

# PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 24th March</b>	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
<b>Monday 25th March</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Tuesday 26th March</b>	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	9.30 am	St Anthony's	Funeral Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	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
<b>Friday 29th March</b>	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
	7:00 pm	St Anthony's	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 30th March</b>	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

**Third Sunday of Lent, 24th March 2019, Year C**

*We find our Liturgy on p163 of the purple Mass book*

**'The water that I shall give shall turn into a spring of eternal life'**



During Lent repentance and reconciliation are very much part of our journey. The two are intertwined: repentance is possible because God invites it, but being reconciled to Him takes a deliberate choice on our part. Today's readings tell us that repentance and new life are *continually* being offered to us by God. This is symbolised by the water emerging from the rock struck by Moses, and the life-giving, ongoing relationship with Him which Jesus describes in our gospel as 'living water'. This invitation to new life and forgiveness is what he offers the woman at the well. Knowing she is known so deeply and loved without judgment, she runs to tell others, wanting them to have this relationship with Him too. As we look at our life – and remembering the Sacrament of Reconciliation—*am I allowing Christ to guide me into a deepening relationship with Him? Is anything blocking that living water from flowing?*

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

John Cullen, Mary Dickson, John Cumming, Annie Quigley, Roger McPeake, Sarah Herron, John Waugh, Isa Hughes, Gerald Walsh, Mary Hylands, James Cogans, Dolly McKenna, Tony Dodds, Louise McGhee, Neil Molloy, Norah Savoy, Mary Dickson, Hannah Farrell, James Bell, Frances McKean, Rosina Wallace, Teresa Rankin, Janet Cogans, David Millar, Winnie Gow, John Lafferty, Thomas Shannon, John Gerard Keane, William McGuire, Francis Little, Helen Danks, Maureen Harkins, Gerry Lynagh.  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Please pray for the recently deceased**

**Nan McQuade RIP**

**Reception:** Tuesday 26th to St FX **Funeral Mass:** Wednesday 27th at 10am

**Divine Renovation journey—we meet again tomorrow, Monday 25th at 7pm** in St FX hall beside the library. Numbers weren't quite what we expected after all the enthusiasm at the Parish Assembly. Please come along whether you've: read the book or not! Understood the book or not! Have lots of questions or not! The most important thing is that we are all learning and journeying together. **Our topic this week is a burning one—the effect of the sex abuse crisis on us and our faith and the challenges of leading a community at this difficult time.** Please come, take this chance to be open and to find strength and encouragement as we face into the challenges together!

Please read the second chapter if you can and please join us though you weren't able to make the first session. Or join the **second DR group** which will meet on a Tuesdays 7-9pm. They start the 26th of March, **at St Anthony's** church house. Please sign their sign up sheet in the porch. And for those who want to meet in twos and threes, please feel free to do that. Ask Anne for the questions—623567.

**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](http://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	£492.48	£1978.76

# NEWS & EVENTS

Today is the **First Scrutiny for our Elect** who are entering into in a period of reflection in preparation for baptism or to be brought fully into the Church. Please pray for them as they grow in holiness and deepen their relationship with God. (11am Mass at St Anthony's)

**SCIAF**—there will be special collection this weekend for Papal and Episcopal Charities, including SCIAF.

**Offertory envelopes** are available in the back porches. If you are a tax payer and not already a **Gift Aider**, we urge you to please fill in a form, which creates an extra pound for every four pounds given. Each box of offertory envelopes contains a new form which must be filled out fully and returned to the church office for GDPR purposes. Lots of our current information is missing postcodes and full names etc. Taking an envelope does not mean you have to give the same every week. Please consider signing up. Forms for new gift aiders are available from the church house. Just a few minutes of your time would make a huge difference to parish funds.

**Please join the sisters at St Anthony's** for Mass on Monday 25th at 9.30am, the Annunciation of the Lord, to celebrate **the feast of their congregation, the Ursulines.** Everyone is welcome in the church house afterwards for a celebratory 'cuppa' and cake.

The **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will **not** meet on MARCH 26 or APRIL 2.

**Choir practices for Easter:** Thursday 28th March and 11th April. New members most welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held every Friday during Lent. This will coincide with the Pro Life Prayer Vigil being held at Larbert Hospital (11:30am to 1:30pm) If you can spare an hour, this would be vital time spent with God.

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

A reminder that the Archbishop is hosting **Lenten Talks for young adults** on the Sundays of Lent. 5-7pm at Gillis. A talk, Benediction, Confessions and pizza. Fr Jamie is happy to take anyone who is interested along.

A reminder of that **confession times** are on the back of the newsletter. Fr Jamie encourages everyone to come along and receive the mercy God is freely offering in this beautiful sacrament. He's waiting for you with open arms.

If you are returning to the Sacrament for the first time after a while away, please be assured of a warm welcome. Few things delight God more.