

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 23rd September	9.30am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	11.00am	St Anthony's	Mass
	12.00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	1.30 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Polish Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Monday 24th September	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass Mass
Tuesday 25th September	9:30 am	St M o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 26th September	9.30am	St M o/t A	Mass
	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 27th September <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i>	9:30 am	St Mary o/t Angels	Mass
	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions, Adoration and Novena
Friday 28th September	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Saturday 22nd September <i>Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Mass & Confessions
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	5.45pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	6.30pm	St Francis Xavier's	Vigil 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 Parish of

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

The church of St Mary of the Angels, Camelon

25th Sunday of the year, 23rd September 2018, Year B

We find our Liturgy on p135 of the blue Mass book

'If anyone wants to be first he must make himself servant of all'



In our **Gospel** reading (Mark 9:30-37), the focus is Jesus' attempt to educate his disciples about his coming fate in Jerusalem. They know now he is the Messiah (8:29) but cling to the old understanding of a ruler of David's line who would triumphantly restore the fortunes of Israel. They find it very difficult to square that understanding together with Jesus' insistence, heard again in today's Gospel, that he is to be betrayed and put to death. Not fully understanding what he is saying and afraid to ask him, instead they have been arguing about which of them would have the positions of honour in the coming kingdom. Nothing could be more at odds with Jesus' mission than disputes about greatness. *Lord, help us to be open to that truth, and to seek it to be servants to others wholeheartedly, so that in dying to self we can find new life in You, .*

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

Grace Dodds, Frank Howden, Kasimierz Sobolewski, Michael Francis, Elizabeth Howe, Daniel Ward, Ann Turnbull, Kathleen Duffy, Michael Moore, Francis McGuire, Roderick Coull, Adelina Jannetta, Petr Kane, Nicol Campbell, Gerry Carbury, Nan McDonald, John Bradbury, Caroline Gorman, John McGeever, Patrick McNelis, Rosemary Quinn, Peter Healy, Sarah Johnston, Tadeuz Cieslar, Canon James Nicholson **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Feast of Padre Pio—23rd of September

This is a very special feast for St Padre Pio—it marks the 50th anniversary of his death and the 100th anniversary of his receiving the stigmata. Special graces are available to those who remember him on his special day. The Padre Pio prayer group in St FX continues every first Friday, seeing the fruit of their prayer in the lives of those they pray for. Their

Alpha Restarts

Have you invited someone to Alpha yet? It's not too late—Alpha starts on Monday 24th September at 7pm in the St FX Hall. This time we're offering an Alpha 'Pudding Club' - same format, a bite to eat together, the Alpha DVD on one aspect of the Christian faith, then discussion in small groups, where we are absolutely free to share any thoughts or ideas we have about it. Testimonies about the effects of Alpha include: a new sense of the Holy Spirit calling us to serve in a different way; being easier in ourselves sharing the faith; deeper friendships and community. Alpha is for everyone—sign up in the porches, no cost, no pressure.

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	£484.27	£1832.56	£273.07
Aged & Infirm Clergy	£499	£1594	£321

NEWS & EVENTS

Fun Day—a parishioner responds, thanking all helpers 'for your hard work...There certainly was a 'spirit of community' atmosphere, and I'm sure a joyful day for many to catch up and relax with friends and fellow-parishioners. '

All parish groups are still kindly asked to nominate a **safeguarding contact person** and give their name to Anne on 623567 or email

office@falkirkcatholics.org. So far we have three names put forward.

Fr Jacob's session on Pope Francis's teaching continues to inspire. We focussed this week on our co-responsibility this week for the mission, and began talking about parish initiatives might build in us the **Joy of the Gospel**. Join us again this Saturday after 10am Mass in St FX hall.

Please keep the **RCIA** team and all enquirers in your prayers as they continue to meet every Wednesday. **RCIA** isn't just about learning about the faith, it's about becoming a disciple who is part of a community. If you see someone new at Mass, please hold out your hand in welcome.

Walking group— the walk this week is weather permitting, will be through to Denny. Cars leaving hall at 9.30am. Newcomers welcome.

The Tuesday Bible Study continues at 7.30pm in St FX church house.

There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving** for the Canonisation of Oscar Romero on Sunday 14th October at 4.30pm in St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh.

There will be a **Macmillan coffee morning** on Friday 28th September in the St FX Hall from 1030 till 12 noon. Tickets £3 or pay at the door. Donations of baking would be greatly appreciated. And the **St Anthony's Macmillan Coffee Morning** takes place Saturday 29th September 10am in the church house there. From the organisers: 'There will be lots of lovely things for you to eat!! We'd love to see you there for a good chat while raising money for Cancer support. If you'd like to donate baked items please bring them along on the morning or leave with Sr Kathleen at the church house.' **Pamper Party in aid of Macmillan** Join us for a **glass of cheer** and experience a **free mini facial** or **hand massage**. St Anthony's House 5th October 7.30 pm Tickets £3 on sale from 23rd September

ROSARY UNDER THE CROSS. The Holy Rosary and Benediction/Adoration will be held on the feast of the Holy Rosary on 7 October at 3 pm in St Francis Xavier's and will be led by the Legion of Mary. The Rosary Under the Cross follows on from the Rosary on the Coast which was held earlier this year, and is being said throughout the country at the same time. This is a great opportunity to take part in a very powerful countrywide rosary movement and it is hoped our church will be full.