

# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READINGS: FIRST – DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6;  
PSALM – 17: 2-4, 47, 51 SECOND – HEBREWS 7:23-28; GOSPEL – MARK 12:28-34:  
“I LOVE YOU, LORD MY STRENGTH.”**

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

**DETAILS OF MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS**

**Sunday Masses : Vigil 5:30pm, 9:30 am and 11.00am.**

**Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10.00 am.**

**Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10.00am.**

**Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9.30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).**

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

**28<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Weekday in Ordinary Time/ St Willibrord, Bishop and Missionary
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast

**WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S**

A warm welcome to all visitors and friends this weekend, feel spiritually at home!

**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

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – CHANGE OF DATE!!**

Next years (2025) Pilgrimage is now on 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup> July.

**SUNDAY CAFÉ & FRIDAY CAFÉ**



The Sunday Café will be open after 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am Mass**. More volunteers are needed at both cafés. Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

**CONFIRMATIONS 2024:** Confirmations will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @7pm.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

27<sup>th</sup> October: First collection - £1298.50; Second collection - £1399.84 for Mission Scotland

Thank you for your continued generosity.

This Sunday the second collection will be for the building renovation funds.

**LOURDES WATER SERVICE/CEREMONY**



Thank you to all who attended our healing service. Many thanks to all those who ushered and to the clergy for leading and blessing us. May we all be relieved of pains and be healed in the Mighty Name of JESUS!!

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Do you know anyone wishing to become a Catholic or interested in the Catholic Faith? Please speak/call to Fr Alex (0141 7721619) or Michael Murphy (07789328828)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 1 Feb 2025, 1 March 2025, 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025.

The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** October lottery winners were:

Draw 1 1119 James Cunningham £177

Draw 2 1110 Paul Berrie £177

Draw 3 1168 Rose McVey £88.50

Cumulative raised for Church Renovation Fund over £107,700. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 24th of November. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details, or complete form available at the back of the church.

**THANK YOU...**



Special thanks to the two beautiful souls, grandfather and grandson, who erected a long-desired cross against the wall outside our church....it's a tool of evangelisation....God Bless.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS :**The Union of Catholic Mothers of the Archdiocese of Glasgow will be organising a Holy Hour for Vocations in St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 9th November 2024 at 11.30am. Please join us in praying for vocations for our Archdiocese. Father Paddy Boyle, Vocations Director, will deliver a talk on vocations as part of this event. All welcome.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE :** Join with the Youth office and special guests in the Archdiocesan Offices (G1 4JY) on Sat 16th Nov, 0930 – 1600 for a conference focussed on evangelising youth and young adults. It is set to be inspiring and practical with inputs, panel discussions, workshops exploring 6 different resources and the opportunity to network with others. <https://rcagyouth.eventbrite.com>

**RCAG YOUNG ADULT SESSIONS**

A retreat Afternoon - 'The Eucharist: Source & Summit' - on Saturday 9th November from 1 - 4pm at 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY. Join us for a retreat experience focussed on how the Eucharist impacts our life. This is a great opportunity to gather with other young adults and delve into prayer. More info and sign up: [www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions](http://www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions)

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Admission £5, includes tea and cake. Children under 12 go free. Lots of Christmas stalls and even a visit from Santa – if you are very good! All welcome.

**NOVEMBER LISTS**

It is an opportunity for us to remember and pray for our beloved departed. The envelopes and lists are at the back, fill them up and put them in the envelopes together with the stipend and drop them in the box at the back of the church. RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Coll, Thomas Robertson, Beatrice Hannah and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes!

**BISHOPBRIGGS CHURCHES TOGETHER – CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The annual Christmas Concert "Rejoice and Sing" will take place in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Full details including ticket prices, transport, etc., are on the poster at the back of the Church, or from the Bishopbriggs Box Office, Cadder Church South Hall, Bishopbriggs (Wednesday & Friday, 10.00am to 12.00noon or by emailing [scfc7954@gmail.com](mailto:scfc7954@gmail.com).

**RECENT DEAD: RIP**

Please pray for the following:

Margaret Church, Tommy Callaghan, Paul Renfrew, Willie Cairns, Jim Ward, Jaaneline Walker, Mary McCaffery, Patrick Donnelly, George Gallacher, Fr. Billy Donnelly, Sr. Margaret McCulloch, Moira Mooney, James Greer, Brendan McMullan, Hugh McGreechin, Eileen Reilly, Alex McGrory, William Connelly, John Mallan.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Please pray for the following:

Chris and Bill Payne, Brian Gannon, Catherine McKenna, Mary Coyle, Gerard McKenna, Freddy Gray, Mary Brady, Paul Feeny, Eddie McDaid, Ricky Gourlay, Gerard Andrew Evans, Catriona (Tina) Boyle, John Abercromby, Tom & Cath Wilson, Theresa Deeny, Joe Riches, Archie & Eileen O'Hara, Sarah Galbraith, Joseph Constantine, Jim Flynn, Rena Hurrel, Catherine McCulloch.

**PARISH FUNERALS**

Elizabeth (Betty) Gardner - Mass on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**MASS IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO DIED**

There will be a Mass at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November in honour and remembrance of all those who died between November 20023 and November 2024. Letters of invitation will be sent to the bereaved families.

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING COVID**

A mass will be offered at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November on honour of those who died during Covid time. Please drop their names in the box at the back of the church before Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, so that we can inscribe their names on the candles and family members and friends are invited to join in this Mass. Thanks.

**THANK YOU**

To all our parishioners who continually support our bereaving families throughout the year. Your prayers and attendance at our funeral masses is unwavering and greatly appreciated.

**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 be the person we are looking for! At the moment our team is a bit depleted and we could do with extra help. Don't worry, we will support you until you get the hang of it. Contact Fr Alex, Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or Anne Marie McDaid (230 9943) or email

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**NIGHT FEVER:** Young people aged 18-25 are warmly invited to attend a meeting to plan Night Fever. On Night Fever evening the doors of St Aloysius Church, Garnethill are wide open and young people and young adults invite passers-by around Sauchiehall Street to come into the church, light a candle, listen to the music, read a Bible passage, receive a blessing, take up the offer to talk to a priest or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you would like to hear more please come to an information and planning meeting about Night Fever in the Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church, Garnethill 7-8 p.m. on Thursday 14 November. For more information please email [staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk](mailto:staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk) or [mairi-claire.odonnell@rcag.org.uk](mailto:mairi-claire.odonnell@rcag.org.uk)

**THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH:** The Men of St Joseph wish to invite all men over the age of 18 to join them for monthly fellowship meetings, including the Rosary, Lectio Divina and Adoration. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on 7th November from 7:30-9pm in The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE. Contact: [themosj.scotland@gmail.com](mailto:themosj.scotland@gmail.com)

**MASS FOR VOCATIONS:** The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston will take place on **Monday 11th November 2024, and Monday 2nd December**, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at **7pm**. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** in Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. See notice at back of church for details of times and locations.