

# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

## MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



*Welcomes with Love  
Our New Holy Father  
Pope Leo XIV*



*Leo PP. XIV  
8 maggio 2025*

**18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**READINGS:**

**FIRST – ACTS 14: 21B-27**

**PSALM – 145 (144)**

**“I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, MY GOD AND KING”**

**SECOND – RV 21: 1-5A**

**GOSPEL – JN 13: 31-33A, 34-35**

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

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

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## DETAILS OF 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.

## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St. Christopher Magallanes
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide/ St Rita of Cassia
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday in Eastertide

## HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

Ascension **Thursday – 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

Masses: Vigil Wed 28<sup>th</sup> - 6pm, 29<sup>th</sup> May – 10am.

Mass is also at St Matthew's Primary at **11am** and Turnbull High School at **12pm**. All welcome!

## 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 **11am** Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10am 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.

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION



There will be a workshop/retreat on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** in St Dominics, Time at : **7pm – 9pm**. All are encouraged to attend.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...



Thank you to those who kindly organised a great party for the First Holy Communion kids last Sunday....you made it memorable for them, that's partly how faith is built in the young! Thanks also to the parents for their involvement in their children's spiritual lives and last but not least, thanks to St Matthew's primary catechetical team who did a great job of preparing our P4 children for their Holy Communion. Bless you all!!

## BAPTISM

If you are wishing to have your child baptised, please see Fr Alex after any mass for the form and to book a date. Baptismal candles are available in the stall at the back of the church.

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like Fr Alex to visit them, please speak to Father or send an email to [stmatthew@rcag.org.uk](mailto:stmatthew@rcag.org.uk) or phone the presbytery on 0141 772 1619 with their details.

### 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 USE YOUR HELP! We are looking for additional people to join our rota. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email [newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com)

### SPRED VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Share faith and friendship at SPRED. Interested in taking part in a SPRED group? You are welcome to join us for volunteer training. Four Mondays from **12<sup>th</sup> May** (except holiday **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May**) at **7pm** in the SPRED Centre, 20 Robroyston Road, Glasgow, G33 1EQ Please contact Patricia Duffy on 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com) for more information.

### PARISH LOTTERY

The **April** Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1023	Cathie Campbell	£183
Draw Two	1047	Maureen Byrne	£183
Draw Three	1251	Gerry Hay	£91.50

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May**.

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

### Forecoming Social Events

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Family Night with Fun and games. Tickets are Now on Sale! Please put your Name on the sheets at the Church entrance. **Bring Your Own Snacks/Drinks.** Price - **£5 per Family or £2 each.**

### SVDP Lenten APPEAL 2025

Once again, we would like to thank you all for the very generous response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during Lent. They told me that every week they have up to 60 people who come in looking for help, all of whom need toiletries, so our contribution is very greatly received.

### ANNUAL LINN CEMETERY MASS

**Saturday 31 May at 3pm.**

If the weather is inclement then the Mass for the Dead will be in nearby St Margaret Mary's Church Building (G45 9NT). St Thomas More: "I pray that we meet merrily in heaven."

### PRO LIFE MASS

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, **21st May at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Charles Coyle.

### CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI WEEK 2025

The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church Garnethill. **Saturday 24 May at 12.15pm** - Laudato Si **Mass at 1 pm Lunch at 1.45pm – 4 pm** Celebrating Laudato Si Week. Film – Faith, Ecology and Hope and Three Faces of the Amazon: Encounters at the Borders - Fr Gonzalo Castro SJ – a Jesuit priest from Chile currently based in Edinburgh.

### LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May in Carfin Grotto.** All active and auxiliary members as well as friends of the Legion are very warmly welcome to join with Legionaries from all over Scotland for this day of thanksgiving. The proceedings will begin with **Mass at 3pm** which will be celebrated by Bishop Keenan. This will be followed by the Rosary Procession and Benediction which will start at 5pm. All Spiritual Directors are cordially invited to attend.

### **Scottish Catholic Theology Forum Conference:**

The Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. **Saturday 14th June 11am – 3.30pm.** This year's conference will consider how we get to a theology of synodality, explore women's perspectives, and reflect on synodality as a mark of the church. It will be highly participative. Come and join the conversation!

Booking: Eventbrite.<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-catholic-theology-forum-conference-2025-tickets-1338389532119?aff=oddttdtcreator>. Tickets cost £15, non - waged £10.

Lunch: There are many food outlets nearby or bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

### **Evenings of Reflection in person at the ISC: Dates: 29 May; 28 August and 13 November: time 6.30 -8.30pm.**

Venue: Ignatian Spirituality centre, 35 Scott St, Glasgow, G3 6PE. As we move through the seasons there is a natural sense of change in the air. In a time of personal change and transition and often before concrete plans emerge as John O'Donohue puts it "your soul senses the world that awaits you". This is an evening giving an opportunity to reflect on God's constant call to newness and growth.

If you are able to make a donation on the night that would be most welcome, however please do not let finance stop you from coming along!

### **Support Group for Catholic Women Affected by Separation and Divorce**

The next meetings of our support group for women affected by separation and divorce are:

**Friday, 30th May and Friday, 27th June**, 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. The group is delighted to welcome women from across the Archdiocese whether they experienced this 30 years ago or more recently.

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

We have a variety of ways that women can reach out before the meeting:

Twitter: @GAWomenSupport

Facebook: Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Catherine Gray, Baby Brodie, John McCormick, Teddy Taylor, 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**

Michael McGuane, Martin Haldane, William Boyle, Judith Carey, Alex Carson, John Gibbons, Daragh O'Flaherty, Monsignor Charles Cavanagh, Tommy McEwan, Pope Francis, Edith O'Brien, Ian Milne, Marie Raffaele and Adriano Benassi

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Margaret Muir, Cathie & Jack Dempsie, Thomas Boyle, Thomas Deeney, Charles McAuley, Jim Docherty, Ronnie Rotchford, Margaret Gibbons, John O'Connor, Bill Callan, James Crearie, Madge McGuigan, Bill Donnelly, Suzanne Laird, John McFarlane, Bridie McCloskey, Patricia Mary Murphy, Ivana Santi, Dominic & Paul Ray, Jim Docherty, Sheila Fitzgerald, Thomas Donohoe, Thomas Francis Scallan, David McKenna, Patrick McVey and Maria McDonald.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### **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/>