

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Pope Francis



30TH MARCH 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT/MOTHERS' DAY

READINGS:

FIRST – JOS 5:9A, 10-12

PSALM – 34(33);

“TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD”

SECOND – 2 COR 5: 17 - 21

GOSPEL – LUKE 15: 1-3, 11 - 32

Parish Clergy: Fr. Mpagi Alex KISASA, Parish Administrator, Rev. Deacon Anthony Murphy

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

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.

4th WEEK OF LENT

Monday 31 st March	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent
Tuesday 1 st April	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent
Wednesday 2 nd April	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent / St. Francis of Paola, hermit
Thursday 3 rd April	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent
Friday 4 th April	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent/ St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the church
Saturday 5 th April	Weekday in the 4 th Week of Lent/ St. Vincent Ferrer, priest



HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY:

Dear mothers, your love is like a rose, day by day it grows and grows. From baby to adult you are always there, supporting us everywhere. Many thanks to Jonathan Harvey Funeral Directors who have donated the Daffodil flowers to the mothers of our church!
Mothers/Ladies please feel free to take some home!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 7pm.

2nd April – SVDP, 9th April– Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; 16th April – Alter Servers/Sacristans, 16th April Holy Week Stations of the Cross by Children's liturgy group with the participation of Bishopbriggs Churches together.

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



Our 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

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.**

Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

The café has now been going for around two years, and is well used by many parishioners – it's a great way to get to know each other better. However, to keep it going we need AT LEAST 12 volunteers to help with the café on a Friday and Sunday mornings. This involves a couple of hours of your time around once a month. If you can help please phone Eileen Reilly on 0799-947-4573.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 15th April – 7pm. Fr Alex has organised priests to come and hear our confessions. Please come along.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

23rd March : First collection - £1, 556.14
Second collection - £683.08

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for SCIAF.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year beginning 6th April are now available in the church vestibule. Please ensure that these are uplifted as soon as possible. Many thanks.

NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help to produce the newsletter? If you have a basic knowledge of word processing and have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, you could USE YOUR HELP! We are looking for additional people to join our rota. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

PARISH LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,550

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 30th of March

To join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025.

The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

ARCH [Abortion Recovery Care Helpline]

Our Befriender volunteers offer a compassionate, non-judgemental listening ear to anyone struggling after an abortion. Some spaces have opened up on our next training weekend in Glasgow, 24th-27th April. It's engaging, informative and free of charge. If you are interested please email: Julie@archtrust.org.uk by 3rd April.

SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2025

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2025 Lenten appeal which is to supply toiletry items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently helping approximately 140 men and 80 ladies who need toiletries each month. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 8th March.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:

Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks.

Also Small Easter eggs on 12th/13th April only.

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Day, Saturday 17th May.

AGAP THEATRE

"The Margaret Sinclair Story". Marking the 100th anniversary of the death of the Edinburgh factory girl who could be Scotland's next canonised Saint. Various venues from 20th March – 4th April 2025. Visit www.agap.org.uk for details & tickets: £10/£7/£5 (Pay What You Can – you choose.)

BOARBANK HALL RETREATS

This year the Jubilee coincides with the tenth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. Can we become Pilgrims of Hope also in our celebration of, and care for, God's Creation? Join us at Boarbank Hall for the following retreats-come-holidays: *Two Wings and Some Prayers* 12th-17th May; *Celebrating Creation: The Joy of Limits* 27th-31st May and 4th-10th October. For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk and www.journeyto2030.org/events.

FR MONAGHAN

Father Nicholas Monaghan invites you to join him for his Mass of Thanksgiving on the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This will take place on Sunday 29th June at 5pm in St Mary's Duntocher. Please respond to silver25nm@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

ST MARGARETS

On behalf of everyone at St Margaret's we would like to express our gratitude to you and your parishioners for your prayers and encouragement and for the collection from your Christmas Crib which helps us to continue with our work and to support families when needed.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

CAAD (*Campaign Against Assisted Dying*) - A group presentation by three members of CAAD, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd April 2025. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Teddy Taylor, Thomas Robertson, and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes and we pray especially for babies who are sick! We pray for their families for hope and strength.

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

RECENT DEAD

Roberta Keenan, Tommy Finlay, Danny Mullan, John Barret, Janet Scott, Brian Slaven, Anne Purdon, Grant Thompson, Bernard Colvin, Frank McSheery, James Connelly, Sandra Jaconelli, Pat Lynch, Rita Kerr, Kevin Ward, Mr Cain, Mary Williamson, Sadie McMenamin, Norma Timoney, Nan Hughes, Patrick Delaney, Vincent Grant, Alexander Polosjieski, David Martin.

ANNIVERSARY

Clare Nicolson, Anne Haggerty, David Laird, Helen Whiteford, Catherine Gribben, Eddie Hazlett, Alasdair Lobban, Jack Kelly, Josie Kelly, Andrew MacNiven, Patrick Welsh Snr, Patrick Welch Jnr, Michael O'Hara, Margaret Keddie, Michael Lee, Mary McGonigal, Moira McNally, Jim O'Neill, Stewart Cullen, Maria McBride, Maureen Lang, Joe Constantine, James Brennan, Tricia Ross, Margaret Donnelly, Martin O'Neill, Gemma McDevitt, Christopher Karaban, Ellen Dick, Marie Howat, Margaret Graham, Margaret McIntyre, Mark Reilly, Margaret Donnelly, James Warren, John Coyle.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Brian Slaven 4th April 10am
Anne Purdon 16th April 10am

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/>