St. Matthew's Family Parish

Moving Forward in Faith

30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25th October 2026

Readings :

First – Ex 22 : 21 - 27
Psalm – 18 (17)

"I love you, Lord, my strength"

Second – 1 Thes 1 : 5c - 10
Gospel - Matthew 22 : 34 - 40

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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30th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 26th	Weekday in ordinary time
Tuesday 27th	Weekday in ordinary time
Wednesday 28th	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles
Thursday 29th	Weekday in ordinary time
Friday 30th	Weekday in ordinary time
Saturday 31st	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

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

Sunday 18th Oct : First collection - £1,281.56
Second collection - £1,753.72 for Missio Scotland

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The financial position of the parish for the period from April to September 2026 is as follows:
Income received from all sources £ 127,412
Major expenditures: Gas and electricity: £10,244; Levy & contingency fund: £28,025, Repairs to the church, chapel house and the Hall: £18,096
Total Expenditure: £ 95,552
Excess Income over Expenditure £ 31,860

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

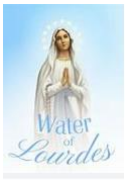
Please note, that our website https://stmatthewsbishopbriggs.co.uk/ has been updated and thank you to Brian Kilcoyne for designing and creating our new parish website. We are very grateful for the time, effort and care he has put into this project. We invite everyone to visit the new website.

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!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



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.

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.

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.

COP31 CLIMATE SUMMIT – MASS AND LIVESTREAM PRESENTATION:

Come together to pray for all those taking part the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) and for the care of our common home. Hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office and supported by Justice & Peace Scotland, SCIAF, and SCES this Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan to pray for the success of the COP31 climate summit in Türkiye. After Mass, join us for refreshments in Eyre Hall and a live video update from CAFOD who will be reporting to us live from COP31. All are welcome. **Thursday 12th November 2026** in St Andrew's Cathedral and Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street Glasgow. Time: Mass - 1:00pm | Livestream & Refreshments - 2:00pm

FORMING A GENERATION

On **Monday 9th November from 6.30-8.30pm** in St Andrew's Cathedral, 196 Clyde St, there will be an evening offered by Mark10 Mission and Alpha UK in conjunction with the RE Department of the Archdiocese, in helping children and young people encounter Jesus and become his disciples.
This is more than an evening of training. It is an opportunity to be encouraged in your own faith, to pray and worship together and to rediscover the extraordinary mission we share: to help a new generation know Jesus Christ and follow him.
Register at https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/forming-a-generation or come along on the evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND FOR THE DEAD

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick especially Bernard Gallagher, Liam Bradley, 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!

Special intention

The McNeil Family

RECENT DEAD

Gerard Lafferty, Jim Coyle, Charles Sweeney, Paul Lafferty, 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, and Michael Murphy.

ANNIVERSARY

Eileen Gallagher, John Beattie, Joseph Murtagh, Gerard Andrew Evans, Paul James Renfrew, Michael McGettigan, Jackie Kane, James Sharkey.

+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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