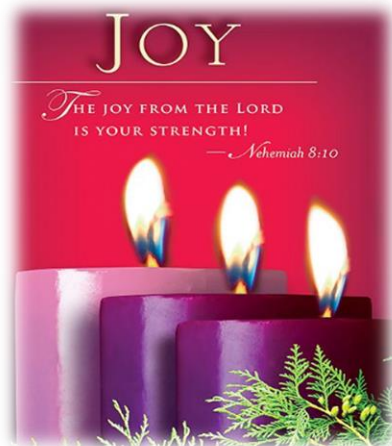


# ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



## 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS:

FIRST — Is 35 : 1- 6A, 10  
PSALM — 146 (145)

**“COME, LORD AND SAVE US!”**

SECOND — Jm 5 : 7 - 10  
GOSPEL — Mt 11 : 2 - 11

### 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 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!

### 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent/ St Callistus, Pope, Martyr</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent / St Hedwig &amp; St Margaret Mary Alacoque</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr.</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Advent</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

7<sup>th</sup> December:            First collection            -   £1369.97  
                                      Second collection        -   £871.55

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for Caring Sunday – St Nicholas Care Fund.

### PARISH LOTTERY

The **November Lottery Winners** were,

Draw One    1147    Marie Murphy       £187  
 Draw Two    1062    Stevie Gallagher    £187  
 Draw Three   1040    Ann Marie Devlin   £  95.50

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

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

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00pm and 7.00pm  
 Christmas Day – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am and 11.00am  
 Boxing Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 12.00pm  
 New Year – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 12.00pm

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A short Carol Service will be held before each of the Vigil masses on Christmas Eve **starting 15 minutes before Mass**.

### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL:

Priests will be available to hear Confessions from **9am** until **5pm** in St Andrew's Cathedral on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Come home for Christmas!

### SVDP ADVENT APPEAL

The **SVDP** conference requests your support for our **2025 Advent Appeal**. This year, the appeal is for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre where they will be distributed to homeless and needy people who go there for help with clothing, etc. They have asked us for small sizes of the toiletries listed below for men or women. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 29th November. We would be grateful if you could provide the following: -

Soap - Roll on deodorant - Shaving Gel - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Shower gel. Thank you!

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS:

During Advent the South of Glasgow Deanery is offering two Thursday evening opportunities for spiritual reflection and discussion.

**18 December** – Bethlehem Today (Live discussion with Staff and Students of Bethlehem University). Christ The King Parish Hall, 220 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G44 5AP. **7pm to 8.30pm** (Refreshments from **6.30pm**). All Welcome!

### FIRECLOUD NATIVITY 2025

Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. **Sunday 14th December**, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. **Tuesday 16th December**, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY

### OUR LADY'S STATUE IN OUR ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH!



**Our Lady** receives a permanent place in our church...many thanks to a beautiful soul who erected the statue of Our Lady in a firm place!

### 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!

### 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@stellamarisemail.org](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarisemail.org) | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: [hugh.ramsay@stellamarisemail.org](mailto:hugh.ramsay@stellamarisemail.org) | 07432 654032

### 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 [staloyusius.org](http://staloyusius.org) or email Tony Gilroy, [agilroy@staloyusius.org](mailto:agilroy@staloyusius.org)

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



The parish Christmas children's party will be held in our church hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> December between 12 and 2pm.

Please sign up your child for this on the sheet at the back of the church.

### **TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Music Department would like to extend an invitation to their Christmas concert on **Wed 17th Dec.** Doors open **7pm** for **7.30pm** start. Finish around **9:30pm**. Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 concessions (OAP / children). (Pre-school – free). Raffle tickets will be **£1** and refreshments can be purchased at interval. Entry / pay on the door. Alternatively tickets can be purchased directly through the school Office. All proceeds go to help the work of the Music Department and also to a selected school charity.

### **MARYS MEALS – WEST HIGHLAND WAY CHARITY RUN**

One of our parishioners, Chris Paterson, is running the 100 miles of the West Highland way between Milngavie and Fort William to raise funds for Marys Meals. Full details on :

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000dQacXIAS> (<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000dQacXIAS>)

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Christmas Bouquet Masses, the sick, and 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**

Elizabeth Watson, Michael Keenan, Natalie Hogg, Baby Aidan McGuire, Jim Docherty, The McNeil Family, Annie Brown, Rosemary McCann, Claire Williams, Louise Franklin, Barry Pottle, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin 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**

Thomas Robertson, George Thomson, Thomas McCrossan, Elizabeth MacDonald, Raymond Stewart, Michel Brown, John Cairns, Raymond Stewart, Billy Chambers, Rod Lowrie, Jim Smith, Dr. Neil Stewart, Katriona Connelly, Gerald Quinn, Elena Muirhead, Pamala Hogg, John Quigley, Michael Brown, Peter Gaston, Roderick Lowrie, John McCoy, Kevin Brady, Annie Brown, Tommy Hughes, Isabella McNally, Betty Benson.

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Patrick Brown, Mary Malia, Sheila Duffy, Margaret McNaughton, Margaret & Harry Downie, Barbara Walsh, Ronnie MacIntyre, Eileen McCrossan, Tommy Gormley, Thomas Dolan, Tom Nicolson, Kevin & Billy Gillies, Jim Fitzharris, John Dick, Eithne Lynch, Rachel McFarlane, John Brady, , Anthony Baxter, Stephen Paul Cunningham, Hannah Crearie, Patrick Orr, Kathleen Reilly, Geraldine Savage, Cath Wilson.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### **FUNERALS**

George Thomson      Funeral Mass -      Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.00am

### **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/>