

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</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 3rd February	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00am	St Francis Xavier's	Funeral Mass
Tuesday 4th January	7:30 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	10.00am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Wednesday 5th February <i>Memorial of St Agatha</i>	9:30 am	St Anthony's	Mass
	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
Thursday 6th February <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki and companions</i>	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass
	11.00am	St Anthony's	Funeral Mass
	7:00 pm	St Francis Xavier's	Novena & Benediction
Friday 7th February	10.00 am	St Francis Xavier's	Mass and Adoration
Saturday 8th February	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

Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February 2020, Year A

We find our liturgy on page 297 of the yellow Mass book

"My eyes have seen your salvation"



Simeon, from our Gospel today, symbolises hope but also faithfulness. An 'upright and devout man', the 'Holy Spirit rests on him'. For years he has given his life to serving in the temple, waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise to him. Anna, the prophetess, too, is so devout she has 'never left the temple', serving God by fasting and prayer, 'day and night'. These examples of uprightness and devotion bring to mind the many people in our parish who have served God faithfully for years, offering constant witness to their love for Him. God is called the 'refiner' in our first reading from Malachi, refining the sons of Levi 'like gold and silver'. As a parish we are undergoing a process of 'refining' at the moment, with all the attendant tensions and questions that go along with that process. Lots of us are experiencing challenge as God works to change us. It's comforting to know He is here with us in this place, helping us endure what can be painful experiences as we make mistakes, and grow from them, allowing Him to transform all of us. The Simeons and Annas are so necessary to us at this time. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognise and rely on their strength and their faithfulness as we make this time of transition and refining our 'offering to the Lord'.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Jock Watson, Kathleen Sludden, Eileen Rock, Rita Eddie Cole, Bernard Kerrigan, Jack O'Donnell, Dora Butler, Gerald Murphy, Hugh O'Connor, Molly McFadden, Hugh Hart Jr, Anne Marie Ashcroft, Heather Dolan, Mary McCabe, William McGhee, Anthony James Duffy, Stanley Rowlings, Charles Byrne, Thomas Kennedy, James Gerald Spink, William Hart, Jamie Fraser (aged 10), Billy Durning, Mary Fotheringham, Rose Silcock, Agnes Campbell, Joseph McQuade, Andrew Smith, Theresa Murison, John Hylands, Thomas Dodds, Margaret McCafferty, James Gallagher, William Mochan, May Short

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the recently deceased

John Nixon RIP—Reception Sunday 2nd at 6pm, Funeral Mass Monday 3rd Feb at 10am

Joseph Scanlan RIP—Reception at 6pm at St Anthony's on Wednesday 5th.

Funeral Mass on Thursday 6th February at 11am

One of the ways our parish welcomes and ministers to young people is through **Youth Group**. This provides a safe space for young people from Pr7 to S6 to meet socially, build community, explore issues important to you and develop your faith through discussion, games and service to the wider parish community. It's a way to make your voice heard. We meet **every Thursday night 7-8.30pm in the St Francis Xavier's church hall**. New members are always welcome. You don't have to commit to being there every week, just come along and try it out. For more information please email youthandyoungadults@falkirkcatholics.org. A huge thanks to Helen, Martin and the team for all the planning and care that goes into their ministry.

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.

	St Anthony's	St Francis Xavier
Offertory	£430.82	£1952.49

NEWS & EVENTS

St Anthony's Tots and Toddlers will recommence on Tuesday 4th Feb from 9.30am till 11am in the Church Hall. Please spread the word!

Thanks are offered to **Marian King and Vena Kelly** who recently 'retired' from St Anthony's Fabric and Social Committee after many years of devoted service to the Church Community.

St Anthony's 200 Club: Current members should ensure that any dues are paid by Sunday 2nd February to ensure eligibility for entry into the Grand draw on 7th February. New members are welcome. Please see Jimmy Irwin in the Church Hall after 11.00am Mass.

The next **Lunch Club** is on Wednesday 5th February at 12 noon come and enjoy good food and good company. New members welcome.

UCM The first meeting of the new session is on Wed 5 February. Please come about 6.50 to allow meeting to start at 7 o'clock sharp.

The **Padre Pio Prayer Group** meets on the First Friday of every month in the sacristy of St FX church, in the room to the left of the altar. You would be most welcome to join us. We gather for prayer at 6pm.

Mother's prayer group—we pray for our children/grandchildren who may be having a difficult time - with some wonderful results! Contact Pam on 01324637937/07564 515054

For our EU parishioners! All EU citizens are required to seek 'settled status' in the UK following our exit from the EU. There are leaflets in the porches regarding the EU settlement scheme, including how to apply and how to seek help. The Bishop's conference is supporting this scheme, and asks parishes to raise awareness and check with our EU friends, particularly anyone who might not have access to the internet? Pick up at leaflet for them and let them know who to contact.

Beginning Experience—A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The Beginning Experience, a Catholic ministry to the bereaved, are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood.

The weekend will take place at Kinnoull from 13th to 15th March 2020. For details please contact Catherine on 0131 665 3383 or email:

beginningexperiencescotland@hotmail.com

Completed applications must be received by 29th February.

There will be a further weekend later in the year, at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge, from 9th to 11th October. You can apply for that weekend on the email above also. We would urge anyone anyone who has been suffering with such a loss to explore this ministry of listening, accompanying and healing.

Today is world day of prayer for consecrated life. We pray especially for sisters Kathleen and Assumpta and we give thanks for their presence among us. We pray also that more men and women offer themselves to the Lord in religious life.