

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



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



6TH APRIL 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS:

FIRST – IS 43: 16 - 21

PSALM – 126 (125)

“WHAT GREAT DEEDS THE LORD WORKED FOR US! INDEED WE WERE GLAD”

SECOND – PHIL 3: 8-14

GOSPEL – JOHN 8: 1-11

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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, 9:30 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.

5th WEEK OF LENT

Monday 7 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent/ St. John the Baptist de la Salle Priest
Tuesday 8 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent
Wednesday 9 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent
Thursday 10 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent
Friday 11 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent/ St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr
Saturday 12 th April	Weekday in the 5 th Week of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

9th April– Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; 16th April – Alter Servers/Sacristans, 16th April Holy Week

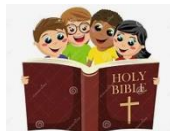
Stations of the Cross by Children’s liturgy group with the participation of Bishopbriggs Churches together.

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

23rd March : First collection - £1,374.49

Second collection - £939.30

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



PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 15th April – 7pm. Fr Alex has organised priests to come and hear our confessions. Please come along.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

There will be a workshop/retreat on Tuesday 27th May in St Dominics, starting 7pm – 9pm. All are encouraged to attend.

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

PARISH LOTTERY

The March Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1077	Anna Welsh	£180
Draw Two	1116	Annabella Hanlon	£180
Draw Three	1292	Sheila MacKay	£90

Please note that Annual payments are now due. Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 27th of April.

If you wish to join, 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.

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 Day, Saturday 17th May.

BOARBANK HALL RETREATS

This year the Jubilee coincides with the tenth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. Can we become Pilgrims of Hope also in our celebration of, and care for, God's Creation? Join us at Boarbank Hall for the following retreats-come-holidays: *Two Wings and Some Prayers* 12th-17th May; *Celebrating Creation: The Joy of Limits* 27th-31st May and 4th-10th October. For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk and www.journeyto2030.org/events.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place on **Monday 14th April 2025**, 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.

FR MONAGHAN

Father Nicholas Monaghan invites you to join him for his Mass of Thanksgiving on the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This will take place on Sunday 29th June at 5pm in St Mary's Duntocher. Please respond to silver25nm@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

'GOLDEN DAYS IN DONEGAL' – STEPHEN JOYCE

Father Alex and myself would like to thank all parishioners and anyone who kindly bought my book 'Golden Days in Donegal'. All books now sold and ALL money now in Chapel Funds.

A special thanks to TAHIR, HIS family and staff at POPPIES Post Office & shop who sold 40 copies and donated ALL money to St Matthews.

This was a lovely gesture of respect, support and co-operation with our Catholic Church from our Islamic friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Teddy Taylor, 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

Norma Christie, William Penny, Patricia Rae, Iain Roderick MacMillan, George Mcreadie, Brian Slaven, Roberta Keenan, James McGurk, Mary Pye, Janet Scott, Tommy Finlay, Danny Mullan, John Barret, , Brian Slaven, Anne Purdon, Grant Thompson, Bernard Colvin, Frank McSheery, James Connelly, Sandra Jaconelli, Pat Lynch, Rita Kerr, Kevin Ward.

ANNIVERSARY

Agnes Baxter, Federigo Capanni, Ernesto Sardi, Donata McCulloch, Frank Murray, Clare Nicolson, Anne Haggerty, David Laird, Helen Whiteford, Catherine Gribben, Eddie Hazlett, Alasdair Lobban, Jack Kelly, Josie Kelly, Andrew MacNiven, Patrick Welsh Snr, Patrick Welch Jnr, Michael O'Hara, Margaret Keddie, Michael Lee, Mary McGonigal, Moira McNally, Jim O'Neill, Stewart Cullen, Maria McBride, Maureen Lang, Joe Constantine, James Brennan, Tricia Ross, Margaret Donnelly, Martin O'Neill, Gemma McDevitt, Christopher Karaban

MONTHS MIND

Maureen Kenny

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Anne Purdon 16th April 10am

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/>