

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 10th March	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 11th March	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 12th March	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 13th March	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 14th March	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	7:30pm	St Francis Xavier's	Stations of the Cross
Friday 15th March	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
	7:00 pm	St Anthony's	Stations of the cross
Saturday 16th March	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

First Sunday of Lent, 10th March 2019, Year C

We find our Liturgy on p153 of the purple Mass book

'Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there'



Our readings for this first Sunday of Lent remind us that we are called to give back what God has given us. We are to hear the cry of the oppressed and use what gifts we have to ease their burdens. As the Pope has told us, "build bridges not walls." The psalm response of "Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble," is a call for us to be Jesus to those who are in need. The temptations Our Lord resisted in the desert are calls for us to resist what we must resist—for example the greed that causes us to forget that all we have is to be shared, not hoarded. Lent is a season of resistance. Resistance to anything that calls us to turn away from how Jesus lived, ways we follow if we are to be authentic in our faith. For all those who are excluded, scapegoated, kept at a distance, let us pray that we welcome all as God welcomes all. *How am I giving my time, my resources, my life to helping those suffering oppression?*

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

George Jenkins, Mary Savoy, Norah Savoy, Francis Fitzpatrick, Sarah O'Connor, the Brannan family, Herbert Zimmerman, Anthony Duffy, Veronica Shanks, Elizabeth Nortney, Concetta Rizza Giannandrea, Kathleen Winters SR, Dunblane children and their teachers, Charles Allison, Mary Ford, Catherine (Kitty) Gormley, Thomas Wood, Anne Duff, Andrew Furby, Sean Clune Ssabella O'Donnell, Tony Duffy, Jessie Heaver, Bryan O'Donnell, Mary Sim, Hilda MacKintosh, Catherine Wilson, Bridget McKinlay, Colin Monk, Dannie Halpin, Tony Duffy, Joseph McGinley, Thomas Moan Jnr, Bridget McNelis. **May they rest in peace.**

Please pray for the recently deceased

Theresa Hamilton RIP Reception Monday 11th at 6pm to St FX
Funeral Mass: Tuesday 12th March at 10am
Mary Kelly R.I.P.
 Funeral service at Falkirk Crematorium on Thursday 14th at 9:30 am

It's beginning....

A big question at the parish assembly was: 'How do we make this vision real?' Our **Divine Renovation reading groups**, will help us do that, and they start NEXT Monday, 18th, at 7pm in St FX Hall. **Please read the first chapter of the book before then. We will be using questions by Bill Huebsch, who worked with us last year on the art of accompaniment.** If you can't make a Monday, please get a group of two to three people together and ask Anne for the weekly questions we will be using. If you don't know anyone else reading the book, ask one of the priests or Anne to help you form a reading group (623567). We will all come together at the end to share our ideas. It's going to be a lot of fun. We will face up to some hard truths too, and find out what we can do as individuals to make it happen. Please order Divine Renovation through Amazon and join us in this whole parish initiative. The more people who 'catch' the vision and share it with others, the quicker our 'building' begins.

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. 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
Offertory/Collection	£458.55	£1901.03

NEWS & EVENTS

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates who celebrate the **Rite of Election** at the Cathedral today.

Our last session of **Alpha** finished with the group acknowledging the deepening of their relationship with God, particularly the Holy Spirit, and their sense of what community means. The group wants to stay connected and is considering ways of reaching out to others to share the joy they experienced together. Our **next Alpha starts on April 24th**, again in St FX Hall, beside the library, at 7pm. Ask a friend to join you and come see. And if you know someone who would benefit from asking questions about the faith in a safe space, invite them gently along.

Spred will have a Mass on Sunday 17th March at 12noon in St FX church, followed by refreshments in St FX hall for anyone who wants to join them.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will again be held every Friday during Lent from after 10 am mass until 5pm. This will coincide with the **Pro Life Prayer Vigil** being held at Larbert Hospital (**11:30am to 1:30pm and 6pm to 8pm each day**). If you can spare half an hour to pray for the unborn in danger of abortion, please add your name to the sheet at the back of church.

Driver request - Is there someone coming from the Slamannan area who could drive one or two parishioners from Slamannan to and from ten Mass at St Francis Xavier's? Please speak to one of the priests, email office@falkirkcatholics.org or phone 623567 to make arrangements.

The next **Baptism Preparation** Meeting begins at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 13th** March. Please register with the parish office.

Mother and Toddler Group. There are vacancies for any Mums and their new babies or young toddlers. Please give your name to the office on 623567.

Friday Night is Music Night. On Friday 15th March Fr Jamie will be hosting an evening of musical entertainment in aid of HCPT. Entrance is £5 BYOB. Pay at the door but please sign up to give an indication of how many will be coming along. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted too.

Social Afternoon—There will be a social on Thursday 28th March in St Francis Xavier's Church Hall from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets (£8) include tea/coffee and a light refreshment. Entertainment by Stevie Scott. Tickets are available from Moira and Celia.

Lenten Talks for Young Adults: Archbishop Leo Cushley would like to invite the young adults of the Archdiocese to join him for a series of Lenten talks, to be given by himself. Entitled "On the Way: Walking with Jesus and His Disciples towards Jerusalem" the talks will take place on Sunday 10 March, Sunday 24 March and Sunday 7 April from 5pm to 7pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The evening will consist of a talk by the Archbishop, Q&A, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confession, and will conclude with social time and pizza. All are very welcome.

St Mary of The Angels- It is hoped that the sale of St Mary of the Angels will be concluded in the next few weeks. The trustees of the Archdiocese have accepted the offer made on behalf of John O'Connor Funeral Directors. The sale is obviously subject to the usual legal proceedings.