



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches



Sunday 27th November 22, 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A
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Wednesday-St Andrew's, Saturday St Francis Xavier's

Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 7:00pm Mass
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Candlelit Mass
Friday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Padre Pio Devotions
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Confessions	
Thursday	7:00-7:30pm
Saturday	10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm
Sunday	- during every Mass

Mass Times St Anthony's	
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Thursday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass

Confessions	
Monday	8:30-9:30am
Saturday	10:00-10:30am
Sunday	- during every Mass

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S Morning Prayer at 9:30am Monday-Saturday. Rosary after 10am Mass every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
ST ANTHONY'S Rosary before Mass on Monday.

Advent Programme	
Advent Reflections in St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall	
Monday 28 th Nov 7:15-8:30pm	Fr Jamie McMorrin
Monday's 5,12,19 Dec 7:15-8:30pm	Sr Anna Marie
Candlelit Masses	
Every Thursday 7pm at St Francis Xavier's Church	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
St Francis Xavier's	Mon-Sat 9:00-9:55am
St Anthony's	One hour proceeding weekly Mass

Day for the Poor-4th December. Pope Francis introduced this day several years ago to give an opportunity to offer support to those less privileged than ourselves. Second collection next weekend will be for this worthy cause. If you have Gift Aid envelopes, please use.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of St Andrew on Wednesday, our national and diocesan patron along with one of our schools. And on Saturday our parish and one of our school's patrons. Why not consider coming to Mass on these days to pray for our country, archdiocese, and schools

Going into Forth Valley Hospital If you, or someone you know is going into hospital, please let a member of the Parish clergy know. A name, date of birth, and ward number would be useful. We would be delighted to pay you a visit.

Home Visits to the housebound by the priests will take place during Advent. Can all Communion Ministers please inform the housebound they visit of that one of the priests will visit and will be happy to spend time celebrating the Sacrament of penance –Confessions – in preparation for Christmas.

Welcome to Imogen Anne Jones who was baptised last weekend and congratulations to the Parents.

Baptisms Preparation Class will take place on last Monday of every month except December. Next class Monday 28th November at 7pm in the Sacristy. Any emails regarding baptism should be sent to baptism@falkirkcatholics.org

Christmas Cards A wide selection of Christmas Cards and gifts is now available in both piety shops.

Dates for choir practices at St. Francis Xavier's. All welcome. Thursday 17th November 1pm, Friday 9th Dec 2pm, Thursday 15th Dec 1pm.

Gillian Mackay (Green MSP) is bringing a bill to the Scottish Parliament that could, if passed, result in the jailing of pro-life people for up to two years for praying and offering help to women outside abortion facilities. This bill is a direct assault against basic human rights. Stand up to this draconian and regressive bill by filling in the postcard "Don't criminalize compassion" and send it to the Scottish Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Postcards available at the back of the church

Bingo in St Francis Xavier's Hall on 30 November. 7:00-7:30pm.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2009. Catholic Education: £1059.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2022

Advent/Christmas Flyer/Handout that we gave out last weekend. There are still copies available in both porches, detailing our Advent and Christmas services along with other seasonal information.

Entering Advent. Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorrin, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, Monday 28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register now at bit.ly/enteradvent OR come to the St Francis Xavier's Hall at the same time and watch, reflect and discuss with fellow parishioners.

Advent talks Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 5, 12, and 19 December. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: bit.ly/adventtalks22 OR come to the St Francis Xavier's Hall at the same time and watch, reflect and discuss with fellow parishioners.

Advent Rosary for Life Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from a priest of the Archdiocese each week. Begins Wednesday 30 November and continues on each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents (Zoom event)

If you enjoy Christmas Carols and you like to sing, come along and be a witness of Christ in our community on Sunday 11th December 2pm at Tesco, Redding. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in (wrap up warm!). We will have one rehearsal on Sunday 4th December 2pm in St. Anthony's Church.

Light from Light: choral music for Advent by candlelight This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. They will sing at the following churches: St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Wednesday 7 December at 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at bit.ly/3T7wRRY

Christmas Toy Giveaway All the info you need to know! Drop off on Saturday 3rd Dec 9am – 3pm and Sunday 11am – 3pm then, open to the public for collection on Saturday 10th December 9am – 2pm. We kindly ask that only new or nearly new goods are donated, a gift you would wish a child to receive on Christmas morning. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity.

Why the Nativity? A new feature film (from Turning Point) will take place at all Cineworld cinemas across the UK, including Falkirk, on Saturday 3rd December 10-12noon. To order your FREE tickets call 08000582856 or visit <https://whythenativity.co.uk/>

Hogmanay Ceilidh, 31st December in St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall. For catering

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Roberta Maxwell R.I.P.		Wednesday 30 th November 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Jeannie Connor R.I.P.		Tuesday 6 th December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Isobell McRorie R.I.P.	Tuesday 6 th December 6:00pm	Wednesday 7 th Dec 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Eliza Brown R.I.P.	Friday 9 th December 6:00pm	Saturday 10 th December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

purposes please add your name to the list at the back of the church should you wish to attend, £12 per person.

The parent council of St Francis Xavier's Primary School Christmas fayre on 1st December from 6-8pm. Representatives of the school will be selling raffle tickets after Masses this weekend 26/27 November leading up to the fayre so tickets can be purchased then or on the night of the fayre. Thank you for your continued support.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Vacancy – administrator The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is full time (Mon-Fri) and the annual wage is £21,000 per annum. Full details at bit.ly/archadminjob To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by **Friday 2 December**.

St Andrew's Day Celebrate the feast day of our National Patron at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. There will be adoration on Tuesday 29 November from 7pm which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 8pm. Then on Wednesday 30 November, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at 12:45pm.

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley Join Archbishop Cushley for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Catholic Education Make sure Catholic voices are heard in the national discussion on the future of education in Scotland! Submit your response to the

cottish Government's 10-question survey at bit.ly/scotedsurvey

Female Vocations Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hagens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more information, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Anniversaries: Helen Kosoris, James Lunn, Ward Family, Mailer Family, Jacqueline A. Robinson, Diana Koncz, Christine Green, Bridget Kelly White, Tommy O'Rourke, Margaret Hannah, Maureen Xoland, Mary Scott, John McGlynn, Thomas Holleran, Sr. Mary - Sr. of St. Martha, (Ele) Eileen Hayes, John Ross, William McQuade, Joan Malley, Kathleen McKenna, Thomas Grant, Anthony McNelis, Mary Noble, Andrew McCartney, Paul O'Neil, Annie McGuckin, Frank McCabe, John McLeish, Bridget Cannon, Jane Scott, Tom Buchanan, Francis Hailey, Patricia McAllister, Thomas Guy, Elizabeth Taylor, James Bell, Rose Hanlon, Frank Simpson, Rose McGuire, James Hedivan, Julia Kane, Mark Mitchell, Leonard (Lenny) McCauley, Patrick Boyle. Please Pray for Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Merrilees Family Funeral Directors, 3 Thistle St, Falkirk have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of November

