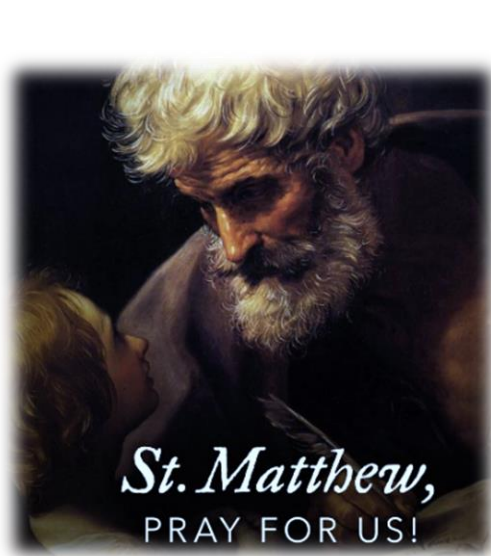


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

READINGS:

FIRST – AM 8 : 4 – 7

PSALM – 113 (112)

“PRAISE THE LORD, WHO RAISES THE POOR”

SECOND – TM 2 : 1-8

GOSPEL – LUKE 16 : 1-13

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.

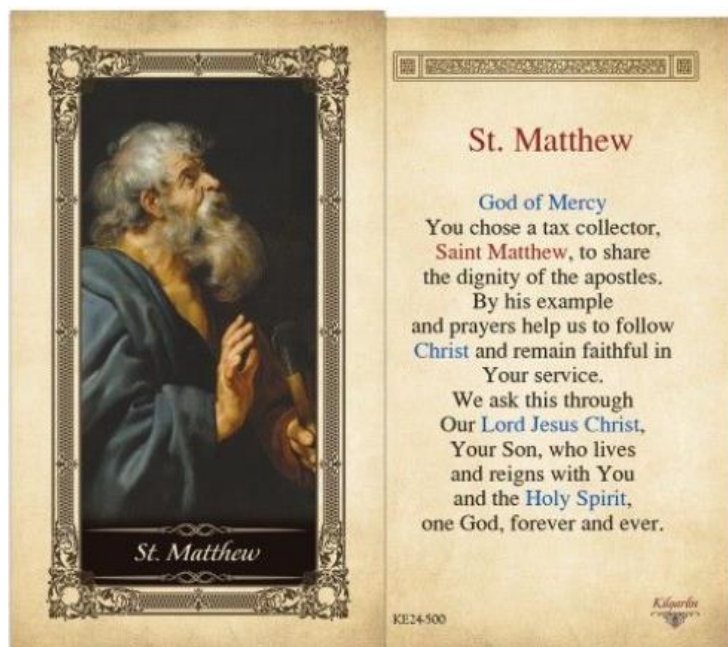
Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10:00am.

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.

25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 22nd	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 23rd	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
Wednesday 24th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 25th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 26th	Weekday in Ordinary Time / Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Saturday 27th	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

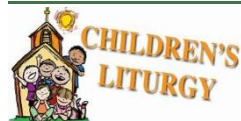
**ST. MATTHEW...**

On this your feast day, please pray for all our parishioners and children in our school. Grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following Our Lord.

*"Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven."
(St. Matthew)*

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!

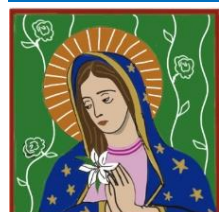
SAVE THE DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026.

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

14th September : First collection - £1372.46
Second collection - £810.47

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.

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.



2025 CENTENARY PILGRIM

The pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on **Sunday 21st September** from **12:30-6pm** at St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate, **Edinburgh, EH1 1NA**. Refreshments, holy hour and reflection by Fr. Joe McAuley with prayers, petitions and blessings with the relic. Holy Mass at **4:30pm** celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Confessions are available all day.

Abba's Vineyard: "Prayer night, for young adults aged 18-35, from **5-9pm, Saturday 27th September**.

Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The evening also includes the opportunity for confession, mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point.

Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. Organised by Abba's Vineyard. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com.

PARISH LOTTERY

The August Lottery Winners were,

Draw One 1131 Catherine Mc Millan £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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS....



We are looking for volunteers to join with the singing during our daily and weekend masses. No previous experience necessary, just bring along your enthusiasm!! Please contact Vincent on 07495999233 or email stmatthew@rcag.org.uk.

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.)

Available from the parish or www.agap.org.uk/pilgrimofhope or call **0749 534 7884**.

Recovery and Spiritual Healing: There will be an ecumenical service focusing on recovery and Spiritual healing for anyone who has been caught up in alcohol or drug addiction. We welcome those who are in recovery, those still afflicted by addiction and family members who support those who are suffering. This will take place at **3pm** on **Sunday 12th October** in **St. Augustine's Church Hall**, 393 Ashgill Road, Glasgow, G22 7HN. The service will be led by Rev. Laurent Vernet and Rev. Paul McAlinden and there will be testimony from people in recovery as well as those who support them. We look forward to welcoming you and there will be tea/coffee and cake at the end of the service.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you to all our members who attended our meeting on Monday evening.

DIVINE MERCY



Let's pray the 3 o'clock prayer and The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Souls who spread the honour of My Mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour (Diary 1075). This is what the Lord Jesus promised to everyone who will proclaim His Mercy, spread its honour in any way. 🙏🙏🙏

Anyone interested in leading the Divine Mercy Devotion in our parish, please see Fr Alex. Thank you!

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWSLETTER

The latest **Justice & Peace Scotland Newsletter** is now available. It highlights a summer of powerful advocacy with gatherings at Faslane and Dungavel, and important campaigns and forthcoming events – including the Red Line For Gaza - you are encouraged to support. Find it at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Please join the Archbishop, Priests, Deacons and Religious in praying for vocations, especially to the religious life and priesthood. Please remember our Seminarians; we currently have four, and we have one applicant this year. The vocations crisis we have long feared has now arrived with some priests now looking after three parishes, new restrictions on bringing in foreign clergy means the need to pray for more vocations has never been greater.

SPECIAL INTENTION

Private intentions for Sr. Paul Genevieve and Sr. Phyllis Hoey FMDM.
Sr. Gabriella de la Visitation, celebrating her **100th** birthday!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barry Pottle, Jim Docherty, Gary Jones, Jack Cassidy, Catherine Boyle, Louise Franklin, Patricia Miller, Gilbert Reilly, John McCormick, Beatrice Hannah, Thomas Robertson 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.

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

RECENT DEAD

Patrick Hanlon, Catherine McDonald, Ian Jeffrey, Naomi McSorley, Jim Prior, Mary Kelly, William Monaghan, Peter McGeeney and Cecilia Munro.

ANNIVERSARY

John Graham, Tony Hamil, James Murray, Peter Etherson, Clare McGinness, Eileen Reilly, Martin John Evans, Margaret Novak, Baby Stephen Farrell, Clare McGuinness, Alice Orr, Alice McFadden, Patrick Griffen, Joe Mulheron, Viny & Peter McGillion, John O'Neil, Mary Jones, Margaret Novak and Joseph Flanagan.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERALS

The funeral Mass for Patrick Hanlon will be celebrated on **Tuesday 23rd September at 6pm** in St. Matthew's church and thereafter his remains will be carried to Ireland for the final rest. RIP.

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/>