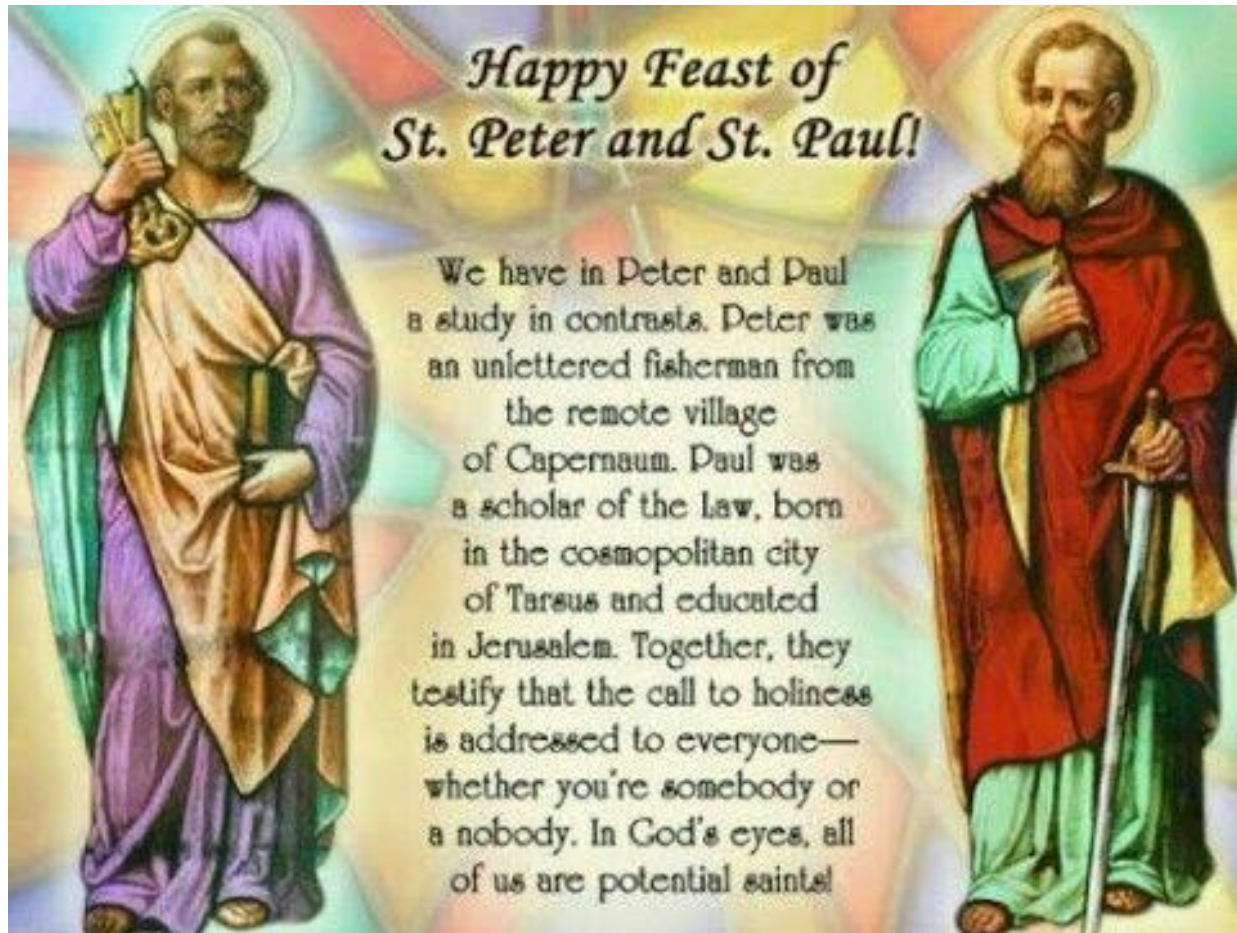


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



29TH JUNE 2025
SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

READINGS:
FIRST — ACTS 12 : 1-11
PSALM — 34 (33)

“FROM ALL MY TERRORS THE LORD SET ME FREE”

SECOND — 2 TM 4 : 6-8, 17-18
GOSPEL — MT 16 : 13-19

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, 9:30am 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.

13th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

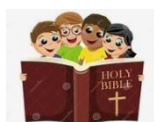
Monday 30 th June	Weekday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time / The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Tuesday 1 st July	Weekday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 2 nd July	Weekday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday 3 rd July	Saint Thomas, Apostle
Friday 4 th July	Weekday in the 13 th Week in Ordinary Time / Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
Saturday 5 th July	Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest / The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

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 **11am** Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10am Mass**.

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

To keep the café going we need volunteers to help 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. Thank you!

BAPTISM

If you are wishing to have your child baptised, please see Fr Alex after any mass for the form and to book a date. All parents need to attend the Baptismal Preparation Course beforehand.

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

22th June : First collection - £1252.07
Second collection - £800.64 for Church Refurbishment

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the Peter's Pence.

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS to all those recently celebrating their Silver/Golden Wedding Anniversaries in our individual families and in our entire family parish!!



PARISH LOTTERY

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 29th of June. The Lottery has raised over £114,000.

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. Thank you!

ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser, **Saturday 5th July 2pm-4pm.**

Tickets from the home are **£10** which includes a free glass of prosecco on arrival.

ROSARY GARDEN AT ST. MATTHEW'S



Some of us parishoners are keen to work on a project to create a small Rosary Garden at the back of the church (through the gate) for private outdoors prayers and contemplation. We are hoping to buy a small statue or wall mosaic of Our Lady with a pergola around her, a couple of benches and quite a few bigger plants in pots for a secluded garden. The concrete wall opposite will be painted, everything cleared, ground covered.

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, **text only please**: 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.

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!

SPECIAL THANKS AND THANKFUL BREAK

"Not all Superheroes wear capes-
Some have Teaching Degrees" *Author unknown!*

*In every classroom, there's a hero unmasked,
Teaching and guiding, never demanding,
With passion and courage, they nurture and share,
For every student, they show how to care!*

May we all take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers for their dedication and hard work shown to all pupils over this past academic year! Also, to thank all staff who are connected to the daily running of a school through their hard work, may they and all pupils and their families have a safe, restful and lovely summer holiday wherever it is spent either at home or abroad!

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@rcaq.org.uk or phone the presbytery on 0141 772 1619 with their details.

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - HOW DID YOUR MP VOTE?

Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during "ping-pong".

Please take action now and email your local MP: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote - it takes just 30 seconds!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANPARENTS & THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission invites everyone to St. Francis Xavier's, Carfin for Mass at 3pm with Bishop John Keenan. Come along and enjoy this inter-generational event.

CONCERT IN ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Concert by the Cathedral of Christ the King Choir, Atlanta, U.S.A, in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm, under the direction of Dr. Michael Accurso. Please come along and enjoy an evening of sacred music by national and international composers. A free concert (no booking required).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gilbert Reilly, Catherine Gray, Kimberley Murphy, John McCormickr, 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

Elizabeth Murray, Brian Houston, Helen Gray, Alex Hunter, Alec Brown, Peter McIntosh, Rickie Spinelli, James Hannigan, George Reilly, Eulalia Stewart, Joan Hart, Joan Quinn.

ANNIVERSARY

Charles McBride, Matthew Diamond, William Orr, Jackie Gourlay, Kathleen Russell, Mark Reilly, Tim Donachie, Frank Callaghan, Brian Dalrymple, Mark MacKay, Francis & Sarah McConnell, Jim McNally, Greta McKenna, John & Margaret Smillie, George & Agnes Barclay, Martin McConnell, Mary Monica Gair, John Tierney, Maria Meehan, Tommy Collins, Margaret Lang, Thomas McCallum, Maisie McConnell, William Auld.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERAL

John Clark (*Lisbon Lion*). – St Mary's Calton, reception Thurs 3rd July 6pm, Funeral Mass, Fri 4th 12 noon

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/>