



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

Sunday 11th December 22, 3rd Sunday of Advent. Year A
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Clergy: Fr Daniel P. Doherty, Fr Martin Eckersley, Fr Michael Akintolu, Deacon Kenneth Mununga
Tuesday- St Lucy, Wednesday- St John of the Cross



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 Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Candlelit Mass
Friday	10:00am Mass
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
Wednesday	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's 12 and 19 Dec 7:15-8:30pm	Sr Anna Marie
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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

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2159.

Diploma in Catechetics 2023 Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics course from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023 and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2023. Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Presentation of the Gospel for children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place today.

Falkirk Foodbank- boxes are in each church porch for donations.

Warm places It has been decided to offer St Francis Xavier's Hall as a warm place for people of the town to gather to enjoy hospitality. This will start on Thursday 12th January 12-2pm. We plan to offer hot soup, sandwiches and hot drinks. If you can help in any way, please contact Catherine O'Neil 07789112194.

Archdiocesan Directory has arrived priced £3 and available in piety shops.

Sacrament of Penance- Please note confessions will be available during every Sunday Mass and Candlelit Mass.

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

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.

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

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, full of grace....
V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Hail Mary....
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2022

Thursday Candlelit Mass- what a great turn out we had on Thursday night for our second Mass by Candlelit. We will have another Mass this Thursday at 7pm. We also will have confessions celebrated from 7-7:45pm in the bottom confessionals.

St Mary's Cathedral Choir Concert that took place on Wednesday was well supported. Thanks to all those

who came along and special thanks to Michael Ferguson and choir from the Cathedral for a wonderful evening.

Come along today! Tesco in Redding at 2pm when we will be singing Christmas Carols and proclaiming to all, the true reason for the season. EVERYONE is welcome, even if you could not make last week's rehearsal. Remember to wrap up warm.

Carol Singing Saturday 17th December. Please join us for Carol singing at 11am on the steps of St Francis Xavier's , **lasting no more than 1 hour.**

Blessing of the "Bambinelli"- next Sunday. The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the last Sunday of Advent children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to Mass where they are blessed. Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend. Pope Francis says: "It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus." This year we will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' on December the 18th. Please remember to bring your baby Jesus figures to Mass that Sunday for blessing.

Childrens Christmas Party- next Sunday St. Anthonys Church Hall from 12-2pm. If your Child has registered to attend the Christmas party it is vital that a consent form is filled in too. These can be found in the porch of both Churches. Either fill in and return there, or hand to one of the Liturgy leaders on arrival at party.

Poinsettia is very popular plant for Christmas. It originates from Central America. With its bright star like flower, it is natural reminder of the star of Bethlehem. In both our

churches we plan to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in memory of loved ones who have died in previous years. If you would like to take part, please leave your poinsettias in the porches of both churches from next Sunday 18th December.

Advent talks Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 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.

Christmas Mass Times	
Christmas Eve	
St Francis Xavier's	
6:30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
9:30pm	Polish Vigil Mass
11:30pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
St Anthony's	
8:00pm	Carols followed by Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	
St Francis Xavier's	
10:00am	Christmas Mass
12:00pm	Christmas Mass
1:30 pm	Polish Christmas Mass
NO EVENING MASS	
St Anthony's	
11:00am	Christmas Mass
Mary, Mother of God- 1 st January	
St Francis Xavier's	
Saturday 31 st December	
6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 1 st January	
10:00am	Mass
12:00pm	Mass
1:30pm	Polish Mass
NO EVENING MASS	
St Anthony's	
11:00am	Mass

Hogmanay Ceilidh, 31st December, 7:30pm in St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall. Tickets for Hogmanay Ce'ildh can be purchased after 10am mass on Sundays in the church hall as well as the church house anytime Please hand in money with your name to the Chapel House (through the letter box).

Advent Prayers and Christmas Carols Please support these events in Stirling to raise awareness of people dealing with mental health issues. Tuesday 13th and 20th December at the intersection of King Street, Port Street and Murray Place at 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

Anniversaries: Janet Hylands, Margarite Fallon, Anne Duncan, Elizabeth O'Donnell, James O'Donnell, James Cummings, Isa Whoriskey, John Savoy, Mary and Alex Bell, Elizabeth Mochan, Edward Savoy, Tom McCartney, H. Hughes, Jean Stanners, Anthony Reynolds, Eadie Wauch, Jessie Murison, William McIntyre, Michael Winters, Sadie (Lumsden) McGuckin, Peter Walls, Margaret Murray, Maggie Coull, Edward O'Donnell, Peter Winters, Antonio Marino Giannandrea, Peter Winters, Kathleen Scott, Robera Canavan, Margaret Kerr, Anne O'Brien, Mary McCafferty, Anne Meakin, John Lynn, Ann Lynagh, V. Rev. Canon Bracelin, Jack Woodhouse, Jack McCafferty, Jayne Helen Burns, Kathleen McGuckin, Thomas Guy, John Spinks, Anthony John Bell, Isabella Whoriskey, Barbara Geoghegan, Isabella Redding, Rosina Kennedy, Monica Marshall, Edward Maguire, Edward O'Donnell, Mary Jane Hanlon Smith, Chrissie Montague .Please Pray for Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Paul O'Connor Funeral Care, Bridgeness Road, Bo'nness have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of December.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Funeral Mass	Church
Margaret Corrigan R.I.P.		Thursday 22 nd December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Michael Kiely R.I.P.		Friday 6 th January 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

