

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



21ST & 28TH JULY 2024

16TH & 17TH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

16th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 22 nd July	FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALEN
Tuesday 23 rd July	FEAST OF ST BRIDGET
Wednesday 24 th July	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Thursday 25 th July	FEAST OF ST JAMES
Friday 26 th July	ST JOACHIM & ST ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday 27 th July	SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 29 th July	ST MARTHA, ST MARY & ST LAZARUS
Tuesday 30 th July	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wednesday 31 st July	ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
Thursday 1 st August	SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
Friday 2 nd August	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 3 rd August	SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:

Francis Lafferty, Joe Maguire, Jean Mallon, Irene Woobey, John Magill, Cathie Reily, Sarah Jeffrey, Lorraine Shannon, Brian McCann, Canon Pat Brannan, Margaret McNeil, Val Newey, Margaret Sloey, Ian Hamilton, Marie Baxter, Steve Marshall, Sadie Boyle, Eddie Murphy, William Auld, Anna Strang, Peggy Weaver, & Joe Constantine.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following:

Peter Byrne, Michael Murray, James McVey, Colin MacIntosh, Patrick Doherty, Patricia Cassidy, Mark Reilly, Helen Brennan, Mamie Grant, Matthew Diamond, Jacky Gourlay, Fred McMillan, Stella Lochran, Frank Callaghan, Maisie McConnell, Natalie Cuthew, Mary Malarkey, Greta McKenna, Pakie & Peggy Tully, Sarah Jeffrey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and blessings to all married couples in our Parish, both living and dead, who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this month!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

7th July : First collection - £1,074.92; Second collection - £713.03

14th July : First collection - £1,116.34; Second collection - £1,708.09 (Comboni Fathers mission)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FORTHCOMING PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sunday 21st & 28th July: Church Renovation Fund.

PARISH LOTTERY:

June winners were;

Draw 1	1047	Maureen Byrne	£157.00
Draw 2	1213	William McLeod	£157.00
Draw 3	1222	Anna Maria McLeod	£78.50

Cumulative raised for Church Renovation Fund over £106,000. Next draw due to take place on Sunday 28th July.

Thanks to those who have responded to the recent appeal for an increase in membership, there is still time to respond. Please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details.

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

Welcome back to all our Lourdes Pilgrims!

We thank them for their prayers for the Parish Family, especially for the sick. Especial 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

SVDP SUMMER OUTING – 2024:

The SVDP Senior Citizen summer outing to Largs is now full. We will be in touch with those on the list at the end of July to collect menu choice and £15 as we have to prebook these with the hotel. For more information call Andy on 07986244921 or speak to any member of the SVDP.

GIFT AID DONATIONS

Did you know that you can enhance the impact of your donations without any extra cost to you? It's through the Gift Aid Scheme, a government initiative that allows us to reclaim tax on your donations.. 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.

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.

“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

CARFIN PILGRIMAGES

Carfin Pilgrimages have been arranged by the Legion of Mary on 13th August, 13th September and 13th October. Beginning at 7.30pm with Rosary Procession followed by Holy Mass and Benediction until 9pm. Prayers offered for world peace, young people, vocations and Parish renewal. All welcome

FLOURISH

It is important to keep up to date with what's happening across the Archdiocese and in the Catholic Church worldwide. That's where Flourish comes in! In this month's edition read about the Archbishop's condemnation of an attack on a Catholic school in Gaza; the reflections of Cathedral administrator Canon Andrew McKenzie as he prepares to be ordained a bishop; the amazing story of Glasgow's newly ordained deacon and the response of a Vatican archbishop as Glasgow's most famous work of art delights Rome ahead of the Jubilee year. As ever the paper is free, so why not take one home and deliver a copy to someone who might appreciate it? Let Glasgow Flourish!

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