

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



18TH AUGUST 2024

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

20th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 19 th August	Weekday In Ordinary Time / St John Eudes, Priest
Tuesday 20 th August	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor
Wednesday 21 st August	St Pius X, Pope
Thursday 22 nd August	Our Lady, Mother and Queen
Friday 23 rd August	Weekday In Ordinary Time / St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Saturday 24 th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

A warm welcome to all visitors, and especially those parishioners from St. Aloysius, Springburn and other Parishes. We are all one church.



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.

RECENT DEAD: RIP

Please pray for the following:

Malcolm Haddock, Sadie McDonald, Marie Diamond, Agnes Privol, Danny Grant, Francis Lafferty, Joe Maguire, Joseph McGrade, Nora Sweeney, Jim McBride, John Lang, Mary Masson, Kato Szucs, Margaret McNulty, Gillian Chalmers, and Shaune Callaghan.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following:

Kathleen Kelly, John Semple, Jean Diamond, Louise Marie Renfrew, Gordon Bernard Renfrew, Alice Lynch, Andy Reilly, Chris Benson, Patricia Hazelton, Emily Martin, Philip Maguire, Harry McGuigan, Mary Lockhart, Thomas Pye, Rose Brown, Paul Savage, Agnes Glen, Frank McShane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gordon Francis Renfrew, Michael Cosgrove, Jodie Davidson, Beatrice Hannah, Margaret Blaney & Fr. Colin Hughes. And all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

11th Aug : First collection - £1254.56; Second collection - £737.45

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FORTHCOMING PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sunday 18th August: Assisted Parishes.

PARISH LOTTERY

July Lottery winners were

Draw 1	1225	Eleanor Feechan	£168
Draw 2	1028	Charles Boyle	£168
Draw 3	1032	Jacqueline Cullen	£84

Cumulative raised for Church Renovation Fund over £106,450.

Next draw due to take place on Sunday 31st of August. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details.

GIFT AID DONATIONS

Did you know that you can enhance the impact of your donations without any extra cost to you? In the last financial year the parish has received in excess of £20,000 from the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a taxpayer and make donations to parish funds but have not completed a Gift Aid Declaration Form, please consider doing so as for every £1 you donate, we can receive an additional 25p from HM Revenue & Customs.

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)

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!

COLOURS FOR THE CHURCH

"Thanks for all the appreciation and encouragement from so many of you for creating our little garden patch! I will carry on looking after the flowers in the side bed and on the steps but will change the annuals to shrubs next year. If anybody would like to offer help in any way or donate a plant, please contact me or find me." Kati Beetles 07904429898.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH

The Parish has two safeguarding officers; Liam Luporini and Maire McFayden. They can be contacted at stmatthew-psc@rcag.org.uk or via the safeguarding number on 07935522140. Further information can be found here: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow - Safeguarding (rcag.org.uk)

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

We thank all of this years Lourdes Pilgrims for their prayers for our Parish Family, especially for the sick. Special thanks to our Parish nurses and volunteers, and to the youth who helped and facilitated the Pilgrimage this year. Next years (2025) Pilgrimage is on 18th to 25th July.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our liturgy is open to children of all ages. Please take the opportunity to catechise your child. 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

HALL RENOVATIONS:

As some of you may have noticed, our hall is undergoing some renovation work at present. This includes the installation of a new kitchen and remodeling of the toilets. So please forgive the current mess and disruption – it will be worthy it!

Also many thanks for your continued financial support for the Parish which enables us to progress these works.

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT



Parish Family Summer Party night with buffet and music in the church hall on 30th August. BYOB and raffles. Tickets £10, can be purchased at the back of the church after all weekend masses and the Friday/Sunday café.

WALKING GROUP

A group of parishioners have formed a St Matthews walking club and our first walk is planned for Saturday 24th August leaving at 9.30am. This will be a light 4 mile walk around our local area. Open to all ages. Come along and get to know your fellow parishioners. We will finish off with a cuppa and catch-up in the hall. Please contact Megan on 07748 863148 if you require any further information.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS: Can you help to produce the newsletter? If you have a basic knowledge of word processing and have a couple of hours available on Friday, 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, Anne Marie McDaid (230 9943), Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The next meeting of our support group for women affected by separation and divorce will take place on Friday, 13th September in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. All new members are welcome to this confidential support group, which is run by women who have come through this experience themselves. The group has been running very successfully for over 3 years and is delighted to welcome women from across the Archdiocese whether they experienced this 30 years ago or more recently.

Facebook: Faith Living (Archdioceses of Glasgow)

email: archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com

CARFIN-UCM

The UCM are running a bus to Carfin on Sunday 1st September. Leaving South Crosshill Road at 1.45p.m. and will leave Carfin around 6.00p.m.

Anyone wishing to join us please add your name to list in the porch

Price to be confirmed

"FR. ALEX SAYS..."

I hope that this summer may be filled with sunshine, laughter, and cherished moments. Whether you are traveling, spending time at home, or enjoying new adventures, may you feel the presence of God in all that you do. I look forward to seeing you refreshed and renewed in spirit when we gather again. Have a blessed and safe summer.

Thank you to all parishioners for your spiritual and physical presence in St. Matthews, and to all who render a wide range of services to our Parish, you and all of us help St. Matthews to move forward.

And special mention and thanks to our 'medical team' and volunteers who assist those in need – bravo!
Fr. Alex & Deacon Tony

