

# ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE



## Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

Pope Francis



## 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### READINGS:

FIRST – GN 15:5 - 12, 17 - 18

PSALM – 27(26);

“THE LORD IS MY LIGHT & MY SALVATION”

SECOND – PHIL 3:17 - 4:1

GOSPEL – LUKE 9:28B - 36

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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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Saint Patrick, bishop</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Weekday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent / Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Saint Joseph, husband of Mary</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Weekday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Weekday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Weekday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 7pm.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Stewards/Passkeepers; 2<sup>nd</sup> April – SVDP, 9<sup>th</sup> April– Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; 16<sup>th</sup> April – Alter Servers/Sacristans, 16<sup>th</sup> April Holy Week Stations of the cross by Children’s liturgy group with the participation of Bishopbriggs Churches together.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be Stations of the Cross on 19<sup>th</sup> March due to First Reconciliation taking place that evening! Stations of the Cross resume on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**DAILY ADORATION**



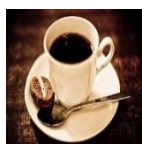
This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

**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 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am 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.

**YOUR WEE BOXES ARE HERE!**

SCIAF boxes can be collected from the back of the church.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> March : First collection - £1,775.51  
 Second collection - £737.03

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will again be for sick and retired priests.

### NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year beginning 6th April are now available in the church vestibule. Please ensure that these are uplifted as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### 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)

### PARISH LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,550

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 30th of March

To join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 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.

### UCM LENTEN SERVICE:

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Deacon Joe O'Donnell will lead this service for the UCM in St. Matthew's at 7pm, Theme 'On the Road to Emmaus'. All welcome.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register



### THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Louise on 07926571004, or email [louise398@gmail.com](mailto:louise398@gmail.com). Complete applications must be returned by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2025

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2025 Lenten appeal which is to supply toiletry items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently helping approximately 140 men and 80 ladies who need toiletries each month. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 8th March.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:

Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks.

Also Small Easter eggs on 12th/13th April only.

### BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Council will celebrate World Earth Hour on Saturday 22nd March between 8.30 and 9.30 pm, when we will join with people from across the globe in switching off lights and appliances.

Please take part with us.

SAVE THE DATE – Bishopbriggs Community Day, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **TURNBULL PTA QUIZ/CARITAS**

Turnbull PTA would like to invite everyone to the PTA quiz in St Dominic's Church Hall on Friday, 21st March at 7.45 pm (for 8.15 start). £5 adults, £3 school age, free infants. Pay on the door. Prizes for best team and best pupil only team. All proceeds go to the educational enhancement for Turnbull High School pupils. BYOB.

### **PRO-LIFE MASS**

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 19th March (Solemnity of St Joseph) 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 Joshua Moir.

### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Weekend of Renewal. Blessed John Duns Scotus Church, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0YT. Guest Speakers: John Hesketh. Friday 21st March 7 pm to 9 pm, Saturday 22nd March 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569.

email: [glasgow.service.team@gmail.com](mailto:glasgow.service.team@gmail.com)

Church, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RE. Includes Mass and lunch - all are welcome. Experience praying with

### **CALL, CHANGE AND GROWTH AN EVENING OF REFLECTION:**

Thursday 27 March 6.30pm-8.30pm. In person at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott St. Glasgow G3 6PE. As we move into Spring 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. To book visit the website ([iscglasgow.co.uk](http://iscglasgow.co.uk)) to fill in the [online form](#) or contact [marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk)

### **REFLECTION DAY ON WAYS OF PRAYER – PRAYING WITH THE WORD**

Experience praying with scripture, poetry and art. Saturday 22<sup>ND</sup> March 6.30pm – 8.30pm at St. Aloyitius Church, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow. Includes Mass and lunch. For more information or to sign up please contact [marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk)

### **A REFLECTION ON THE PASSION**

Firecloud Theatre present "Even the Winds" a dramatic reflection on the last days of Jesus. This free event (donations welcome) is at the Immaculate Conception Church, Maryhill Road, Glasgow on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm followed by a light supper in the Parish Hall. All welcome!

### **AGAP THEATRE**

"The Margaret Sinclair Story". Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Edinburgh factory girl who could be Scotland's next canonised Saint. Various venues from 20<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Visit [www.agap.org.uk](http://www.agap.org.uk) for details & tickets: £10/£7/£5 (Pay What You Can – you choose.)

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

Thomas Macrossan, Raymond Stewart, Maureen McGuigan, Hayden Carr, Thomas Robertson, Andrew Gardner, 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.

### **PARISH FUNERALS**

Elizabeth Purkiss      Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am

Peter Di Luca          Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 10am

Pat Lynch              Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am

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

**RECENT DEAD**

Mr Cain, Mary Williamson, Sadie McMenamin, Norma Timoney, Nan Hughes, Patrick Delaney, Vincent Grant, Alexander Polosjieski, Nicholas Harkins, David Martin, Danny Mullen, Frank McGilvery, Pat Lynch, Peter Di Luca, Robert Higgins, John Carroll, Nicholas Harkins, Steven Gibb, , Rosemary McCullagh, Maureen Anne Kenny, Frank McGillion, Michael Gillen, Neil Boyle, Henry McShane, Maurice Smyth, Elizabeth Purkiss.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Ellen Dick, Marie Howat, Margaret Graham, Margaret McIntyre, Mark Reilly, Margaret Donnelly, James Warren, Moira Flynn, John Coyle, Breda Ryan, Thomas & Catherine Fitzpatrick, John Fitzgerald, Margaret McCreadie, Mary McLernon, Joyce McGarvey, Terry McKenna, Ronnie Sulter, Moira Flynn, Gillian Mulheron, James Etherson, Ellie Donohoe.

*Requiescant in pace*

**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.