

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



4TH & 11TH AUGUST 2024

18TH & 19TH SUNDAYS 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.

18th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 5 th August	WEEKDAY IN ORD.TIME or DEDICATION of the Basilica of St.Mary Major
Tuesday 6 th August	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, Feast
Wednesday 7 th August	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME or Saints Sixtus and Companions,
Thursday 8 th August	ST DOMINIC, Priest
Friday 9 th August	ST THERESA BENEDICTA of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Saturday 10 th August	SAINT LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr-Feast

Monday 12 th August	WEEKDAY IN ORD.TIME or St Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday 13 th August	WEEKDAY IN ORD. TIME or St Pontian, Pop and Hippolytus Priest, Martyrs.
Wednesday 14 th August	St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr: Mass @10.00 and Vigil Mass @6 Holiday of Obligation of the Assumption.
Thursday 15 th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION : Mass @10.00
Friday 16 th August	WEEKDAY IN ORD. TIME or St Stephen of Hungary
Saturday 17 th August	SATURDAY IN ORD. TIME or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

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, Peter Byrne, Alice Lynch, Andy Reilly, Chris Benson, Patricia Cassidy, Mark Reilly, Helen Brennan, Mamie Grant, Patricia Hezelton, Emily Martin, Jacky Gourlay, Fred McMillan, Stella Lochran, and Kilgallon.

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!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

21st July : First collection - £1225.61; Second collection - £706.67

28th July : First collection - £1,186.06; Second collection - £612.88

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FORTHCOMING PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sunday 4th & 11th August: Church Renovation Fund.

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.

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)

SVDP OUTING TO LARGS: A reminder to those going that the SVDP Senior Citizen summer outing to Largs is taking place on Saturday, 17th August, and includes lunch at the Brisbane Hotel. **The bus will leave from Kirkintilloch Road, outside Specsavers at 11:00.** We would appreciate if those joining us could be there a few minutes before 11 to allow us to leave on time. If you have any, questions please call Pat on 0141 772 1250 or speak to any member of the SVDP.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Welcome back to all our Lourdes Pilgrims!

We thank them 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

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.

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.

“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