

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



24TH MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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.

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.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th March	WEEKDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Tuesday 26th March	WEEKDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Wednesday 27th March	WEEKDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Thursday 28th March	HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday 29th March	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 30th March	HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST



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.

HOLY WEEK: MASSES & SERVICES

BISHOPBRIGGS CHURCHES TOGETHER	ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm 27 TH MARCH ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH
HOLY THURSDAY (28 TH MARCH)	NO 10AM MASS EXCEPT MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER -7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER 9pm
GOOD FRIDAY (29 TH MARCH) FASTING & ABSTINENCE	LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 3.00pm
HOLY SATURDAY (30 TH MARCH)	EASTER VIGIL - 7.00PM
EASTER SUNDAY (31 ST MARCH)	HOLY MASS AT 9.30AM & 11.00AM
EASTER MONDAY (1 ST APRIL)	HOLY MASS - 11.00AM

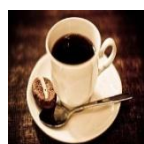
EASTER SOCIAL: After the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday let us celebrate the resurrection together with a cup of tea/coffee or a glass of wine/prosecco and some music in the hall. All welcome.

CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL: Mass of chrism will be celebrated in the cathedral at 11.00 am on Thursday 28th March; all of us are encouraged to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES

Gemma McDevitt, Charlie McDevitt, Frank Morton, Martin O'Neill, Margaret Donnelly, Ellen Dick, Marie Hawat, Mary Duff, Thomas & Catherine Fitzpatrick, Angie Hinshelwood, Michael O'Hara, James Brennan, Peggy Tully, Mary Johnstone, May and Lou Crawley, Monica Marshall, Margaret McCreadie, Christopher Adam, Frank Kelly, Edward Kelly.

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 o'clock 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!

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new GAD envelopes are now available for collection from the Church vestibule. White Envelopes are for 1st Collection, Blue for the 2nd Collection and Yellow for Holydays of Obligation. The first Sunday for their use is 6th/7th April. If you have any questions please email gerry@mccarthy@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE ACTION: At the entrance to the Church front porch, there are cards to be sent to our local MP - Amy Callaghan, Parliamentary Office, House of Commons, London SW1AA – asking her to support and vote for the amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to lower the time limit to 22 weeks. By sending this card you will help Pro Life and help save many unborn.

CAN YOU READ?

Why don't you volunteer, no matter what age you are, to read at one of the Masses on a Sunday or Saturday? At the Vigil Mass on a Saturday the same 4 people are kind enough to read every fortnight. This is fairly demanding! We would like to have more readers to help out at all Masses but especially at the Vigil. If you are willing to help please call or text me, Joe Farrell, at 07541 69 13 15 or e-mail me at - jf42@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



New volunteers are required to support with Children's Liturgy. This would involve you helping to supervise children once every 3 weeks in the Church Hall. If you are able to help please contact Jennifer McPherson on 07748 707842

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

17th March: 1st Collection - £1,272.24 - 2nd Collection - £780.11

PARISH FUNERAL: The funeral Mass of the late Mrs Mary McLernon will be celebrated on 27th March at 10:00 am. RIP

LENT FLOURISH

The Lent edition of Flourish is free to take home this weekend. It is packed with resources and ideas for living this special season well. Also in the March edition there is an interview with Archbishop Nolan as he marks two years since his installation. He calls for a new mindset on spreading the faith and openness to changes in parish provision. There is a special feature on evangelization and what it means to you, and spotlights on the thriving communities of Indian, Chinese and Ukrainian Catholics in the Archdiocese. Take a copy home, and why not deliver one to a friend or relative who no longer goes to Mass?

Online edition at www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk

SVDP LENTEN APPEAL

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2024 Lenten appeal which is to supply items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently very short of men's trainers and have asked if we could collect **used trainers in good condition** in addition to our normal collection of **toiletries** as noted below.

Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 17th February. We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:

Trainers, Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks. Also **Small** Easter eggs on 23th/24th March only.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – REMINDER: The next marriage preparation day will take place in **Christ the King hall on Saturday 1st June**. Any couples being married after this date, contact Fr Alex for more information.

THE PASSION OF JESUS IN MUSIC AND DRAMA: FireCloud will present the Passion of Jesus using music and dramatic narration. Join us for a prayerful experience during Lent as we consider the gospel accounts of the women who stayed close to Christ in His final days. All welcome. Monday 25th of March in Holy Family and St Ninian's Church, Kirkintilloch - 7pm.

SPRING YOUNG ADULT WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Glasgow, 19th – 21st April 2024. The Youth Office are running a 3-day walking pilgrimage through the Archdiocese stopping at various parishes. It is a great opportunity for 16-35 year old to grow in their faith, get in some exercise and make new friends. www.tinyurl.com/rcagpilgrimage.

GLASGOW ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 12-19th July 2024.

The pilgrims will be led by the Most Rev. William Nolan. Flights, Airport transfers in Lourdes, 7 Nights hotel accommodation, Full board Breakfast, Lunch and dinner each day. Hotels: Hotel AGENA £899 PP sharing; Hotel ELISEO £999 PP sharing; Hotel PADOUE £999 PP sharing;; Hotel LA SOLITUDE £999 PP sharing; ACCUEIL MARIE ST FRAI £899 PP sharing (assisted pilgrims).

For further details contact : *Catherine O'Connor* - 07988096845

YOGA CLASS: If you would be interested in joining a yoga class on Wednesday evenings in the church hall then please contact Linda on 07788 943582. All welcome

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES: Irish language classes at all levels for adults and children - contact 07866453708 / cnagglaschu@hotmail.com

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 18 MAY: We are holding our annual Bishopbriggs Community Day on Saturday 18 May. Please save the date.....we want to see you there.

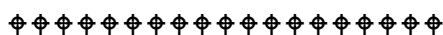
EUROPEAN SUMMER CAMP WITH THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES: In Roehampton, London, 29 July – 6 August 2024. Book your place by 1 April. Experiences during the summer camp: Homelessness, human trafficking, soup kitchen, refugees and immigrants. If you are 18 plus contact Fr Melaku Tafesse (07572 626887), Fr Paul Annis (07765 708627) or Fr David Bohnsack (01344 621238).

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION AND DIVORCE: 12th April. See Fr Alex for details.

JOB VACANCIES; ST. JOSEPH'S CARE HOME:

The following vacancies are available at St. Joseph's Care Home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor Care Assistant (Day shift & Bank); Cook; Dining Room Assistant (Weekends); Handyman/Maintenance; Housekeeper; Laundry Assistant; Nurse (Day shift & Night shift); Secretary.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for any of the above positions, please email HR.Glasgow@Ispscotland.com for details where you will be able to make an application.



WE WISH YOU ALL A GRACE FILLED HAPPY PALM SUNDAY 2024.

