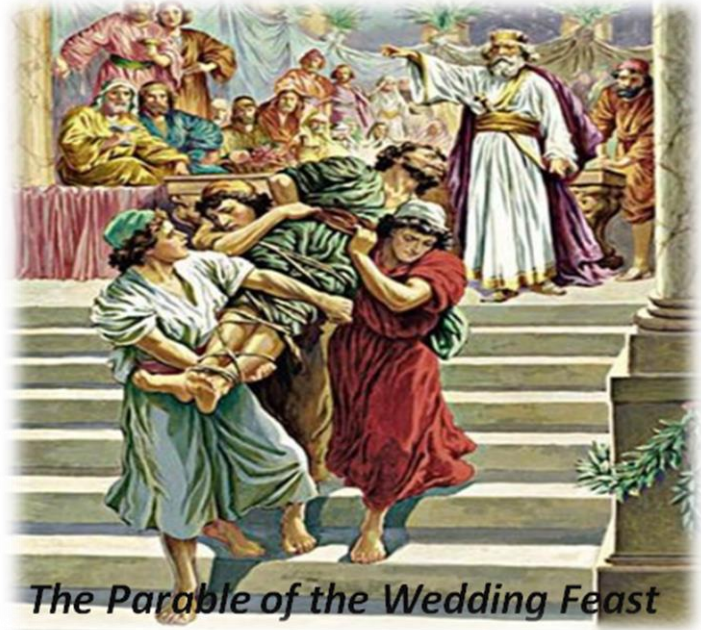


St. Matthew's Family Parish

Moving Forward in Faith



The Parable of the Wedding Feast

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11th October 2026

Readings :

First – Is 25 : 6 – 10a

Psalm – 23 (22)

**“In the Lords own house I shall dwell for length
of days unending”**

Second - Phil 4 : 12 - 14, 19 - 20

Gospel - Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

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

☎ 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!

28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 12 th	Weekday in ordinary time
Tuesday 13 th	Weekday in ordinary time
Wednesday 14 th	Weekday in ordinary time / St Callistus, Pope, Martyr
Thursday 15 th	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor
Friday 16 th	Weekday in ordinary time / St Hedwig, Religious or St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Saturday 17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr



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 September Lottery Winners were,

Draw One	1249	Gerry Hay	£ 178
Draw Two	1230	Rosemary Davidson	£ 178
Draw Three	1018	Liz McAuley	£ 89

Next draw is due to take place on Sunday 25th of October. If you wish to join the Lottery, please complete the form at the back of the church, or contact John Feechan on 07526 335497

PARISH COLLECTIONS

4th Oct	:	First collection	- £1,289.35
		Second collection	- £ 788.90

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BISHOPBRIGGS BANKING HUB – FRAUD AWARENESS EVENT

Hosted by Police Scotland and Trading Standards on Tuesday 10th November from 9:30- 1pm. They will be on hand to offer advice and support on keeping your money safe. Pop along and find out more.

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.

MEMORIES...

As part of the parish celebrations, we are looking for pictures and memories of parish life.

If you have digital photographs please send them to saintmatthews80@yahoo.com

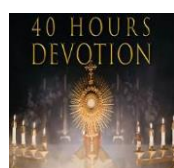
Please include, if possible, the names of people in the images and the dates.

If you have physical pictures, we will be setting up drop in sessions where you can get your pictures scanned and added to the collection.

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/6days – 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



After 10am mass on **Monday 26th October to 27th October**, final benediction with Lourdes Healing service at 7pm.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the adoration of the Lord, then there will be a sign-up sheet (30 minute blocks) at the back of the church. Thank you!



LOURDES WATER HEALING SERVICE

We will be having our Lourdes Water Healing Service on

Tuesday 27th October, 7pm which will also conclude our annual 40 hours!

All welcome!

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.



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

RCAG YOUTH 2026/27 YOUNG ADULT SESSIONS

On the Road: A Pilgrimage to Heaven | Ages 16–35 | Monthly 1900–2100 | RCAG Youth Office

Come and journey with us! Discover what it means to follow Christ with courage, grow as His witnesses and take your next step as disciples. Each evening includes prayer, reflection, pizza and fellowship. Find out more and register: www.rcagyouth.co.uk

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston, will take place in **St Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm, on Monday 12 October 2026**.

Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations.

Tea/coffee will be served following Mass.



Many thanks to Linda & David Yoga Group that have donated essentials to St Vincent de Paul and £150 to St Matthew's Junior School in Uganda!

SAFEGUARDING

We all have responsibilities as Catholic Christians. As members of our parish we are in the privileged position to be able to notice when those around us may be subject to harm. For example, it is estimated that one in four women in Scotland experience abuse in their lifetime - they may be at Mass with you right now. Our role is not to directly investigate or take control – that is the job of the statutory authorities, but we do have a responsibility to be vigilant and to pass on any concerns. If you do have any concerns, please don't keep them to yourself – please share them with myself as safeguarding coordinator, or with the Parish Priest, or with the Safeguarding Office.

Looking out for each other is a crucial part of creating the 'culture of care' that we should all aspire to in our parishes and groups. Archbishop Nolan would like to express his sincere thanks to our Clergy, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator(s), Safeguarding Staff, group leaders, and volunteers; as we work together in safeguarding.

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS INVITATION

St Aloysius' College warmly invites families to discover more about Glasgow's only Jesuit school at our upcoming Open Event. Rooted in the Jesuit tradition and guided by our motto Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (AMDG) - For the Greater Glory of God - we are committed to forming young people of competence, conscience and compassion. From Kindergarten through to Senior School, pupils are encouraged to grow in faith, knowledge and service. Join us at our Open Morning: Saturday 14th November 2026 from 10.30am. This Open Event offers an opportunity to experience the welcoming community spirit of St Aloysius' College, meet our dedicated staff and see how our Catholic ethos is lived out each day in the life of the school. For more information or to arrange your visit, please contact our Admissions Team at: admissions@staloyusius.org | 0141 332 3190 Or to book your place visit: www.staloyusius.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND FOR THE DEAD

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick especially, Erin Green and her newborn son Rian Yates, baby Paul Hughes, John Vass, Chris Ramsay, Mark McAuley, Moira Campbell 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. Thank you!

RECENT DEAD

Joe Robb, Agnes McDade, Maurice Le Blanc, Isabel Reilly, Catherine Heaney, Ann Alison McKinnon, Canon John McGorry, Michael Murphy, Jim Docherty, Clare Kearney, Alan Dakers, Alec Henderson, Tommy Cole, Patrick Murphy, John Gray, Catherine Campbell, Baby Paul Brown, Catherine McKenna, Sean McGinness, Cez Orlandi, Suzanne Gallagher, Charlie Sweeney, Irene Fitchet, Ronnie McDougall, Joe Mawson, Seon McGinness, John Spivey, Myrine McCahill, Eileen Morrison.

ANNIVERSARY

Winifred Murray, Rena Hurrell, Tony Nicol, Cathie Nicol, Daniel & Grace Canning, Rosalind Cathro, Thomas Hughes, Patricia Moyle, Margaret Braid, Anne-Marie Donohoe.

+Requiescant in pace+

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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