

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 12th May	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 13th May	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 14th May <i>Feast of St Matthias</i>	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 15th May	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 16th May	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	7.00pm	St Francis Xavier's	Confessions
	7:30pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena/Adoration
Friday 17th May	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
Saturday 18th May	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

4th Sunday of Easter, 12th May 2019, Year C

We find our Liturgy on p 268 of the purple Mass book

'I give eternal life to the sheep who belong to me'



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Abraham was a shepherd. Isaac was a shepherd. Jacob was a shepherd. Last week in our gospel we heard Peter commissioned to 'feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. Today's gospel further enriches our understanding of the importance of the shepherds given to care for and protect the sheep of God's flock— extended through the image of Our Lord, the Good Shepherd. Jesus presents Himself as the one who gives the sheep 'eternal life', the life of God. Those who know His voice and listen to Him will not be lost or stolen. The reassuring grasp He has on us is not His alone. Behind him stands the Father 'who is greater than anyone'. We give thanks for the Good Shepherd's guiding of us through all the situations of our life, for His promise never to leave us and for the peace that comes when we know and follow Him. *Who might I tell this week, in a prayerful way, about that guidance, that sense of peace?*

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

Christine McLeish, Patricia Silcock, Mgr D Robina, Devasia Thomson, Charles Enyi, William Farrell, Nan Nixon, Nora Parker, Agnes Cullen, Edward Travers, George Beattie, Wlizabeth Fullard, Briyan Redding, Annie Williamson, Fr J Tweedie, Peter Tilley, Antony Evangelisti, Hugh Grogan, Mai Hickey, Frances Clafferty, Susan Coyle, Franciszek Waclawski, John Lavens, Lily McFarlane.

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the recently deceased

Hannah Starzynska RIP

Funeral Service: Thursday 16th at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's

Good Shepherd Sunday

We pray very particularly for the Holy Father, our Archbishop and all the priests of our diocese today. Being a shepherd means being prepared constantly for all eventualities; it requires time, care, and great vigilance, especially at this time of great change in the church. We pray especially for the priests of our parish, two of them very far from home, offering them thanks for walking alongside us in the highs and lows of life. We pray very deeply for Fr Jamie, that he be strengthened in his ministry. He has taken on an awesome responsibility choosing to lead us all in this Divine Renovation Journey. It may seem to have been quiet over the past few weeks, but in the background the DR ministry has been ministering to Father Jamie, guiding him in first steps for us as a DR community. Let's pray we be a 'canny' flock, listening well, as we follow the Good Shepherd.

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	£265.50	£1934.21

NEWS & EVENTS

Today a collection will be taken up for the **Ecclesiastical Students Fund.**

Divine Renovation: After Easter our Divine Journey is continuing, with Fr Jamie and the Leadership Team meeting online with our Divine Renovation Coach, Bill. The small team grew organically out of a reading group which studied the DR book with Fr Jamie. Please pray for Bill and for the SLT as we walk through the vision cast by Fr Jamie's dream for the parish. This work is foundational; without it, progress will be difficult.

Divine Renovation reading group: Thank you so much to the parishioners who have come along every week to these sessions which have deepened our understanding of the core values of DR. Our final session is on Monday 13th May. Our focus will be next steps and the 'why' behind them. Please join us—even if you haven't been able to attend any of the other sessions. Every voice, every idea is welcome as we continue to discern God's dream for our parish community. St FX hall, 7pm.

Coffee Morning for Strathcarron Hospice. Thank you for your fantastic support. You raised £2020!

The Dawn of Christianity in Scotland. There will be a presentation on this topic, which includes a focus on the Saints, on Thursday May 16th at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's hall. The talk is being given by John Glass who is a member of the Knights of St Columba. All are welcome.

Credit Union AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in St FX church hall. There will be refreshments

and a prize raffle for those in attendance. Please come along and support your credit union!

Alpha— this week our focus was on the grace of forgiveness. Please pray for the ongoing growth of our Alpha graduates stepping into new responsibilities as Alpha grows, sharing their gifts.

National St Margaret Pilgrimage— Sunday 2nd June, Dunfermline. If you would like to travel with the parish please sign up in the porches and leave a £10 deposit which covers £5 for the bus and £5 towards the cost of a £12 meal together after the pilgrimage.

Children's Bulletin. The bulletin is available from the back of the churches.

Teas and Coffees in the hall at St Anthony's. Everyone is welcome, especially if you are new to the area. If you would like to help the small group of volunteers please speak to Elizabeth Kirk or Catherine O' Neill.

We are looking for new **cantors** to join our team for singing the Psalm at Sunday 10am Mass. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday mornings at 11am in the choir loft. Please do come along.

UCM: Members who are going to Paisley today (12th) please note that the mini bus will leave the church house car park at 12 noon. The last members' meeting of this session will be a Cheese & Wine on Wed 15th at 7pm.

Congratulations to **200 Club Winner** Paula Goldie, #117.

Prayer Group meets in St FX sacristy at 7pm tomorrow, Monday 13th May.