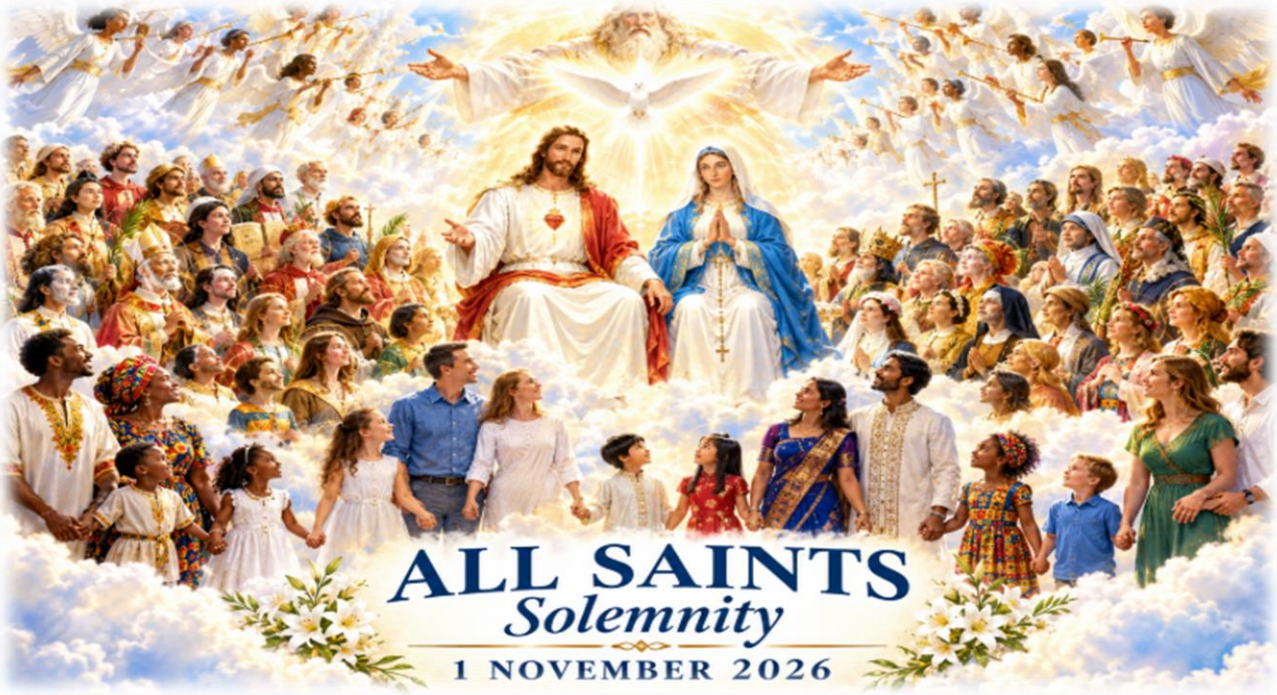
St. Matthew's Family Parish

Moving Forward in Faith



31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
ALL SAINTS

1st November 2026

Readings :

First – Rv 7 : 2 - 4, 9 - 14
Psalm – 24 (23)

"Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord"

Second – 1 Jn 3 : 1 - 3
Gospel - Matthew 5 : 1 – 12a

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, Permanent 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**!**

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31st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 2nd	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Tuesday 3rd	Weekday in ordinary time / Saint Martin de Porres, religious
Wednesday 4th	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Thursday 5th	Weekday in ordinary time
Friday 6th	Weekday in ordinary time
Saturday 7th	Saturday in ordinary time

CHILDREN'S' CORNER

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!

BAPTISMS

If you wish to have your child baptised, then please speak to Fr. Alex to make arrangements.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confirmation – Tues 9th Feb – 7pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Thurs 25th Feb – 6pm
Sacrament of First Holy Communion – Sat 22nd May – 11am

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.

CONFESSION

Confession is available Mon – Fri during adoration and **before** Vigil at **5pm** on a Saturday!

PARISH LOTTERY

The October Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1268	Irene Cullen	£177.
Draw Two	1083	Geraldine McCann	£177.
Draw Three	1040	Ann Marie Devlin.	£ 88.50

Next draw is due to take place on **Sunday 29th of November**.

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!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Sunday 25th Oct : First collection - £1,095.26
Second collection - £ 734.98

The second collection this Sunday is for Parish Buildings. Thank you for your continued generosity.

HAVE YOU MISLAID SOMETHING…?

If you think you have left something – umbrella, glasses, gloves, etc., - at the Chapel please check the 'lost property' cupboard at the rear of the vestibule, or ask a Passkeeper. Any unidentified items not collected within a month will be donated to charity or otherwise disposed of.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

The annual Services of Remembrance will be held in Bishopbriggs on **Sunday 8th November** and **Wednesday 11th November**. Further details are on the poster at the entrance to the chapel.

ST MATTHEW'S WEBSITE

Please note, that our website https://stmatthewsbishopbriggs.co.uk/ has been updated and thank you to Brian Kilcoyne for designing and creating our new parish website. We are very grateful for the time, effort and care he has put into this project. We invite everyone to visit the new website!

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who joined us for the Lourdes Water Service and for your participation in the 40 Hours Adoration. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, spend time in the presence of the Lord, and seek the healing and comfort from the Lord through the intersession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Month of the Holy Souls

Please place your Holy Souls List, in the envelope provided and place in the Special Intentions box at the back of the church. Thank you!

MASS FOR OUR DEAD

Our Annual Holy Mass for the souls of our beloved deceased in 2026 (from Mid November 2025 to November 2026) will take place at **7pm** on **Monday 9th November**. All are welcome. A candle will be lit for each deceased person by their family. Families will be contacted accordingly.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE – APRIL 2027

As part of the parishes 80th Anniversary celebrations, we are proposing a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Krakow and Warsaw. This would be for 5 nights/6 days – cost £1095 – flying from Glasgow, half boards. Visiting places connected to Divine Mercy, St Faustina and St John Paul II. If you are interested, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Thank you!

YOUNG CARITAS SCOTLAND

SCIAF is launching Young Caritas Scotland, a new movement for young adults who want to put their faith into action, meet likeminded people from the global church, and help build a better world.
A space to connect with young people across in Scotland and across the world and turn frustration into something hopeful. More information and details of how to join our movement can be found at www.sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

A celebration of her life on **Monday 9th November** in Saint Peter's, Partick with Adoration and Reflection in the Church at **6.00 pm** followed by a cup of tea in the Hall at **7.00 pm** and a screening of 'The Legacy' – a documentary about the life and work of Mother Theresa. Everyone welcome!

JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Glasgow Curial Office has a vacancy for a part-time caretaker (evenings) 15 hours a week, £13.45 per hour. Monday to Friday (4.15 pm. to 7.15 pm. plus additional ad-hoc hours (evenings/weekends). Will also provide holiday cover for the day-time caretaker and respond to callouts on rotation. The Post is advertised with S1 Jobs recruitment agency. To apply submit a CV to S1 Jobs. Latest Closing date 5/11/26.

ST JOSEPHS CARE HOME CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 14th November, 1:30 – 4pm. Lots of Christmas Stalls, Tombola, Home Baking, Christmas Craft, Bottle Stall. There is even a visit from Santa Clause – if you are good! Admission £1. (children under 12 free) All welcome.

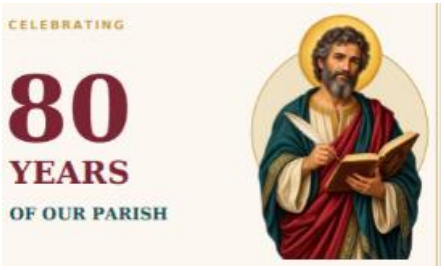
SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW

Archbishop Nolan will preside at Evening Prayer of the Church on the Vigil of St. Andrew's Day, **Sunday 29th November 2026** at St. Andrew's Cathedral at **7pm**. All are invited to this celebration as we gather together as a diocesan community to celebrate our patron Saint.

UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

Sunday Mass **11 am**. Someone will be at the 50 George Street entrance **from 10.40 to 11am** to let you into the building. Weekday Mass **12:10**.

80th ANNIVERSARY PARISH CELEBRATION



We warmly invite all our parishioners to join us for a celebration Mass, presided by His Grace Archbishop Nolan on **Saturday 7th November at 5:30pm.**

RECONCILIATION & HEALING SERVICE

St Francis Xavier, Scotland's National Shrine, Taylor Avenue, Carfin ML1 5AJ. Wednesday **4th November** at **7pm**. Opportunity for Confession. Speaker , Joe Livingston. Music, Tea and Coffee. All Welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND FOR THE DEAD

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick especially Mary McGowan, Heather Hogath, Liam Bradley, David Munro, Bernard Gallagher, Bishop John Keenan and all members of our parish community and friends who are currently in hospital, going through surgery or residing in care homes. We pray in a special way for babies and children who are unwell, asking for God's healing, comfort and peace for all of them and their families. We also pray for those caring for the sick. Thank you!

RECENT DEAD

Agnes McInally, Fr Brian Logue, Gerard Lafferty, Eileen Doyle, Jim Coll, Aidan McCabe, Helen McGuire, John Devlin, Paul Lafferty, Charles Sweeney, Agnes McDade, Frieda Lang, Brian Aitken, Josephine Cathal, Bridie Gallagher, Josephine Leathal, Sr. Patricia McMenamin, Joe Robb, Maurice Le Blanc, Isabel Reilly, Catherine Heaney, Ann Alison McKinnon, Canon John McGrorry.

ANNIVERSARY

Gerard McKenna, Tina Boyle, Mary Coyle, Mary Brady, Bridget McCloskey, Gerard Andrew Evans, Gerard Carlin, Robert McGuire, Mary Preston, George Preston, Catherine Vass, Andrew MacNiven, Eileen Gallagher, Betty Benson, TC Wilson, Cath Wilson, John Beattie, Joseph Murtagh, Paul James Renfrew.

MONTHS MIND

Packie Melly.

+Requiescant in pace+

FUNERALS

James Coll	Funeral Mass	Wednesday	4th November 10am
Gerard Lafferty	Funeral Mass	Wednesday	11th November 10am
Eileen Doyle	Funeral Mass	Tuesday	17th November 10am

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners who continue to accompany our bereaved families throughout the year. Your prayers and presence at our Funeral Masses are constant and deeply valued.
Fr A.

FURTHER INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL NOTICES

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