

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



24TH NOVEMBER 2024 CHRIST THE KING

**READINGS: FIRST –DANIEL 7: 13-14;
PSALM – 92(93):1-2,5 SECOND –REVELATION 1: 5-8; GOSPEL – JOHN 1:5-8:
“THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED.”**

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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.

34th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 25 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 26 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time/St Catherine of Alexandria
Wednesday 27 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 28 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 29 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 30 th November	St Andrew, Apostle, 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

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!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Missio Scotland extend their "Thank You" to our parishioners for their generosity of £1,217.56.

Education Sunday collection £771.54



Thank you to everyone for all my birthday wishes, blessings, card and gifts. Your generosity was overwhelming. Fr Alex.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas is coming and the children of St Matthew's parish are invited to a party on the **8th December** following the children's liturgy. The sign up sheets are at the back of the church. Parents/parishioners are welcome to join in, in the hall after Mass for refreshments.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CABARET



Our next family event is our Christmas Cabaret 7:30pm on **Friday 6th Dec**, with entertainment from the amazing George Cormack. The cost is £10 with a two course Christmas dinner, followed by tea/coffee & mince pie. BYOB. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

PARISH LOTTERY

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.

BISHOPBRIGGS CHURCHES TOGETHER – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert "Rejoice and Sing" will take place in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Monday 23rd 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.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston will take place on 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.

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.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday 17th December 2024 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

RCAG YOUNG ADULT SESSIONS

Advent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan on Monday 2nd December from 7-9pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral. All young adults are invited to join this special Advent event to prepare for Christmas, complete with festive treats and a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. More information and sign up: www.tinyurl.com/adventsession1

JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME 2025

Pope Francis has invited all young people, aged 18 to 30, to join him in Rome from 28th July - 3rd August 2025 and RCAG Youth are taking a group. If you want more information, check out the information pack when you follow this link: www.tinyurl.com/rcagjubileeregistration

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Synod's Final Document: Orientations and Major Themes- A talk by Fr Thomas Magill, PhD, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th December 2024. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

CARDINAL WINNING PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE GRAND SALE: The Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative is holding a sale on Saturday 30th November from 11am - 4pm at 104 Albert Road, Glasgow G42 8DR. Lots of new goods, clothing, bric-a-brac, shoes, bags, toys and much more! All welcome.

SVDP ADVENT APPEAL

The SVDP conference requests your support for our 2024 Advent appeal. This year, the appeal is for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre where they will be distributed to homeless and needy people who go there for help with clothing, etc. They have asked us for small sizes of the toiletries listed below for men or women. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 30th November. We would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Soap - Roll on deodorant - Shaving Gel - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Shower gel

ABBA'S VINEYARD

St Andrew's Night for young adults, Saturday 30th November, from 5-9pm at Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. To celebrate we'll have an evening with stories and reflections on St Andrew in Adoration, traditional food, prayer ministry and there will be the usual availability of Confession and Mass to start with. For more information search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS HALL EVENTS: PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 30th November 10.30am – 4.00pm, led by Philip McParland. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Suggested donation £25. Franciscan Sisters Hall, 90 Saracen St. Possilpark Glasgow G22 5AD. Booking: Sr. Francesca: 07788798731 or email: francescawil7@yahoo.co.uk

FRANCISCAN SISTERS HALL EVENTS: ADVENT REFLECTION EVENINGS - THREE ROLE MODELS

All from 7.00pm -8.00pm. December 2nd: John the Baptist, led by Philip McParland. December 9th: St. Joseph, led by Sr. Francesca. December 16th Mary the Mother of Jesus, led by Canon Peter McBride. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Franciscan Sisters Hall, 90 Saracen St. Possilpark Glasgow G22 5AD. Booking: Sr. Francesca: 07788798731 or email: francescawil7@yahoo.co.uk

FIRECLOUD NATIVITY 2024:

Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Tuesday 17th December, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY. Suggested donation at the door £4 (£10 per family group) - or whatever you can afford. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Baird, Florence Bradley, Catherine Gray, James Coll, Thomas Robertson, Beatrice Hannah and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes!

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

RECENT DEAD: RIP

Jim Forrester, Bruce McDougall, Teresa (Tess) Alexander, John Hegarty, John Kelly, Andrew Thomson, Nan Falconer, Matt Mitchell, Ricky Peacock, Stephen Doyle, Patricia McNulty, Bridie McCluskey, Ellen Wilson, Gordon Irvine, Christopher Karaban, Margaret Church, Paul Renfrew.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

James Boyle, Joseph Lynch, Barbara Bliss, Patrick Orr, Michael Duff, Catherine Wilson, John McLernon, Joseph O'Shea, Dora Boni, , Effie & Allan Mac Isaac, , Paul McConnell, Thomas Finnegan, Agnes & Edward Gay, Freddy Gray, Margaret Lee, James Boyle, Catherine Vass, Jim McAllister, Jim Diamond, Patrick & Margaret Meehan, Maria Docherty, Margaret Lee, Tom & Josie Hanlon, Stephen Doyle.

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.

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

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! 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 newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

