

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



6TH & 13TH JULY 2025

READINGS — 6TH JULY:

FIRST — IS 66: 10 - 14C

PSALM — 66 (65)

“CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH”

SECOND — GAL 6: 14 - 18

GOSPEL — LK 10: 1 - 12, 17 - 20

READINGS — 13TH JULY:

FIRST — DT 30: 10 - 14

PSALM — 69 (68)

“SEEK GOD, YOU WHO ARE POOR, AND YOUR HEARTS WILL REVIVE”

SECOND — COL 1: 15 - 20

GOSPEL — LK 10: 25 - 37

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

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

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).

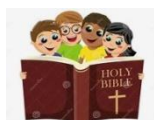
Confessions : Friday after 10:00am Mass and 5:00pm before vigil mass.

14th & 15th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

	14 th Week in Ordinary Time		15 th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday 7 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Monday 14 th	Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest
Tuesday 8 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Tuesday 15 th	Saint Bonaventure, bishop
Wednesday 9 th	Our Lady of Aberdeen	Wednesday 16 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday 10 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Thursday 17 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 11 th	Saint Benedict, Abbot	Friday 18 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 12 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Saturday 19 th	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

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 Childrens Liturgy will continue over the summer holidays. It 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

PLEASE NOTE! The Sunday & Friday Café will be **Closed** for the Summer Holidays!

Many thanks to all the ladies and men who have generously assisted with preparing coffee/tea for all of us throughout the year!

CONCERT IN ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Concert by the Cathedral of Christ the King Choir, Atlanta, U.S.A, in **St. Andrew's Cathedral** on **Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm**, under the direction of Dr. Michael Accurso. Please come along and enjoy an evening of sacred music by national and international composers. This is a **free concert** (no booking required)!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANPARENTS & THE ELDERLY - Sunday 27th July 2025

To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invite everyone to **St. Francis Xavier's**, Carfin for Mass at **3pm** with Bishop John Keenan. Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event.

Free Bus to "No To Nuclear Weapons" ecumenical peace vigil - BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

On **Saturday 2nd August**, we will gather at **Faslane** for a Christian peace vigil in opposition to nuclear weapons. This ecumenical service of prayer, reflection, readings, and hymns will take place from **10.30am to 12 noon** at the South Gate of HM Naval Base Clyde.

We are keen to have a large and visible gathering at this year's vigil to mark 80 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. To make it easier for people to attend, free transport is being provided by Justice & Peace Scotland and the Church of Scotland

Glasgow pick-up: **Gordon Street (outside Central Station)**, departing **9.15am**.

📍 To book your free seat, please email: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

SOCIAL



Friday, 15th August, London's Smash Hit Show, Faulty Towers –
The Original Dining Experience £30 per person (includes a 3-course meal)
B.Y.O.B. Arrival by 7:00pm latest!

Names now being taken – Secure your spot with: Full payment (£30) or £10 deposit (balance payable later) Don't miss this hilarious Interactive Show!

SVDP SUMMER OUTING - 2025

The SVDP Senior Citizen summer outing to Largs will take place this year on **Saturday, 30th August**, priced **£20**, with lunch at the Brisbane Hotel. The bus will leave Bishopbriggs at **11:00am** and will be back in time for evening mass for those who wish to go. To book a place, please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the church. For more information call Pat on 07910776591 or speak to any member of the SVDP.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION IN PERSON AT THE ISC

Dates: **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!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

29th June : First collection - £1119.45
Second collection - £801.85 for Peter's Pence.

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the Church Refurbishment.

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 or phone the presbytery on 0141 772 1619 with their details.

ROSARY GARDEN AT ST. MATTHEW'S



Some of us parishioners' are keen to work on a project to create a small Rosary Garden at the back of the church (through the gate) for private outdoors prayers and contemplation. We are hoping to buy a small statue or wall mosaic of Our Lady with a pergola around her, a couple of benches and quite a few bigger plants in pots for a secluded garden. The concrete wall opposite will be painted, everything cleared, ground covered. We have £1000 donation towards it already but we would like to invite further donations from all parishioners who want to support this project and can afford to give. We would need a few volunteers also to give us a hand and contacts for doing small jobs or for advice and more ideas. We would also need help with keeping track of funds and expenses. Are you interested? Do you know a friend or family member who would be interested?

Please contact Kati (k.beetles@btopenworld.com) or by **text only please to:** 07904429898) if you would like to be involved in any way. Hope we can make this come true by early autumn this year for everybody to enjoy. Thank you!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Please note that during the School Summer Holiday, our parish newsletter will be produced every **two** weeks instead of weekly! Thank you!

PARISH LOTTERY

The June Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1025	Josephine Lobban	£183
Draw Two	1032	Jacqueline Cullen	£183
Draw Three	1169	Alan Sage	£91.50

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 27th of July**.

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

SCIAF...

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the incredible support your parish community have shown once again to our WEE BOX Lenten Appeal. This year's Appeal focused on Colombia, where communities still face the scars of conflict—displacement, land grabs, and violence. Through SCIAF, your support has helped promote peace and justice, especially in Chocó, standing with communities to secure land rights and build safer, stronger futures. Your Parish's prayer and generosity have been vital in bringing healing and hope through our local Church partners.

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - how did your MP vote?

Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during "ping-pong".

Please take action now and email your local MP: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote - it takes just 30 seconds!

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr. Alex and some parishioners will be going to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Glasgow on **16th – 23rd July'25!** If anyone would like their 'Special Intentions' to be included in this Blessed Pilgrimage Fr. Alex would gladly welcome them, please write them down on a piece of paper and place it in an envelope then either give the envelope directly to Fr. **or** place it in the Box at the back of the Church Prior to **Sun 14th July'25!** Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, Catherine Gray, Kimberley Murphy, 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

George McCormack, Jim Docherty, Agnes Quinn, Elizabeth Murray, Brian Houston, Helen Gray, Alex Hunter, Alec Brown.

ANNIVERSARY

Robert Hay, Agnes Wilson, Helen Brennan, Stella Lochran, Ian McIntosh, Michael Murray, Patrick Doherty, Charles McBride, Matthew Diamond, William Orr, Jackie Gourlay, Kathleen Russell, Mark Reilly, Tim Donachie and Frank Callaghan.

+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/>