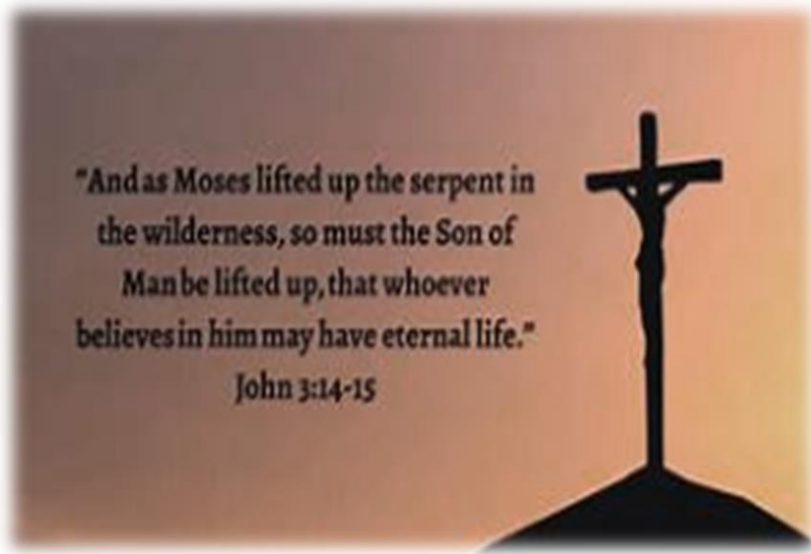


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

READINGS:

FIRST — NM 21: 4 — 9

PSALM — 78 (77)

“NEVER FORGET THE DEEDS OF THE LORD!”

SECOND — PIL 2: 6-11

GOSPEL — JOHN 3: 13-17

Parish Clergy: Fr. Mpagi Alex KISASA, Parish Administrator, Rev. Deacon Anthony Murphy

☎ 0141 772 1619 📠 07424 575827 Email: stmatthew@rcag.org.uk (also for Hall hire)

Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

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.

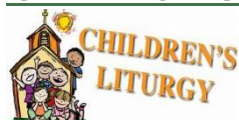
24th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 16th	St Ninian, Bishop
Wednesday 17th	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Robert Bellarmine / St Hildegard of Bingen
Thursday 18th	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday 19th	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
Saturday 20th	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest; & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs.

"God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now"
(St Thomas Aquinas)

**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!

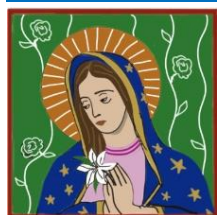
SAVE THE DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026.

Our Primary 4 pupils will receive the Sacrament of the Most Blessed Eucharist on the **9th of May 2026** at both **10 am** Mass and **12 O'clock** Mass respectively. Let us continue to accompany them with our earnest prayers.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

31st August : First collection - £1445.82
Second collection - £759.80

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the Building Funds.

ROSARY GARDEN - UPDATE!

We are looking for an outside plasterer to do the base for the wall mosaic. Can you help or do you know anyone who could do this for us? Please let me know!

k.beetles@btopenworld.com

Meanwhile any further donations can be left in an envelope at the Sacristy.

Our commissioned artist, Helen Miles, is starting her work on the wall mosaic now rather than November which she originally suggested. Check out her sketch on the board in the entrance hall. She was inspired by the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

PARISH LOTTERY

The August Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1131	Catherine Mc	£184
Draw Two	1272	Danny McLachlan	£184
Draw Three	1046	Kim Begen	£92

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of September**.

New members are most welcome. If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

Worried about society with religion on the decline? Want to grow your confidence in what you believe? Last chance to Apply! It's your last chance apply to study an MA in Applied Catholic Theology in Scotland. Evening classes, in person and online, with support for funding available. For more information, or to speak to the Course Lead in person, email:

Stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

AGAP Theatre presents "Pilgrim of Hope" (an uplifting comedy for the Jubilee Year). Straight from the Edinburgh Fringe, the hit play based upon themes in Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Hope! Written and Performed by Stephen Callaghan. **Friday 3rd October 2025 at 7.30pm** in St. Helen's Parish Hall, 32 Langside Avenue Glasgow G41 2QS Tickets: **£10/£7/£5** (Pay What You Can – you choose.) from the parish or www.agap.org.uk/pilgrimofhope or call 0749 534 7884.

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE | SAT 20TH SEPT | S1S-35

All young people from S1 up to age 35 are invited to join Archbishop Cushley, the Youth Office, and pilgrims from across Scotland for a **walking pilgrimage in Perth**. The day will include prayer, inputs, Holy Mass, and fellowship. A free coach will run from Glasgow (places are limited!). To book your place, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcagnyp25>

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The next meeting of our support group for women is Friday, 26th September, in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. New members are welcome to this confidential support group, run by women who have come through this experience themselves, for The Archdiocese of Glasgow. For further information email: archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com

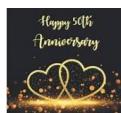
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND - JOB VACANCY

National Director of Marriage, Family & Life Office. Hours: 15 hours per week; Salary: £11,746 per annum. Contract: 2 years with possibility of renewal.

Closing Date: **26th September 2025**. They are responsible for the apostolate of the domestic church and promote the teaching and pastoral activity of the Church in marriage, family and life issues. For further information go to <https://www.bcos.org.uk/Home/Article-Details/ArticleID/3152/VACANCY-National-Director-of-Marriage-Family-Life-Office>

Please forward application letter and CV to info@marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS...



... to Gerry & Pat McGread, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

May God bless you both.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWSLETTER

The latest **Justice & Peace Scotland Newsletter** is now available. It highlights a summer of powerful advocacy with gatherings at Faslane and Dungavel, and important campaigns and forthcoming events – including the Red Line For Gaza - you are encouraged to support. Find it at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

JUBILEE VESPERS

Jubilee Vespers for **Dunbartonshire East Deanery** will take place at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral on **Monday 15th September**, with refreshments in Eyre Hall afterwards.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting will take in the presbytery at 7pm on Monday 15th September. All members are asked to attend.

2025 CENTENARY PILGRIM

The pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21st September from 12:30-6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. Refreshments, holy hour and reflection by Fr Joe McAuley with prayers, petitions and blessings with the relic. Holy Mass at 4:30pm celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Confessions are available all day.

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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please join the Archbishop, Priests, Deacons and Religious in praying for vocations, especially to the religious life and priesthood. Please remember our Seminarians; we currently have four, and we have one applicant this year. The vocations crisis we have long feared has now arrived with some priests now looking after three parishes, new restrictions on bringing in foreign clergy means the need to pray for more vocations has never been greater.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jim Docherty, Gary Jones, Sr. Phyllis Hoey FMDM, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin, Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, John McCormick, Beatrice Hannah, Thomas Robertson and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in Hospital and Care Homes and we Pray especially for babies who are sick! We pray for their families for hope and strength.

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

RECENT DEAD

Peter McGeeney, Cecilia Munro, Margaret Samson, Maria McMunn, Theresa Ferguson, Anne Blaney, Jean McCann, George Forbes, Daniel McKenna, Isabella McNally, Anne Marie Henshaw, Josephine Gray, Stephen Grimes, Joe Dickson, John McShane and Marian Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY

Baby Stephen Farrell, Clare McGuinness, Alice Orr, Alice McFadden, Patrick Griffen, Joe Mulheron, Viny & Peter McGillion, John O'Neil, Mary Jones, Margaret Novak, Joseph Flanagan, Joe O'Shea, Martin O'Neill, William Roy, Stephen McConnell, John O'Neil, Brian McCann, Mary Freer, Irene Millar, Chris Benson, Kenny Woods, John Jeffrey, Joe Taggart, Wm. Henry Payne, Agnes & Michael Glenn, Frank Murray, Frank McShane, Paul Fitzpatrick, and Wm. Alistair MacKenzie.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERAL

Anne Blaney – 18th September 10am

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/>