

ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



**11TH JANUARY 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

READINGS:

**FIRST – IS 42: 1-4, 6-7
PSALM – 29 (28)**

**“THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH
PEACE!”**

**SECOND – ACTS 10: 34-38
GOSPEL – LK 3: 15-16, 21-22**

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Items must be received before the Friday prior to publication!

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.

WEEK OF EPIPHANY

Monday 12th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 13th	SAINT KENTIGERN, BISHOP
Wednesday 14th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 15th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 16th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 17th	Saint Anthony, abbot

FR. ALEX SAYS...

Welcome to all parishioners to the first Sunday Masses of 2026. I hope you all had a good and spiritual Christmas and New Year, and are looking forward to 2026 with a sense of optimism and hope. You will all be in my prayers throughout the year!

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!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR CHILDREN

Sacrament of Confirmation – Thurs 19th February – 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Wednesday 18th March – 6pm

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Saturday 9th 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

4th January : First collection - £1289.27

Second collection - £ 784.96 for Justice and Peace

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for Church Renovation Fund



"Thank You" from Fr Alex and all the staff and pupils in St Matthew's School, Uganda for your generous donations in support of the school. It will have a lasting impact and is deeply appreciated. We are truly grateful for your generosity and for living out your faith through love and service.

PARISH LOTTERY

The December Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1236	Tilda and Tony Murphy	£186
Draw Two	1094	Patricia Scott	£186
Draw Three	1000	Anton Sweeney	£ 93

Congratulations to all! Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of January 2026**.

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 ADVENT APPEAL – SEND YOU THEIR THANKS!

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 helpers at the Ozanam Centre were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for the toiletries which will be handed out weekly to the needy people going to the centre.

Before Christmas, as well as doing our weekly delivery to the Springburn Hub food bank, we were able to deliver food to St Augustine's for their Christmas parcels to their foodbank customers. 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 2026 for as long as is needed.

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 passkeeper know beforehand? Thank you!

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

...are proud to introduce something truly special: The Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship. A commitment to nurturing potential, celebrating achievement and supporting pupils who thrive through curiosity, dedication and a love of learning. This scholarship will offer pupils entering **S1 or S2 up to 50% off fees** until they finish in **S6**. Please visit staloysius.org or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@staloysius.org

GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT DAYS

Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. **Four Saturdays, 10.30 – 3.00** (lunch provided; donation only). **17 January, 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 for a link to the form or further information!

INAUGURAL STELLA MARIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026: We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). For further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432 654032



ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO MARK THE FEAST OF ST MUNGO

Sunday 11th Jan 4.00 p.m. 2026 in Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, G4 0QZ.

Join with Church and Civic Leaders in words and song to celebrate the Feast of St Mungo, our Patron Saint. All Welcome!

VESPERS OF ST MUNGO

Organised by Glasgow Churches Together/The St Mungo's Festival. St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde St Glasgow, **Mon. 12th Jan 2026 7pm**. All are Welcome to this Traditional Evening Prayer for Christians. Vespers consists of an evening hymn accompanying the lighting of the evening candles, then 'O God, come to our aid', prayer, Psalms, the Canticle known as the Magnificat or Song of Our Lady, some intercessions for the needs of the community, the Lord's Prayer and a blessing. Celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint in this very special way.

RCAG YOUNG ADULT

St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk - **Sat 17th Jan 2026, 10:00 – 15:00**

Join RCAG Youth for a pilgrimage walk through Glasgow, exploring historic sites and celebrating our patron saint, St Mungo. A chance to pray, meet new people, and enjoy the city together.

Open to anyone aged 16-35. More info and sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/stmungowalk26>

ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME BINGO NIGHT

Prize Bingo Night on **23rd January'26**, come and spend a fun evening chasing away the winter blues!

Free entry by ticket only – available at reception. Bingo tickets available on the night £2 a game.

Tea/coffee and cake available - £2. 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Keenan 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

Anna Devine, Brian O'Donnell, Kathy Flaherty, Michael Day, James Donlon, Michael Devlin, Sandra Bradley, Michael Day, Philomena Orlandi, Brian O'Donnell, Cathy McDonald, Patricia Mcfarlane, Ellen Thompson, Helen Ennis, Bernard Briggs, George Thomson, Christopher Keegan, Bill Cribbes, John Kelly, and Canon Tommy Hendry.

ANNIVERSARY

Eugene Gribben, Harry Doherty, Baby Francis, Antionette Chippington, Michelle Mclean, Albert & Annie Riches, Jackie Grant, Tina Grant, & Mamie Grant, Ryan Pirnie, Elizabeth O'Connor, Donald Joseph McKee, Tommy McCulloch and Margaret McAleese.

+Requiescant in pace+

PARISH FUNERAL

Maria Ferrie - Funeral Mass - Wednesday 14th January - 10.00 am

FUNERAL – VERY REV. THOMAS CANON HENDRY

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at **Saint Teresa's Parish Church, Possilpark** on **Monday 12th January 2026 at 12.00** noon, with burial thereafter at **Saint Coneval's Cemetery, Barrhead**.

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/>