



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

Sunday 18th December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent. Year A

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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	7:00-7:45pm
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 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

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £1811. Second collection "Day for the Poor" £1013.

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). Please speak with Fr Daniel for further details. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2023. Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

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.

Welcome to Neil Savoy Michael Ian Brown and Brodie Russell Brown who were baptised last weekend and congratulations to the Parents.

The Toy Giveaway was a great success. Many thanks to all who donated. Special thanks to members of Laudato Si group and helpers for organising everything so well.

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 Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration 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 dates: Sun 18 Dec, Tue 10 Jan, Sun 12 Feb, Sun 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 Mass by Candlelit. We will have the last Mass this Thursday at 7pm. We also will have confessions celebrated from 7-7:45pm in the bottom confessional.

Poinsettia is a 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 today- Sunday and by Thursday at the latest.

Advent talks Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a 30 min Advent talks at 7:30pm on Monday 19th 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.

Hogmanay Ceilidh, 31st December, 7:30pm in St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall. Food will be served at 8pm. Please bring your own bottle. Tickets for Hogmanay Ce'ilidh 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).

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 Hugens 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, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

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

Valentine's Retreat 2023 This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by

Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady, which supports married couples in their vocation. They will share some of the stories and tools gathered over their 42 years together. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite).

Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

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Anniversaries: Peggy Ford, Tony Giannandrea, Agnes McAuley, Anthony John Bell, John Savoy, Edward Savoy, George Rossi, Christina Sneddon, Susan Friel, Peter Lynagh, Joseph Hughes, Peter Campbell, Agnes (Sweeney) Coffey, John Coffey, Siobhan Coffey, Cathie Harvey, Stella Walsh, Doris Fraser Bell, Guiditta Notarangelo, Ruth Helen Adams, Martin James Bell, Annie Szmlac, Peter Lynagh, Elizabeth Campbell, Patricia McGeehan, Phyllis Reilly, Alex McGlynn, Stanislaw Jerwzal, Mary Reid, Michael Quinn, John Meighan, Edward Dowd, Peter Woods, Patrick McLaughlin, Rea Boyle, Martha Woodhouse, Michael and Esther Connell, Alice McFarlane, William Imrie, Ramsay Young, James Meade, Jan Krupa, Samuel Fitzpatrick, Hendyk Wallace, Frances McCabe, John Clifford Boyle, John Adams, William Imrie, Margaret Sneddon, Ulyises Estenzo Snr., Mary Fallon. **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
Martin Reynolds R.I.P.	Tuesday 20 th December 6:00pm	Wednesday 21 st December 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Margaret Corrigan R.I.P.	Wednesday 21 st December 6:00pm	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
Kathleen Mailer R.I.P.		To be announced	

