

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



**4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## **READINGS:**

**FIRST — IS 60 : 1-6  
PSALM — 72 (71)**

**“ALL THE NATIONS ON EARTH SHALL FALL  
PROSTRATE BEFORE YOU, O LORD!”**

**SECOND — EPH 3 : 2 - 3A, 5 - 6  
GOSPEL — MT 2 : 1 - 12**

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

**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.

**WEEK OF EPIPHANY**

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany / Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Weekday after Epiphany

**FR. ALEX SAYS...**

Welcome to all parishioners to the first Sunday Masses of 2026. I hope you all had a good and spiritual Christmas and New Year, and are looking forward to 2026 with a sense of optimism and hope. You will all be in my prayers throughout the year!

**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!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Many thanks to the Childrens Liturgy Group who organised so well the children's party. Well done to all!

**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**

21 <sup>st</sup> December:	First collection	- £1439.03
	Second collection	- £831.39
25 <sup>th</sup> December:	First collection	- £2437.13
	Second collection	- £2271.97 (in aid of St. Matthews, Uganda)
28 <sup>th</sup> December:	First collection	- £1480.31
	Second collection	- £830.81

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Sunday the second collection will be for Justice and Peace Scotland Fund

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE**

The annual day of prayer for Peace and Justice takes place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The second collection will be taken up for the work of Justice and Peace Scotland. For more information about issues of social justice, follow Justice & peace Scotland on social media, or on their website : [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)

In the troubled world in which we live may we fervently pray that all our brothers and sisters may be treated with justice and live in peace.

**PARISH LOTTERY**

The **December Lottery Winners** were,

Draw One	1236	Tilda and Tony Murphy	£186
Draw Two	1094	Patricia Scott	£186
Draw Three	1000	Anton Sweeney	£93

Congratulations to all! Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of January 2026**.

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

**OUR LADY'S STATUE IN OUR ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH!**



**Our Lady** receives a permanent place in our church...many thanks to a beautiful soul who erected the statue of Our Lady in a firm place!

**HOLY COMMUNION**



If any parishioner (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!

**INAUGURAL STELLA MARIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026:** We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals).

For further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: [john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org) | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: [hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org](mailto:hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org) | 07432 654032

**ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE**

...are proud to introduce something truly special: The Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship. A commitment to nurturing potential, celebrating achievement and supporting pupils who thrive through curiosity, dedication and a love of learning. This scholarship will offer pupils entering S1 or S2 up to 50% off fees until they finish in S6. Please visit [staloysius.org](http://staloysius.org) or email Tony Gilroy, [agilroy@staloysius.org](mailto:agilroy@staloysius.org)

**MARYS MEALS – WEST HIGHLAND WAY CHARITY RUN**

One of our parishioners, Chris Paterson, is running the 100 miles of the West Highland way between Milngavie and Fort William to raise funds for Marys Meals. Full details on :

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000dQacXIAS> (<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/701P500000dQacXIAS>)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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**

Michael Devlin, Sandra Bradley, Michael Day, Philomena Orlandi, Brian O'Donnell, Cathy McDonald, Patricia Mcfarlane, Ellen Thompson, Helen Ennis, Bernard Briggs, George Thomson, Christopher Keegan, Michael Day, James Donlon, Bill Cribbes, John Kelly, Canon Tommy Hendry.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Michelle Mclean, Albert & Anniele Riches, Jackie Grant, Tina Grant, & Mamie Grant, Ryan Pirnie, Elizabeth O'Connor, Donald Joseph McKee, Tommy McCulloch, Margaret McAleese,

*+Requiescant in pace+*

**PARISH FUNERAL**

Maria Ferrie - Funeral Mass - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - 10.00 am

**FUNERAL – VERY REV. THOMAS CANON HENDRY**

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Teresa's Parish Church, Possilpark on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 12.00 noon, with burial thereafter at Saint Coneval's Cemetery, Barrhead.

**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/>