

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 12th November	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 13th November	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 14th November	9:30 am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 15th November	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	9.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
Thursday 16th November <i>Feast of St Margaret</i>	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Adoration, Confessions & Novena
Friday 17th November <i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
Saturday 18th November	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

12th November 2017, Thirty Second Sunday of the Year A

We find our Liturgy on p152 of the yellow Mass Book

'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him'



The theme of our readings today is Wisdom. Wisdom that comes from our relationship with God, from our prayer lives. Like the oil giving light to the lamp in today's Gospel, God's wisdom protects and gives us light to see. Like the lamp, that prayer wisdom guides our steps. The unwise bridesmaids in the Gospel may seem to be treated unfairly until in today's Gospel, until we remember that they had *one* task—to keep their lamps burning until the Bridegroom's return. We have the same sacred task. How is my prayer lamp burning today? Does it need a fresh infusion of oil?

Our beautiful Catholic faith is rich and inspiring in ways to hear God's wisdom. We can pray with meditations, with the gospel, in silence. We can pray alone or with others. We can savour that moment of ultimate closeness to Christ in the Eucharist. If our 'prayer oil' goes stale, we can try another way, or ask another to accompany us as we learn how to let it 'flow' better. Each of us seeks our own way of praying, connecting with God in the way best for us. And if our lamp is burning low, we can take that to God too—fuel for prayer and for a new closeness to Him.

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

Marion Fitzpatrick, Patrick Coyle McGlade, Peter MacDonald, B Kewell, Ena Rossi, David Allan, Susan O@Connor, Sandra Sharp, Una McLuckie, William Hunter, William Byrne, Rose Byrne, Peter McBride, Joe Healy, Diana McCartney, Anna McFeat, William H Jordan, Mary Alke McKenna, Joseph Dooner Jr, Catherine Harkins, Teresa O’Hara, The Crosbie Family, Rose Ann Gallagher, Christina Kidd, Elizabeth McGlynn, Natalie McCue, Colette Carter, Winifred Gladys Alley. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Elaine Lynch RIP

Funeral Service: Wednesday 15th November, at 1pm in St Francis Xavier’s

Retreats—A time to be filled again

Sometimes our oil lamps are just depleted, or we know we need to be filled up for a challenging time ahead. At such moments a retreat from the world is wisdom indeed. We thought you might like to know about some spaces available at St Beuno’s retreat centre in North Wales. They are offering a variety of retreats in the coming weeks, a peaceful time out before the hustle and bustle of Christmas, a time to gather your energy and thoughts and remember God’s deep love for us. There is a budget retreat on 22nd-29th November and 5th-13th December, being offered at a remarkable £10 a day. There are also a few spaces left on the following retreats: Mid-week IGR (Individually Guided Retreat) 4th-8th December, Star-Gazing Retreat 8th-11th December, 8 Day IGR 13th-22nd December, plus a few places on the Young Adults Retreat 15th-17th December. Please apply to St Beuno’s direct on secretary@beunos.com for detailed information and booking or ring 01745 583444.

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	£450.16	£1851.52	£285.44
Building Fund		£535.36	

NEWS & EVENTS

Memorial Masses will be held on Wed 15th November at St FX and on Friday 17th at St A’s, both at 7pm.

Do-cat Falkirk—young adults are invited to the first meeting which starts tonight, **Sunday November 12th, after 7pm Mass**, in St FX church hall.

The Art of Accompaniment . . .our first session together was warm and hopeful. Please join us on Saturdays after 10am Mass in St FX church hall, for the remaining three sessions, or just for those you can attend—each conversation can ‘stand alone’.

The **Bible Study** group continues to meet on Tuesdays in St FX church house.

Level 1 Safeguarding Training - St Mary of the Angel’s Hall, Brown Street, Camelon. 7pm start (2 hours duration) on Thursday Nov 16th. Anyone "PVG'd" and trained before 2016 needs to be retrained - check with your Parish Coordinator if you are unsure.

SVDP—We will again be collecting any cash donations you would like to give throughout November this year. Your kind donations will be used to supply vouchers to those families who need help to make Christmas a bit more special for their children. We found this method worked very well last year, giving parents the satisfaction of being able to choose and shop for gifts themselves. Thank you in advance for your usual overwhelming support.

Last chance to register your interest in this year’s **Hogmanay Ceilidh**. To help a fair distribution of tickets we would ask that you register your

interest before 19th November. Sheets in back porch.

Raffle tickets are still available to raise funds for a Christmas party for the children at St M of the Angels. The raffle will be drawn on the 17th of December. Please see Claudine for tickets.

A meeting is being held in St A’s church hall for volunteers involved in tea and coffee duties after Mass on Sundays. **after 11:00 am Mass today, Sunday 11 November.** If you are unable to attend but able to help, please see Catherine O’Neill. We have had one person come forward to help with **church cleaning duties**. If you can only help out occasionally, or if a different time from the normal Thursdays, your help would be much appreciated. Please speak to Jimmy Irwin or one of the sisters. Men and women welcome!

Kind reminder to all **JPC members** that our next meeting is **tomorrow, Monday, 13th**, in St FX church house at 7pm.

Ethan Purdie would like to thank very much everyone who bought tickets or made a donation to the charity ceilidh in aid of the **St Mungos APD trip** to India. Thankyou to everyone who turned up on the night and helped make the night as enjoyable as it was. The total raised by the event was £1550.

There will be a **Big Band Swing Night** in St FX hall to raise funds for HCPT on the 25th of November, cost £7.50. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

The **Lunch Club** meets next **Wednesday, the 15th of November**, at 12pm. All welcome. Please be sure to book your **festive lunch** then too, which will take place on the **6th of December** this year, cost £5.00.