



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

Sunday 22nd January 2023, 3rd Sunday of the Year- A

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Clergy: Fr Daniel P. Doherty, Fr Martin J. Eckersley, Fr Michael Akintolu, Deacon Kenneth Mununga

Tuesday: St Francis De Sales, Wednesday: The Conversion of St Paul, Thursday: St Timothy and St Titus, Saturday: St Thomas Aquinas



Mass Times St Francis Xavier's	
Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Requiem Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Requiem 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: £2284.

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.

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

Mary's Meal A representative from this well known and excellent charity will speak at the end of all Masses today. 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.

Parish Finance Committee meet in St Francis Xavier's house on Monday 23rd January at 7:00pm.

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

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

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

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 McMorris 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.

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.

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.

BCOS statement Responding to the publication of the Scottish Government's advisory group report on 'Ending Conversion Practices', the Bishops' Conference of Scotland issued the attached statement earlier

this week. copies are available in both church porches.

A Prayer for Christian Unity The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is underway and ends on 25 January. This year's theme is praying for unity amidst injustice. God of justice, empower us to be agents of your grace and mercy. Bless us with the courage to relinquish our power. Bless us with the humility to stand with the oppressed. Bless us with the integrity to love our neighbours as we ourselves would seek to be loved.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparch in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on Friday, 24 February, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.

Remembering Service A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on Sunday 19 February, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Choir event The Knabenchor Bremen will be visiting Edinburgh and performing at the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday 28 January at 7pm. Founded in the early 16th century, this boys' choir is one of the oldest in Europe. The 60-minute

programme includes: Byrd, Mass for four voices, Ave verum, Schütz, and Ich ruf zu dir, mein Herr und Gott (Psalm 120). All welcome.

Family Retreats Craig Lodge in Dalmally has announced dates for its family retreats. These are 3-7 July, 17-21 July and 31-4 July/August For details and to book visit www.craiglodge.org/events

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 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

Laudato Si See Facebook for this week's message.

Anniversaries: Please Pray for: James Queen, Susan Kosoris, Thomas Mailer, Boyle Family, Michael Hendry, Thomas O'Connor, John Russell, Desmond Smith, John Wood, Hannah Power Wood, Bernard Joseph Shields, Mary Shields, Margaret Shields, John Shields Snr, Margaret Buchanan, William Buchanan, John Wright, William Rae, Thomas Shields, James Shields, Elizabeth Shields, Anne O'Donnell Shields, Thomas Power Snr, Bridget Power, Emma Power, Thomas Power Jnr, John Power, Mary Power, Eddie Collins, William Cowie, George Wood Jnr, Thomas Wood Jnr, Jeanie Irwin, Agnes Harvey, Alexander McGhee, William Moodie, John Hannah, Josephine Patricia Barker, Peter McCluskey, Isobel Auchineloso, Francis Fitzpatrick, John Blair, Bridget McMorrow, Vincent Craig, Elizabeth Estenzo, Patrick Harvey, Teddy Hills, Patrick Kelly, Margaret Boyle, Armando Notarangelo, Rose Connolly, Anna Burt, Alex Davie, Charles McDermott, Kathleen Henderson, Joseph Scanlon, Mary Cameron, Margaret Watson. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Thomas Cuthell & Sons, Hope Street, have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of January.

Funerals

Name	Reception	Requiem Mass	Church
Patricia Martha French R.I.P.	Monday 23 rd January 2:00pm, Graveside Service, Camelon Cemetery		
Alexander Hendrie 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
Elizabeth Morris R.I.P.		Wednesday 1 st February 10:00am	St Francis Xavier's

