

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



3RD & 10TH AUGUST 2025

READINGS — 3RD AUG:

FIRST — ECCL 1:2; 2:21-23

PSALM — 90 (89)

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

SECOND — COL 3: 1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL — LK 12: 13-21

READINGS — 10TH AUG:

FIRST — WIS 18: 6-9

PSALM — 33 (32)

“BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS HERITAGE.”

SECOND — HB 11: 1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL — LK 12: 32-48

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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, 9:30am 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).

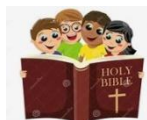
Confessions : Friday after 10:00am Mass and 5:00pm before Vigil mass.

18th & 19th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

	18 th Week in Ordinary Time		19 th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday 4 th	St. John Vianney, priest	Monday 11 th	St. Clare, virgin
Tuesday 5 th	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome	Tuesday 12 th	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Wednesday 6 th	The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast	Wednesday 13 th	St. Pontian, Pope, and St. Hippolytus, priest
Thursday 7 th	St. Sixtus II, Pope	Thursday 14 th	St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest
Friday 8 th	St. Dominic, priest	Friday 15 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9 th	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr - Feast	Saturday 16 th	St. Stephen of Hungary

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 Childrens Liturgy will continue over the summer holidays. It 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!

**LOURDES**

We all join those who travelled to Lourdes for prayer through the intercession of Our Lady. May she continue to intercede for us, especially for the sick and the grieving. Our Lady of the sick.....Pray for us.

SOCIAL... last few remaining tickets available!

Friday, 15th August, London's Smash Hit Show, Faulty Towers –

The Original Dining Experience £30 per person (includes a 3-course meal)

B.Y.O.B. Arrival by **7:00pm** latest!

Last few remaining tickets - secure your spot with full payment £30.

Don't miss this hilarious Interactive Show!

Those that have put their names down – please make full payment asap. Thanks!

SVDP SUMMER OUTING - 2025

The SVDP Senior Citizen summer outing to Largs will take place this year on **Saturday, 30th August**, priced **£20**, with lunch at the Brisbane Hotel. The bus will leave Bishopbriggs at **11:00am** and will be back in time for evening mass for those who wish to go. To book a place, please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the church. For more information call Pat on 07910776591 or speak to any member of the SVDP.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like Fr Alex to visit them, please speak to Father or send an email to stmatthew@rcag.org.uk or phone the presbytery on 0141 772 1619 with their details.



PLEASE BE AWARE...

There appears to be a Scam message being sent out as a text message from Fr Alex requesting various types of help. Please ensure you DO NOT respond to this message or act on the request it makes. Thank you to everyone who has shown such great kindness with this.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION IN PERSON AT THE ISC

Dates: **28 August and 13 November: Time 6.30 -8.30pm.**

Venue: Ignatian Spirituality centre, 35 Scott St, Glasgow, G3 6PE. As we move through the seasons there is a natural sense of change in the air. In a time of personal change and transition and often before concrete plans emerge as John O'Donohue puts it "*your soul senses the world that awaits you*". This is an evening giving an opportunity to reflect on God's constant call to newness and growth. If you are able to make a donation on the night that would be most welcome, however please do not let finance stop you from coming along!

ROSARY GARDEN AT ST. MATTHEW'S



We have £1000 donation towards it already but we would like to invite further donations from all parishioners who want to support this project and can afford to give. We would need a few volunteers also to give us a hand and contacts for doing small jobs or for advice and more ideas. We would also need help with keeping track of funds and expenses. Are you interested? Do you know a friend or family member who would be interested? Please contact Kati (k.beetles@btopenworld.com) or by **text only please to:** (07904429898) if you would like to be involved in any way.

Hope we can make this come true by early autumn this year for everybody to enjoy. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Fr. Monaghan would like to thank the parishioners of St Matthew's for their presence, prayers and kind gifts for his Silver Jubilee. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Rev. Sr. Christine Anderson, thank you for your service to the church on your Diamond Anniversary in Religious Life.

SAMH "Euan & Friends" 2025 CONCERT

Saturday 16th August 2025 6:45pm-9:30pm (doors opening at **6pm**, 20-minute interval)

Springfield Cambridge Church
49 Springfield Rd, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow
G64 1PN

Tickets are **£10 for Adult & £6 for Child/Concession**. Tickets can be reserved/purchased from myself 'Euan' at Springfield Cambridge Church on a **Wed morning from 10am-12pm** or can be bought at the door on the night of the concert. POSTER with details at Back of the Church!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Please note that during the School Summer Holiday, our parish newsletter will be produced every **two** weeks instead of weekly! Thank you!

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for the post of Secretary of Bishopbriggs Community Council. This is a voluntary position, but there will be a nominal provision for expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the Chair by e-mail:
bishopbriggscplanning@gmail.com

PARISH LOTTERY

The **July** Lottery Winners were:

Draw One 1046 Kim Begen £185.
Draw Two 1233 Catherine Dolan £185.
Draw Three 1044 Isobel Reilly £ 92.50

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 31st of August '25**. The Lottery has now raised over £111,400. Thank You and Good Luck!! **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

PILGRIMS

CARFIN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 7th September at 3:15pm. Day of the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Holy mass at the Shrine with Most Rev. Leo Cushley.

WHITHORN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 31st August, 4pm mass on the beach, **4:45pm** mass in St. Martin & St. Ninian's RC Church, Whithorn. More information on this at the back of the church!

CELEBRATION of THE LIFE AND WORK of FR. TOMMY GREENAN: Author of "The Song of the Poor".

Thursday 7th August 2025 7pm – 9pm Online!

Fr. Greenan went to El Salvador after the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero on 24th March 1980. Archbishop Romero was called the Voice of the Voiceless and his death was followed by the abduction and murder of thousands of El Salvadorians', including babies and children.

Fr. Greenan died in 2020, when his stories were collated, and "The Song of the Poor" was published. On Thursday 8th May, at St. Mary's Cathedral - Edinburgh, there was a Celebration of Tommy's life and friends and family shared their memories of Tommy and how his acclaimed book came to be published. Stories from the book were also shared. We will share an edited recording of this celebration and then have the opportunity to dialogue with Tommy's friend and companion in El Salvador, Fr. Henry McLaughlin.

To register go to: <https://forms.gle/vFDWLvCgkUrBozF59>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jack Cassidy, Jim Docherty, Lynn Donaghey, Margaret Donoghue, Catherine Boyle, Pat McDaid, Louise Franklin, Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, Catherine Gray, Kimberley Murphy, 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

Emma Lamb, Ellen Carragher, Riley Dalrymple, Julie O'Brien, Carol Devitt, Brian Houston, May Reilly, Teresa McTiernan, Joe Martin, Gerry McCabe and Peter Beattie.

ANNIVERSARY

Chris Benson, Alice Lynch, Kathleen Kelly, Michael McCaffrey, Patricia Hazelton, Philip Maguire, Margaret Donohoe, Joseph Nicol, Anthony Nicol and Sarah Jeffrey.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERAL

Emma Lamb 6th August at 10 am

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/>