PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 20th August	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 1.30pm 7.00 pm	St Mary o/t Angels St Francis Xavier's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass
Monday 21st August *Memorial of St Pius X*	7.30 am 10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
Tuesday 22nd August *Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	7.30am 9.30am 10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's St Mary o/t Angels St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass
Wednesday 23rdAugust	9:30 am 9.30am 10:00 am	St Anthony's St Mary o/t Angels St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass
Thursday 24th August *Feast of St Bartholomew*	7.30am 9.30am 10.00 am 7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's St Mary o/t Angels St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass Mass Adoration, Confessions & Novena
Friday 25th August	7.30 am 10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass & Adoration
Saturday 26th August	9.30am 10.00 am 10:00 am 10.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St Anthony's St Anthony's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's	Mass Confessions Mass Confessions Confessions 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

20th August 2017, Twentieth Sunday of the Year A

We find our Liturgy on 117 of the yellow Mass Book

'Woman, you have great faith'

When we are confronted with a great sorrow or problem, do we have the faith to trust God with all our hearts? In today's Gospel we hear the story of the Canaanite woman, who comes to Jesus for the healing of her daughter. How often do we find ourselves in the same situation as the woman, presenting our petition to God and waiting desperately for His answer? Often for someone other than ourselves? Imagine her disappointment when the response comes: 'He answered her not a word.' The woman could have turned away, angry. But instead she presses Jesus for the healing, refusing to give up. She humbles herself completely. And Jesus, who has deliberately used her situation to highlight the need for humility and trust, rewards her faith. Her daughter is 'healed from that very hour'. Here is a gentile receiving the Bread of Life which others reject. The lesson translates to our own lives; no matter who we are, no matter the situation, God rewards those who diligently seek him. Have I given up too easily? What selfless request might I make?

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

Jen Welsh, Jimmy Crombie, John Horton, Annie Holloran Woods and family, Michael Schofield, Isabella MacKintosh, Ivan Pawyk, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Moore, Luke Little, Mario Marchi, James Mochan, Concetta Caramando, Charles Campbell, Brenda Wetherspoon, Bernard Harkins, Nancy Robb, Anne Herriott, George Herriott, Marion Cram, Ruth Mc Rorie, Jeanie Oliver, John Boyle, Jen Welsh, Elizabeth Vlahos, Margart Politowski, Alexander Strathie, Eddie Morren, Elizabeth Matyszkowioz, Christine Anderson, Margaret Gentleman, Darren McClean, Francis Little, Alice Elliott, Tommy Winters, Margaret Peters, Helen (Lena) Dobbie, Alexander Downie, Francis Little. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Joseph Haggerty RIP

Monday 21st August, 9.30 am at the crematorium

Prayers of Intercession:

The Canaanite Woman is only one example of intercessory prayer in scripture. In Genesis 18, Abraham pleads with God for the people of Sodom, and Moses prayed with 'urgency and boldness' for the Hebrews during the Exodus. (Ex 15:25). Several of St Paul's prayers of intercession are recorded in the New Testament., eg in Philippians he prays for depth of insight for the community. The church prayed fervently for Peter while he was imprisoned. In Acts 12:5, we read: 'The church was earnestly praying for him. Jesus is the greatest intercessor, praying for Peter that his faith not fail and that he strengthen his brothers (Lk 22;32). He even prayed for those who crucified him. 'Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' 1 Samuel 12:23 says we fail God by failing to pray for others. As we look at the suffering world around us, let's redouble our efforts in prayer for His great mercy and healing,

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	£529.77	£1899.39	£385.52

NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA— a reminder that anyone wishing to begin the adventure of faith that is joining the Catholic Church is invited to a meeting on the 6th of September in St Mary of the Angels church hall in Brown St, Camelon at 7.30pm. Please contact the office on 623567 to register and arrange a first 'hello'. For anyone wondering if someone is being 'drawn' to faith, please pray and begin a conversation of invitation.

Youth Pilgrimage to Iona— please contact Sr Mirjam Hugens direct (SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk), by the 24th, telling her you're a Falkirk pilgrim. Weekend 9th/10th September, cost £20. Please speak to Fr Jamie McMorrin for more information.

The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** resumes on Tuesday 5 September in the S.F.X. Church House at 7.30pm. We will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew and Isaiah.

Unlocking the Mystery— the group is looking forward to meeting again this coming Tuesday 22nd at 7pm in the committee room of St FX hall.

Special Collection next Sunday for African Missions & Holy Places.

Many thanks to those volunteers who helped with last Tuesday's preparation for the **Parish Fun Day** on the 27th. The garden work continues on Tuesday, 22 Aug, with a 10.00am start. Please bring your own equipment with you and know your work is much appreciated.

Safeguarding Training: There will be safeguarding training on the following dates across the Archdiocese: **Sunday 3 Sept** at 11am - St Albert the Great, George Square, Edinburgh. **Thurs 7 September** at 7pm - Our Lady of Lourdes, 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline. **Fri 15 Sept** at 7pm - St Francis Xavier's Church Hall. Please remember that in addition to a PVG all people working with children and vulnerable adults must complete safeguarding training.

The St FX hall committee are having a **social afternoon** on Thursday 7th September, 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are £4, which includes refreshments, and are available from Moira and Celia. The entertainment will be by singer Donna Glass.

Italian Group– dates for your diary.. The group will meet on the following Sundays till Christmas: 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December. Each meeting starts at 5pm.