

# ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



**16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

## READINGS:

**FIRST — M1 4 : 1- 2A**  
**PSALM — 98 (97)**

**“THE LORD COMES TO JUDGE THE PEOPLE WITH FAIRNESS”**

**SECOND — 2 THES 3 : 7-12**  
**GOSPEL — LUKE 21 : 5- 19**

### MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sunday Masses : Vigil 5:30pm, 9:30am and 11:00am.

Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10:00am.

Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10:00am.

Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9:30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).

Confessions : Friday after 10:00am Mass and 5:00pm before Vigil mass.

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Items **must** be received **before** the **Friday** prior to publication!

**33<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul in Rome, apostles</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr</b>

**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**

The Children's 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**. Thank you!

**DIVINE MERCY**

Let's pray the **3 O'Clock** prayer and The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

*Souls who spread the honour of My Mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour* (Diary 1075). This is what the Lord Jesus promised to everyone who will proclaim His Mercy, spread its honour in any way. 🙏🙏🙏

Anyone interested in leading the Divine Mercy Devotion in our parish, please see Fr Alex. Thank you!

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> November :      First collection      -   £1233.97  
                                  Second collection      -   £931.99

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for our building renovations.

**PARISH LOTTERY**

**Next** draw is due to take place on **Sunday 30th of November '25**.

If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church, or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

**HOLY COMMUNION**

If any parishoner (for any reason) feels they are unable to walk down to receive communion, please feel free to remain in your pew during Communion.

To assist you, the Priest/Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to you.

For ease of access, we kindly ask that you sit near the end of the pew if possible!

Please let a passkeeper know beforehand? Thank you!

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

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Please place your Holy Souls List, in the envelope provided and place in the Special Intentions box at the back of the church. Thank you!

### ROSARY GARDEN UPDATE



By the time you read this we should have had the stone grits delivered. Shifting and spreading it may require some help; a couple of male volunteers might be needed. We had quite a few plants and big planting pots donated recently. You will be pleased to discover them dotted around once everything finds its place! It is so encouraging that everybody wants to get involved in one way or another. Please remember this project in your prayers? Thank you all!  
**Kati 0790 442 9898** (texts only please)

### BISHOPBRIGGS CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON



Join us and make a real community event on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 7pm.**

Free entertainment in St Matthew's Church car park and Christmas Market in the church hall.

### SVDP WINTER APPEAL

We would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to our winter appeal for warm clothes for the Ozanam Centre. As a result of your great response, the Centre now has enough to last through to the year end, so we cannot accept any more donations at the moment. We will be running our normal Advent appeal for toiletries starting on 30th November. More details soon.

### TURNBULL HIGH CHRISTMAS FETE



Turnbull High School will host our annual Christmas fete on **Saturday 29th November** from 10.00am until 1.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls which will include:

New and fancy babywear, home baking, tea and coffee, toys, bric a brac, bottle stall, Christmas décor and crafts, chocolate surprise and Santa. There really is something for every member of the family and we would love to see you there. There is a box available at the back of the church for you to place your donations into. Many thanks.

### LOURDES WATER HEALING SERVICE



**Thank you** for joining our Lourdes Water Healing Service. We are deeply grateful to all who joined us in prayer and faith at our service. Your presence brought warmth and unity to our parish family as we sought healing, peace, and renewal through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

May the grace we shared continue to bring comfort and strength to you and your loved ones!

### BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bishopbriggs Community Church, 21 Park Avenue, will be hosting their annual Craft Fair on Tuesday 18th November 7pm – 9pm. Suggested donation, Adults £3, kids £1. Proceeds will go to Comfort International.

### SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



Earlier this year, teachers from across Scotland travelled to Rome on pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope. The journey was an opportunity to renew their vocation, deepen their faith, and experience unity with the wider Church.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July they received a private audience with Pope Leo XIV. Read all about it in the free magazine available at the back of the church – SCES News.

### SPRED:

SPRED is a movement that works with children and adults who have a learning disability to help them grow in faith and take part in our parish communities. There are opportunities to join SPRED in various locations across the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Dates for volunteer training will be available in the coming weeks. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who could benefit from SPRED's support, please contact Patricia Duffy at the SPRED Office on 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com)

### PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 19th November at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome.

### GLASGOW CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Vigil of St Andrew's Day. Saturday 29th November at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street. Join Glasgow Churches Together to honour our national patron and pray for the people of Scotland.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS:

During Advent the South of Glasgow Deanery is offering three Thursday evening opportunities for spiritual reflection and discussion. 4 December – Hope in the Modern World (led by Fr Stephen Reilly). 11 December – Justice in the Modern World (led by Jamie McGowan, Advocate, and Fr Gerard McGuinness, Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland). 18 December – Bethlehem Today (Live discussion with Staff and Students of Bethlehem University). Christ The King Parish Hall, 220 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G44 5AP. 7pm to 8.30pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm). All Welcome.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep Lorraine in your prayers and Paul Moore in your prayers, for his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 16<sup>th</sup> December '25.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Natalie Hogg, Thomas McCrossan, Baby Aidan McGuire, Jim Docherty, The McNeil Family, Roderick Lowrie, Annie Brown, Rosemary McCann, Raymond Stewart, Claire Williams, Louise Franklin, Barry Pottle, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin, Thomas Robertson and for all our sick parishioners, friends and relatives who are in Hospital and Care Homes and we Pray especially for babies who are sick!  
We pray for all their families for hope and strength. Thank you!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

### RECENT DEAD

Betty Benson, Jim Croaly, Natalie Egan, Irene Bell, Tom Hermitt, Marie Taylor, Bridget Bridie Darcy, Charles (Charlie) Connelly, Emma Lamb, Aileen McGowan, Eileen Gallagher.

### ANNIVERSARY

Margaret Jane Lee, Tom Finnegan, Brian Gannon, Catherine McKenna, Maria Docherty, Tess Alexander, Barbara Blease, Tom & Josie Hanlon, Agnes & Edward Gay, Gerald McKenna, Paul McConnell, Jim McAllister, Frank & Richard Gourlay, Michael Heekin, James Rafferty & Frances Rafferty, Cath Wilson, Catherine Vass, Dora Boni, Mary Brady, Anne Sharkey, Susan Sharkey, Bridie McCloskey, Tom Cyril Wilson, Gerald Evans, Jim Flynn, Mary Coyle, Tina Boyle, Paul Renfrew, Thomas Milne, Agnes Welsh, Christopher Karaban and John Kane.

*+Requiescant in pace+*

### FUNERAL

Elizabeth Benson: Reception	-	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm
Funeral Mass	-	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am

### 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/>