

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 10th December	9:30 am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	11:00 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	12:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	1.30pm	St Francis Xavier's	Polish Mass
	7.00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Monday 11th December	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 12th December	7.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 13th December <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 14th December <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7:00 pm	St Anthony's	Confessions
	7.30pm	St Anthony's	Candelit Mass
Friday 15th December	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
	12.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 16th December	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10.00 am	St Anthony's	Confessions
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	5.45 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	6.30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass

Morning Prayer: 9:30 am Monday to Saturday at St FX, Rosary after 10:00 am mass Monday to Saturday (except Tuesday and Friday) at St FX, Divine Mercy Chaplet after 10:00am mass Tuesdays. Exposition on Fridays after 10 am Mass.

The Parishes of

St Anthony's, Polmont

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

St Mary of the Angels, Camelon

December 10th 2017, Second Sunday of Advent (B)

We find our Liturgy on p85 of the teal Mass book

'Make his paths straight'



We hear in today's Gospel that all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John in the desert. Nothing like this had ever before happened. Jews went to the *temple* to meet God. Now the Jews are literally turning their backs to the temple to hear this strange man preparing the way for a Messiah who will replace the temple completely. John baptizes them as a way to symbolize leaving their old lives behind but One greater than he is coming. John is preparing them, and us, for the One for whom we long. This is the grace of the Advent; if we take time and listen we hear deep within us how much we long for Jesus. So let's deliberately take time to slow down and seek him in the intimacy of prayer, feeling him take us up in his arms, as Isaiah promises today. Only then, strengthened by that love, can we do whatever we are called to do to 'make straight' any path for him.

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Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margarete Fallon, John Crawford, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Devoy, Muriel Watson, Rosaleen Casey, Tom McCartney, H Hughes, Jean Stanners, Anthony Reynolds, Jessie Muirison, William McIntyre, Michael Winters, Sadie McGuckin, Peter Walls, Margaret Murray, Maggie Coull, Edward O'Donnell, Peter Winters, Antonio Marino Giannandrea, Kathleen Scott, Anne O'Brien, Mary McCafferty, Anne Meakin, John Lynn, V Rev J Canon Bracelin, Jack Woodhouse, Jack McCafferty, Jayne Helen Burns, John Spinks, Anthony John Bell, Isabella Whoriskey, Christina McGibbon Montagne, Jim Kerr. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Frances Hainey RIP

Funeral Arrangements to be announced

Advent reflection on consolation of others

'Console my people, console them, says your God'...How might we live out these words from the first reading as a parish this Advent? Some thoughts on those in whom we might meet Christ in as we prepare for Him: those approaching their first Christmas after the death of a loved; those celebrating the Word made flesh but sick within their own bodies; those offering grandchildren a safe home; older people wondering if this will be their last Christmas; those struggling to make this a Christmas to remember amidst debt; those new to this country who have left everything they know and love behind; those struggling with addiction yet sensing freedom is found in Christ; those trying to be cheerful when their homes are unhappy; those who feel different to others; those cut off from family or friends; those who are struggling with questions; those missing at Mass...may we make this a place of comfort for them, moving past ourselves to offer solace, invitation and the hope and love of Our Lord and Saviour.

New Parishioners. If you are new to our community, welcome! Please introduce yourself to the clergy, and join us for coffee after Sunday Mass. We'd ask you to fill out a parish registration form too, either online at www.falkirkcatholics.org or using a registration form which can be found in the porch.

Baptisms: If you wish to have your child baptised, please make an appointment with one of the priests.

Marriages : Arrangements for weddings should be made with Fr. Jamie. Please note that at least six months' notice is required, to allow for marriage preparation.

For any **Safeguarding** issues, please contact the Parish Priest/see safeguarding contacts in porches.

Live streaming of Mass: <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-francis-xavier/>

	St Anthony's	St Francis Xavier	St Mary of the Angels
Offertory/Collection	£653.64	£1825.53	£193.06

NEWS & EVENTS

There will be **candlelit Mass on the 14th in St Anthony's and 21st in St Francis Xavier's**, both at 7.30pm, with confessions being heard from 7pm. (No novena during Advent). Confessions will also be available on Saturday 16th from 11am to 1pm, with a special Children's Service at 12:00 noon, and on Saturday 23rd from 1pm till just before the vigil Mass at 6.30pm, both days at St FX.

Caritas Carols by Candlelight—Monday 18th December in St FX church with mince pies and mulled wine in the hall afterwards. Funds raised are going to the SVDP appeal. This is an initiative from one of our young parishioners. Please support.

The **Bible Study** group will not meet on the 26th of Dec or 2nd Jan, but the group normally meets on Tuesdays in St FX church house at 7.30pm.

The **children's party at St Anthony's (with visit from Santa)** will take place on the 17th December, after **11.00am Mass until 1.30 pm**. Open to children attending Primary School. Pre-school children are welcome, too but their parents are asked to remain with them. For final numbers please put names on list in church post by the 19th.

Hogmanay Ceilidh— tickets will be available for collection after the 10am and 12pm Mass today 10th and next Sunday, 17th December, in St Francis Xavier's hall only. Tick-

ets must be paid when they are collected.

The Hall Committee will be available on the 10th and 17th in St FX hall to take names for the **Senior Citizens' party** on the 9th of January. The meal will be a high tea, and the deposit is £5. Please state your choice of steak pie, mac cheese or ham salad when you pay your deposit. The party is on Friday 5th January.

The BIG CLEAN at St A's: **Thursday 21st**. The team will meet at 9.30am. Please try to help out as they prepare the church for the Christmas Liturgies, even just for half an hour.

200 Club members are asked to note that any monies due need to be paid in full to be eligible for the main draw, which takes place soon.

DOCAT Falkirk.—November 10th 8pm St Francis Xavier's Hall Falkirk. After our successful first meeting last month we would like to renew our invitation to all 18 – 30 year olds within our cluster churches and beyond to join us as we explore Pope Francis' DOCAT document.

Each month we try to bring our faith alive by identifying ways we can be of active service to others. Meets today, Sunday Nov 10th, and on every second Sunday of the month after that.