



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

Sunday 15th January 2023, 2nd Sunday of the Year- A

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Tuesday: St Anthony, Saturday: St Agnes



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday	9:00-10:00am
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am
Saturday	10:30-11:15am
Confessions	
Thursday – 7:15-7:50pm	
Saturday 10:30-11:15am, 5:45-6:20pm	
Mass Times St Anthony's	
Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass
Saturday	9:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday	8:30-9:30am
Confessions	
Monday	8:30-9:30am
Saturday	10:00-10:30am

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.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church: Last week's offertory cash collection: £2013.

Many thanks for your generosity to the Justice and Peace collection which totalled £967.

Grateful thanks for the wonderful generosity to the crib collections in both churches which totalled £446 This will be sent to the Archbishop to assist him in the many requests He receives from Charities.

The Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidium Falkirk) is having an annual reunion with other Praesidia in Broxburn on 28th January. All Legion of Mary auxiliary members are invited. Please contact any active member for further details.

This weekend Fr Michael will be assisting in St Mary's, Bo'ness.

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

Please note new parish email address: office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Welcome to Amelia Ella Docherty and Lily-Rose Docherty who were baptised in St Francis Xavier's last Saturday. Congratulations to their Parents.

Infant Baptism- Baptism Preparation courses for infant Baptism will take place on the last Monday of every month. The next Baptism preparation course in on 30th January 2023 in St Francis Xavier's church hall, starting at 7pm. All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

Please note the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour has resumed in St Francis Xavier's Church every Thursday at 7pm. Confession is available during this devotion.

Dates for the Diary
Archdiocesan Diploma Graduation - 21st January
Day for Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- 4th February
Parent's Meeting:
P3 Confessions- 30th January
P4 Holy Communion- 6th February
P7 Confirmation- 9th February

Invitation to all parish Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Archdiocese have organised a reflection day for all those who assist

at the altar and/or take Holy Communion to the housebound on Saturday 4th February, at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The day will start with registration at 10:30, then a spiritual talk titled "Our Lady: Mother of the Eucharist" given by Fr Jamie McMorrin followed by lunch. In the afternoon, there will be a testimony given by a minister who visits the sick and housebound. The day concludes with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions by 3pm. This invitation is extended to all Parishioners. If we have sufficient numbers, the parish will organise transport. We plan to leave at 09:30am and return by 4pm.

Mary's Meal A representative from this well known and excellent charity will speak at the end of all Masses next weekend. A second collection will be taken to assist the wonderful school lunches they provide to over two million school children. We will also offer bacon rolls after the 10am and 11am Masses that Sunday and all proceeds will go to Mary's Meal. Looking forward to your support.

POST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from The Clergy As the season of Christmas comes to a close, and most of you have already returned to your 'normal' duties/life, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation in our many liturgies during Advent and Christmas, especially those who attended the Candlelit Masses, Carol Services and the wonderful numbers who went to Confession and not forgetting all those who attended the daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We were very impressed by your great commitment and enthusiasm for the faith. We appreciate that we did ask a lot of you, and so many of you

responded very generously. We would also like to thank all those who offered and gave support during this joyful and holy time: especially the many parishioners who worked so hard to prepare the chapels: our cleaners, welcomers, sacristans, florists, and piety shops. Those who participated and led the liturgies: music ministry, readers, and altar servers. Finally, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the many cards and generous and thoughtful gifts that you showered on us at Christmas. Your overwhelming thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly and truly appreciated. May God reward the givers! Let's pray that 2023 will be a blessed, stable, and peaceful year. May God bless and look after you and yours, in this new calendar year.

Diploma in Catechetics Register now for the Diploma in Catechetics which begins in January! It's a great way to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Testimonials, FAQs, details and registration at bit.ly/archdiploma2023 . or please speak with Fr Daniel for further details Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament From this week until the beginning of Lent the days and times for adoration will be St Anthony's- Tuesday's 8:30-9:30am, St Francis Xavier's- Monday and Wednesday 9:00-10:00am, and Saturday during confessions.

Funeral Teas This is a service a group of youngish ladies provide in the parish over the past few months. They have been kept busy and provided excellent hospitality to many bereaved families. Many thanks for all their hard work and dedication.

Warm Places at St Francis Xavier's Hall started on Thursday and will continue every week until Easter. Doors open at 12noon for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and importantly, company. Please encourage people to pop along to support this new and excellent initiative.

Foodbank boxes are in each church porch for donations.

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.

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: 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 by the power 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...

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.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as the incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought

to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: Bernice Gallagher, Bridget McCue, Thomas Quinn, Alice Donaghue, Marian O'Connor, Stanley Garner, Jean Howden, Margaret Watson, Thomas Mailer, Hugh McLellan Snr, Agnes Ross, Peter Donoghue, Janet Quinn, Bridget Little, Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Rose Matheson, William Bell, John Keith. Christine McEvoy, Violet Moss, Mae Hunter, Patricia O'Neill, Helen McFadden, Jessie Bain, Stella Boyle, Caterina Brown, Janette Faew, Ramsay Young, James Wood, Isabella McGuire, Ella Lemmeti, Pauline McDermott, Anne Howie, Walter Wood Snr, John O'Connor, R. Leitch, Ian Alexander, Anna Dolzycka, James Devlin, Patrick Travers, Thomas Horn, Annie Holleran, Thomas Lynn, Janet Miller, Martha Anne Friel Gaughan, Jim Martin, Mary Gardner, Patricia McKenzie. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Patricia Martha French R.I.P.	Monday 23 rd January 2:00pm, Graveside Service, Camelon Cemetery		
Alexander Hendry R.I.P.		Tuesday 24 th January 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's
Christine Miller R.I.P.	Tuesday 24 th January 6:00pm	Wednesday 25 th January	St Francis Xavier's

