are looking for people to help in various ways with groups within the Parish, including specifically the **Friday Café**, the **Church cleaners**, and in preparing the **Newsletter**. And in many other ways! If you are willing and able to help in any way, please contact **Fr. Alex** (07424 575827 or [stmatthew@rcag.org.uk](mailto:stmatthew@rcag.org.uk)) or after Mass.

### GIFT AID

Gift Aid makes a big difference to our parish at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer and not already signed up, please consider joining our Gift Aid scheme. Every £1 you give is worth £1.25 to the parish through Gift Aid. Forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.



### PARISH LOTTERY

The January Lottery winners were :

Draw One	1231	Rosemary Davidson	£184
Draw Two	1196	Jennifer Birt	£184
Draw Three	1046	Kim Begen	£92

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 22nd 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



### SVDP SEND YOU THEIR THANKS!

We plan, with your continuing support, to help the Springburn Food Bank on a weekly basis during 2026 for as long as is needed.

### GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT DAYS

Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. **Three Saturdays, 10.30 – 3.00** (lunch provided; donation only). **21 February, 21 March, and 18 April**. Also, a Retreat in Daily Life starting after **12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March**. This lasts a week and gives individuals the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day. If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please use the QR code to fill in the form and we will be in touch.

Alternatively please email [marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk) for a link to the form or further information!

### ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Bookings are now open for anyone wishing to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking place from **16th July to 23rd July**. For information about the pilgrimage go to <https://joewalshstours.co.uk/tours/glasgow-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>. If you are interested in attending, or you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at [pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

### SMSYG AFTENOON TEA

The St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group are hosting an afternoon tea in the hall on Saturday 7th March 12-3pm. Tickets £20 with fizz/£15 without. Please text Clare 07776304705 or Hayley 07535284716 for tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase after 11am mass on 15th Feb at the back of the church.

### MASS FOR VOCATIONS



The monthly mass for vocations at St Joseph's Care Home, Robroyston will be on **Monday 9th February at 7pm**.

**GOING DEEPER' FOR PEOPLE NEW TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA):**

1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin. Take time to pause and reflect on your faith journey in the beautiful surroundings of Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery.

Arrivals from 5pm on **Friday 1st May** and leaving after 12:00 noon lunch on Sunday 3 May 2026.

This residential retreat is designed for those who have been through RCIA. The weekend will include opportunities to try different ways of praying, exploring some of the Ignatian (Jesuit) and Benedictine traditions, and sharing with others on living a reflective life. We will have time together as a group, as well as periods of silence and personal reflection.

Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow



**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow. All welcome.



**RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT WHAT IS NEXT IN LIFE:** 'Navigating the way forward' - Either 13-15 March (Conforti, Coatbridge) or 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs) Take time out with God for reflection, input and community as we consider how to discern where we are and where we might be invited to next steps. For those facing choices in life, or wondering if there are changes which would lead to greater growth. Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow



**SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION AND DIVORCE**

The next meetings of our support group for women are:

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February** and **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill From 6.00pm to 8.00pm. New members welcome to this confidential support group.

For further information email: [archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com)

Facebook: Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow) email: [archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com)



**BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY DAY**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**HOLY MASSES ARE OFFERED/ PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick, especially members of our parish community and friends who are currently in hospital or residing in care homes. We pray in a special way for babies and children who are unwell, asking for God's healing, comfort and peace for them and their families.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

**RECENT DEAD**

Jack Cassidy, Sarah Quinn, Lisa McDougall, Janice McDaid, Marie Chichignoud, May Williamson, Gerard McCann, Mrs Docherty, Thomas Swanson, Delia Tortolano, Catherine Shaw, Jean Crawford, Catherine Scott, Anna Devine, Andrew McCluskey, Sarah-Jane Quinn, Isabell McCormick, Catherine McCafferty, Brian Scanlan, Joe Gribben, Douglas Addison, Isabella McInally.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Daniel Joseph Hurrel, Desmond (Des) Flanagan, Helen Duffy, Susan Crearie, John Crearie, Catherine Miller, Rodney O'Rourke, Sarah Currie, John Conway, Christina Mead, Bernard O'Connor, Marie MacIntyre, Johnnie Marron, James Braid Snr, Barbara McCall, Frank Byrne, Susan Lappin, Margaret Lacey, Julia Gourlay, James Maguire, Johnnie Braid Snr.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

**THANK YOU**



I extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners who attended the funeral of Anna Devine and offered comfort to her family, particularly the residents of Bishops Gate who assembled to pay their final respects.

To all our parishioners who continue to accompany our bereaved families throughout the year. Your prayers and presence at our funeral masses are constant and deeply valued. Fr A.

**FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

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