

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 22nd September <i>24th Sunday Year C</i>	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 23rd September <i>Memorial—Padre Pio</i>	7.30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Tuesday 24th September	7.30am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 25th September	9,30am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 26th September	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	12.40am	St Mungo's	Mass
	7.00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena, Exposition and Confessions
Friday 27th September <i>Memorial—St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass & Adoration
Saturday 28th September	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	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

The Parish of

St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk

The Church of St Anthony, Rumford

25th Sunday, 22nd September 2019, Year C

We find our Liturgy on page 140 of the red Mass book

'You cannot be the slave both of God and money'



In our first reading the prophet Amos rebukes merchants who stint and swindle others, reminding them that God sees their actions. Our psalm builds on the idea; we are not to look down on the poor. God Himself stoops down to 'lift up the lowly'. In the second reading Paul asks us to pray for those in authority, that they not abuse their power over others; we are called without exception to give all we can for the salvation of everyone. Jesus links these ideas in the gospel. He describes a steward, a dishonest man, who despite bad motives works hard to steward his resources well. Jesus is saying if he can do it, so must we—so that everyone can share in the Good News. What are our resources? Here is the rub. They are the most precious things we have. Our time. Our talents. Those things we treasure. No one ever said gospel life was easy. But Jesus is saying any sacrifice is worth it—this sharing of who we are, and what we have to offer, will bring us and those we help home into the 'tents of eternity'.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Catherine Cullen, Grace Dodds, Kasimierz Sobolewski, Michael Francis, Elizabeth Howe, Daniel Howe, Daniel Ward, Ann Turnbull, Kathleen Duffy, Michael Moore, Francis McGuire, Roderick Coull, Adelina Jannetta, Peter Kane, Nicol Campbell, Gerry Carbury, Jean Cummings, John D Bradbury, Caroline Gorman

May they rest in peace.

Please Pray for The Recently Deceased.

Laudato Si—Praise be to God!

Care for Creation and conservation are being seen more and more as issues for repentance and conversion as we think of our own habits, and weigh up our consumption. As Catholic Christians this goes deeper for us— because we believe the Good News of God’s creation, that it is His image we see in the beautiful world He created for us. To desecrate the planet therefore is to desecrate our Creator.

There will be an opportunity to meet with other parishioners and reflect upon the Papal encyclical “Laudato Si”, Care for our Common Home, on Wednesday 25th September at 7:00pm in St Anthony’s House. Why not come along and learn from the Holy Father how God hopes to change the world through and in us. Copies of Laudato Si are available for purchase in the church stalls.

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	£360.69	£1747.07
Aged and Infirm Clergy	£366.28	£1629.09

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Monday 23rd is the memorial of Padre Pio. Please pray for the **Padre Pio prayer group** which meets every First Friday at 6pm in the sacristy of St FX to pray for our needs. The group is open to new members—would you consider this lovely prayer ministry?

Next Friday is the memorial of **St Vincent de Paul**. Have you thought of serving this way? Our parish, which includes everyone in the entire area, with all the many difficulties people face today, is currently served by ten parishioners. The ministry can be challenging, but also a place of real spiritual growth. Please speak to a member, or to one of the priests.

The **Prayer Group** meets in Falkirk on Monday 23rd September.

Alpha: Session 3 focussed on forgiveness, a very emotive topic for many of us, as we were challenged and strengthened by the gospel message of forgiveness 70 x 7. Please keep the group and the team in your prayers as we allow God to touch us deeply and lead us on.

A lovely bit of interfaith dialogue...The **UCM** are hosting a **“Tea & Chat”** with the ladies of Grahamston United, Trinity & Christ Churches in Wed 25 Sept from 2 till 4 in Martha Hall. Any ladies of the Parish who would like to join us will be most welcome.

For a trial period, **the names of those for whom Mass is being offered will be posted in the porches** on a weekly basis.

There will be an appeal next weekend on behalf of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary.

Safeguarding Training (Level II) will take place on the 29th of October, not 2nd of October, at 7pm in St FX church hall.

A **McMillan coffee morning** will be held on Friday 27th September at 10.30am in St FX church hall. Any donations of cakes and biscuits would be greatly appreciated. Tickets £4.00 or pay at the door.

Could You Volunteer? The **Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office** is growing! We’re looking for a couple of volunteers to help out at the Gillis Office. The ideal candidates will be able to work at the Gillis Centre on a regular basis and be happy using the phone and Microsoft Office. To apply: contact Paul Atkin – prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623

Have you Friends or Family in Northern Ireland? English, Welsh and Scottish MPs have voted to force an extreme abortion regime onto Northern Ireland without the people of Northern Ireland or their elected representatives having any say. This can all be stopped if the Northern Ireland Assembly returns by October 21st. Please ask anyone with an NI postcode to take just 30-seconds to contact their MLA: <https://is.gd/BothLivesMatter>

Inserts for the newsletter—please can they reach the church office by early Thursday mornings? Late arrivals cause a newsletter ‘crush’. We know it sometimes can’t be avoided, but would be grateful for the help.