

ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Pope Francis



23RD MARCH 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS:

FIRST – EX 3:1-8A, 13-15

PSALM – 103(102);

“THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS”

SECOND – 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL – LUKE 13:1-9

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, 9:30 am and 11.00am.

Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10.00 am.

Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10.00am.

Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9.30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).

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

3rd WEEK OF LENT

Monday 24 th March	Weekday in the 3 rd Week of Lent
Tuesday 25 th March	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Wednesday 26 th March	Weekday in the 3 rd Week of Lent
Thursday 27 th March	Weekday in the 3 rd Week of Lent
Friday 28 th March	Weekday in the 3 rd Week of Lent
Saturday 29 th March	Weekday in the 3 rd Week of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday at 7pm.

26th March – Stewards/Passkeepers; 2nd April – SVDP, 9th April– Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; 16th April – Alter Servers/Sacristans, 16th April Holy Week Stations of the cross by Children’s liturgy group with the participation of Bishopbriggs Churches together.

DAILY ADORATION



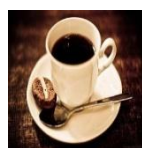
This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

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 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am Mass.**

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

The café has now been going for around two years, and is well used by many parishioners – it’s a great way to get to know each other better. However, to keep it going we need AT LEAST 12 volunteers to help with the café 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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 15th April – 7pm. Fr Alex has organised priests to come and hear our confessions. Please come along.

YOUR WEE BOXES ARE HERE!

SCIAF boxes can be collected from the back of the church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

16th March : First collection - £1,407.39
 Second collection - £824.48

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will again be for sick and retired priests.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year beginning 6th April are now available in the church vestibule. Please ensure that these are uplifted as soon as possible. Many thanks.

NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help to produce the newsletter? If you have a basic knowledge of word processing and have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, you could USE YOUR HELP! We are looking for additional people to join our rota. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

PARISH LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £109,550

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 30th of March

To join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025.

The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

UCM LENTEN SERVICE:

On Tuesday 25th March, Deacon Joe O'Donnell will lead this service for the UCM in St. Matthew's at 7pm, Theme 'On the Road to Emmaus'. All welcome.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'.

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register



SVDP LENTEN APPEAL 2025

The SVDP conference requests your support for the 2025 Lenten appeal which is to supply toiletry items for the homeless and needy people supported by the Ozanam Centre in Glasgow. They are currently helping approximately 140 men and 80 ladies who need toiletries each month. Boxes will be available to collect items at the rear of the church from Saturday 8th March.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following over the weeks of Lent:

Roll-on deodorant, Shaving Gel, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap, Small towels, Socks.

Also Small Easter eggs on 12th/13th April only.

CALL, CHANGE AND GROWTH AN EVENING OF REFLECTION:

Thursday 27 March 6.30pm-8.30pm. In person at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott St. Glasgow G3 6PE.

As we move into Spring 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. To book visit the website (iscglasgow.co.uk) to fill in the [online form](#) or contact marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bishopbriggs Community Day, Saturday 17th May.

AGAP THEATRE

"The Margaret Sinclair Story". Marking the 100th anniversary of the death of the Edinburgh factory girl who could be Scotland's next canonised Saint. Various venues from 20th March – 4th April 2025. Visit www.agap.org.uk for details & tickets: £10/£7/£5 (Pay What You Can – you choose.)

BOARBANK HALL RETREATS

This year the Jubilee coincides with the tenth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. Can we become Pilgrims of Hope also in our celebration of, and care for, God's Creation? Join us at Boarbank Hall for the following retreats-come-holidays: *Two Wings and Some Prayers* 12th-17th May; *Celebrating Creation: The Joy of Limits* 27th-31st May and 4th-10th October. For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk and www.journeyto2030.org/events.

FR MONAGHAN

Father Nicholas Monaghan invites you to join him for his Mass of Thanksgiving on the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This will take place on Sunday 29th June at 5pm in St Mary's Duntocher. Please respond to silver25nm@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

ST MARGARETS

On behalf of everyone at St Margaret's we would like to express our gratitude to you and your parishioners for your prayers and encouragement and for the collection from your Christmas Crib which helps us to continue with our work and to support families when needed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary McFarland, Thomas Macrossan, Raymond Stewart, Maureen McGuigan, Hayden Carr, 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

Grant Thompson, Bernard Colvin, Frank McSheery, James Connelly, Sandra Jaconelli, Pat Lynch, Rita Kerr, Kevin Ward, Mr Cain, Mary Williamson, Sadie McMenemy, Norma Timoney, Nan Hughes, Patrick Delaney, Vincent Grant, Alexander Polosjieski, Nicholas Harkins, David Martin, Danny Mullen, Frank McGilvery, Peter Di Luca, Elizabeth Purkiss.

ANNIVERSARY

Stewart Cullen, Maria McBride, Maureen Lang, Joe Constantine, James Brennan, Tricia Ross, Margaret Donnelly, Andrew MacNiven, Martin O'Neill, Gemma McDevitt, Christopher Karaban Ellen Dick, Marie Howat, Margaret Graham, Margaret McIntyre, Mark Reilly, Margaret Donnelly, James Warren, John Coyle.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Daniel Mullan Thursday 27th March 10am

THANK YOU

The family of the late NEIL JOSEPH BOYLE would like to thank all those who offered prayers, Mass Cards, flowers and kind condolences on the death of their beloved husband and father.

The HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS will be offered for all your intentions.

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/>