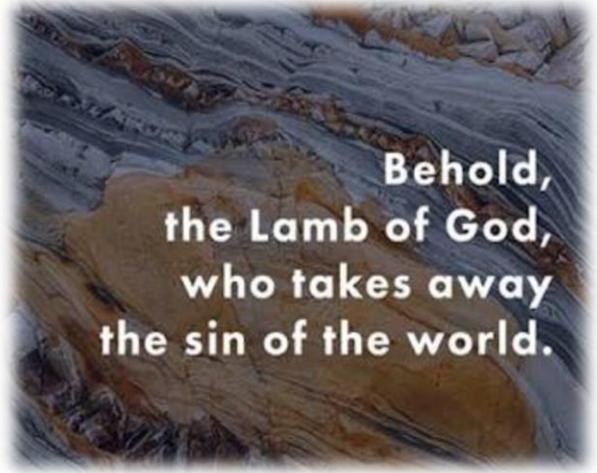


ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



18TH JANUARY 2026

READINGS:

FIRST – Is 49 : 3, 5 - 6
PSALM – 40 (39)

“BEHOLD, I HAVE COME, LORD, TO DO YOUR WILL!”

SECOND – COR 1 : 1 - 3
GOSPEL – JN 1 : 29 – 34

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.

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

☎ 0141 772 1619 📠 07424 575827 Email: stmatthew@rcag.org.uk (also for Hall hire)

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

Items must be received before the Friday prior to publication!

SVDP ADVENT APPEAL – SEND YOU THEIR THANKS!

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during advent. The helpers at the Ozanam Centre were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for the toiletries which will be handed out weekly to the needy people going to the centre.

Before Christmas, as well as doing our weekly delivery to the Springburn Hub food bank, we were able to deliver food to St Augustine's for their Christmas parcels to their foodbank customers. This is all thanks to the generous contributions that we receive from you in our boxes. We plan, with your continuing support, to help the Springburn Food Bank on a weekly basis during 2026 for as long as is needed.

PARISH LOTTERY

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

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!

GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT DAYS

Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. **Four Saturdays, 10.30 – 3.00** (lunch provided; donation only). **17 January, 21 February, 21 March, and 18 April.** Also, a Retreat in Daily Life starting after **12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March.** This lasts a week and gives individuals the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day. If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please use the QR code to fill in the form and we will be in touch.

Alternatively please email marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further information!

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 | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432 654032

ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME BINGO NIGHT

Prize Bingo Night on **23rd January'26**, come and spend a fun evening chasing away the winter blues!

Free entry by ticket only – available at reception. Bingo tickets available on the night £2 a game.

Tea/coffee and cake available - £2. 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

BURNS SPECIAL CEILIDH EVENING

Saturday 24th January. Please join us for Mass at 4pm at St James the Great, 20 Beltrees Road, Crookston, G53 5TE. Mass will be followed by a celebration in the church hall. An evening of poetry, music, ceilidh dancing and food. 18-35ish Youth Group... although all welcome! 0141 882 4927 or 5265. Email: stjames@rcag.org.uk

HELP WANTED!

As we start the New Year, we are looking for people to help in various ways with groups within the Parish, including specifically the **Friday Café**, the **Church cleaners**, and in preparing the **Newsletter**. And in many other ways! If you are willing and able to help in any way, please contact **Fr. Alex** (07424 575827 or stmatthew@rcag.org.uk) or after Mass.

PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 21st January at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Martin Delaney.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Building peace in Babel –Burma's future after five years of conflict - A talk by Dr Michael Marett-Crosby. CEO Suu Foundation: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th February 2026 . All welcome. Refreshments provided.

MASS OF OUR CELTIC ROOTS

Mass of Our Celtic Roots: Sunday 25th January at 4pm, St Aloysius Church, 25 Rose St Glasgow G3 6RE. Join us for a unique Mass blending prayer, and music of our Celtic heritage. All are welcome to gather in celebration, reflection, and community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

For Michael Keenan 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!

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For the Smith family, and for all those who have suffered bereavement.

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

RECENT DEAD

Anna Devine, Maria Ferri, Ellen Thomson, Ronnie O'Neill, Brian O'Donnell, Ellen Trainer Joe Gribben, Mary Gill, Brian O'Donnell, Kathy Flaherty, Michael Day, James Donlon, 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, Bill Cribbes, John Kelly, and Canon Tommy Hendry.

ANNIVERSARY

Frank Byrne, James McAleese, Adrian Callan, Rita Sardi, Stephen Jeffrey, Bill Connelly, James Bollan, John Vass, Eugene Gannon, Philip Reilly, Margaret Walsh, Steph Shearer, Marion McCallum, Kevin Reilly, Stephen Nicol, Eugene Gribben, Harry Doherty, Baby Francis, Antionette Chippington.

+Requiescant in pace+

PARISH FUNERAL

Anna Devine - Funeral Mass - Monday 26th January - 10.00 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/>