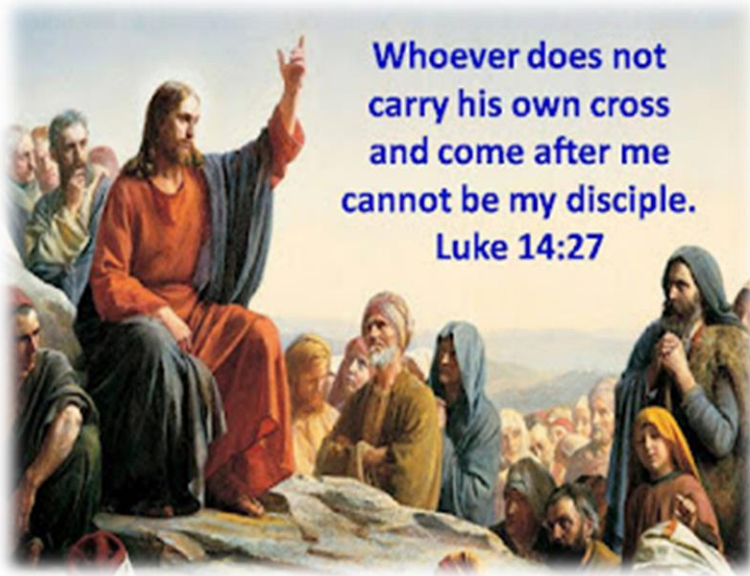


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



7TH SEPTEMBER 2025
23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

READINGS:

FIRST — WIS 9: 13 — 18
PSALM — 90 (89)

**“O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE,
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION”**

SECOND — PHM 9B - 10 12-17
GOSPEL — LUKE 14: 25-33

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!

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).

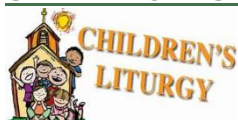
Confessions : Friday after 10:00am Mass and 5:00pm before Vigil mass.

23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 8th	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - feast
Tuesday 9th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 10th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 11th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 12th	Weekday in Ordinary Time /The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday 13th	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor

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!

May God, who always walks beside us, gaze upon our babies, young people and families; bless them, make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity. Stay with us all Lord.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026.**

Our Primary 4 pupils will receive the Sacrament of the Most Blessed Eucharist on the **9th of May 2026** at both **10 am** Mass and **12 O'clock** Mass respectively. Let us continue to accompany them with our earnest prayers.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

31st August : First collection - £1445.82

Second collection - £759.80

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

ROSARY GARDEN - UPDATE!

We are looking for an outside plasterer to do the base for the wall mosaic. Can you help or do you know anyone who could do this for us? Please let me know! k.beetles@btopenworld.com

Meanwhile any further donations can be left in an envelope at the Sacristy.

Our commissioned artist, Helen Miles, is starting her work on the wall mosaic now rather than November which she originally suggested. Check out her sketch on the board in the entrance hall. She was inspired by the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

UCM : CARFIN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The National Pilgrimage at Carfin takes place on **Sunday 7th September**.

A Minibus will leave South Crosshill Road at **1.30pm** and return home at **6pm**.

Any member, who is wishing to go, please let Karen Know. Thank you.

CANONISATION

Sunday 7th September at 3:15pm.

Day of the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome.

PARISH LOTTERY

The August Lottery Winners were,

Draw One 1131 Catherine Mc £184

Draw Two 1272 Danny McLachlan £184

Draw Three 1046 Kim Begen £92

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 28th of September**.

New members are most welcome. If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

MASS FOR VOCATIONS, LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ROBROYSTON

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, resumes after the summer break, on **Monday 8th September 2025**, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at **7pm**. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S CAR HOME CEILIDH FUNDRAISER

Our Ceilidh Night is on **Friday 12th September, 2025, 7pm–10.30pm**, featuring the Eclectic Ceilidh Club.

BYOB Tickets, **£12.00 each** and can be purchased at reception.

Price includes 'Stovies or Macaroni Cheese'. Grand raffle on the night!!

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR



St Andrew's Cathedral Choir is looking for new members for this session.

Full information regarding commitment, times and details are available by scanning this QR Code.

Looking for ways to deepen your faith? Worried about society with religion on the decline? Want to grow your confidence in what you believe? Last chance to Apply! It's your last chance apply to study an MA in Applied Catholic Theology in Scotland. Evening classes, in person and online, with support for funding available.

For more information, or to speak to the Course Lead in person, email:

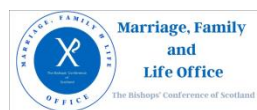
Stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



Aid to the Church in Need: North Korean defector to share his remarkable story of survival, courage, and hope. **Wednesday 10th September**, St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston, **7pm – 9pm**. Free event.

Hear the powerful testimony of a Christian who escaped the brutal regime in North Korea.

Reserve your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV>. For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470.



Latest newsletter from National Marriage, Family and Life Commission – www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/

Pilgrims of Hope: AGAP Theatre presents "Pilgrim of Hope" (an uplifting comedy for the Jubilee Year). Straight from the Edinburgh Fringe, the hit play based upon themes in Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Hope! Written and Performed by Stephen Callaghan. **Friday 3rd October 2025 at 7.30pm** in St. Helen's Parish Hall, 32 Langside Avenue Glasgow G41 2QS Tickets: **£10/£7/£5** (Pay What You Can – you choose.) from the parish or www.agap.org.uk/pilgrimofhope or call 0749 534 7884.

National Youth Pilgrimage | Sat 20th Sept | S1s–35

All young people from S1 up to age 35 are invited to join Archbishop Cushley, the Youth Office, and pilgrims from across Scotland for a **walking pilgrimage in Perth**. The day will include prayer, inputs, Holy Mass, and fellowship. A free coach will run from Glasgow (places are limited!). To book your place, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/rcagnyp25>

"Support Group for Catholic Women Affected by Separation and Divorce" The next meeting of our support group for women is: **Friday, 26th September**, in The Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Maryhill, from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**. New members are welcome to this confidential support group, run by women who have come through this experience themselves, for The Archdiocese of Glasgow. For further information email: archdioceseofglasgowwomen@gmail.com

Bishops' Conference of Scotland Job Vacancy: *National Director of Marriage, Family & Life Office*. Hours: 15 hours per week; Salary: £11,746 per annum. Contract: 2 years with possibility of renewal. Closing Date: **26th September 2025**. They are responsible for the apostolate of the domestic church and promote the teaching and pastoral activity of the Church in marriage, family and life issues. For further information go to <https://www.bcos.org.uk/Home/Article-Details/ArticleID/3152/VACANCY-National-Director-of-Marriage-Family-Life-Office>
Please forward application letter and CV to info@marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Walking the St Mungo Way 11-14th September: A new pilgrim route from Culross Abbey to Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, inaugurated in the 850th anniversary year of Glasgow being granted the status of a Bishop's burgh. Join Rev Dr Grant Barclay, Presbytery Clerk, Church of Scotland Glasgow Presbytery at **8.30 am on Thursday 11th September** at Culross Abbey as he leads the Pilgrim Route connecting Mungo's birthplace with a major seat of his ministry and the place of his death, traversing the Forth and continuing through Scotland's historical industrial heartland, largely following the Union and Forth and Clyde canals. There will be opportunities for reflection and prayer. We would hope that you will join us as we pass through your parishes and communities for a short part of the way. The walk will end with a Prayer Service in Glasgow Cathedral, at **4pm on Sunday 14th September** All Welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gary Jones, Sr. Phyllis Hoey FMDM, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin, Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, John McCormick, Beatrice Hannah, 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

Margaret Samson, Maria McMunn, Theresa Ferguson, Anne Blaney, Jean McCann, George Forbes, Daniel McKenna, Isabella McNally, Anne Marie Henshaw, Josephine Gray, Stephen Grimes, Joe Dickson, John McShane and Marian Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY

Joe O'Shea, Martin O'Neill, William Roy, Joseph Flanagan, Margaret Novak, Joe O'Shea, John O'Neil, Mary Jones, Viny & Peter McGillion, Stephen McConnell, John O'Neil, Mary Jones, Vinny McGillion, Peter McGillion, Brian McCann, Mary Freer, Irene Millar, Chris Benson, Kenny Woods, John Jeffrey, Joe Taggart, Wm. Henry Payne, Agnes & Michael Glenn, Frank Murray, Frank McShane, Paul Fitzpatrick, and Wm. Alistair MacKenzie.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERAL

Anne Blaney – 18th September 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/>